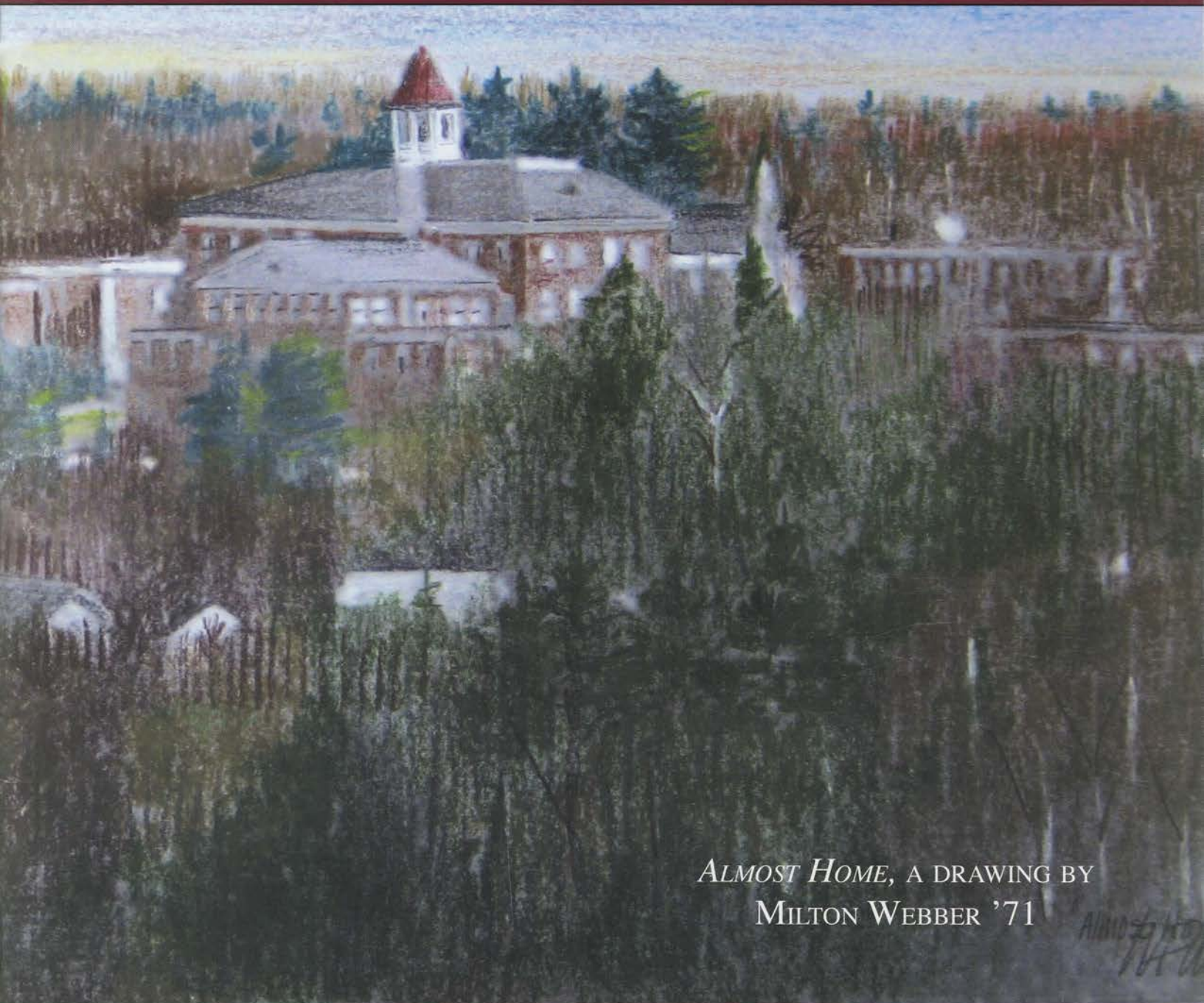


# ALUMNUS



*ALMOST HOME*, A DRAWING BY  
MILTON WEBBER '71

COME HOME TO MCI  
AUCTION, JUNE 19TH (PAGES 32-33)  
REUNION WEEKEND 2009, JULY 31-AUGUST 1 (PAGES 4-5)





**ITEM 1 Handcrafted Wooden Rocking Chair with MCI Seal**

Made from Northern Maine Hardwoods with the MCI Seal laser engraved on the top. Donated by Moosehead Furniture. Value: \$600, Suggested Minimum Bid: \$500

**ITEM 2 Make the MCI Headmaster work for you!**

One cord of wood cut, split, delivered and stacked by Headmaster Christopher Hopkins. Wood donated by Michael and Debra Doore. Labor donated by Christopher Hopkins. Value: \$275, Suggested Minimum Bid: \$200



**ITEM 3 Drawing of MCI Campus by Milton Webber '71**

"Almost Home" Mixed Media drawing by Milton Webber '71. View of MCI Campus from I-95. Matted and framed. Donated by Milton Webber '71. Value: \$500, Suggested Minimum Bid: \$250



**ITEM 4 One-Week Retreat at Silvershore Cottage**



Located in Blue Hill, ME, the cottage has four bedrooms and two full bathrooms and sleeps eight guests. It was renovated in the early 90's with skylights and lofted ceilings. Enjoy the lovely views of Long Island or take a short drive into town where you will find great shopping and dining. There is also a wonderful cobble beach, and the camp is only one mile south of the Reversing Falls. Donated by Preston Carter '62. Value: \$1,500-\$2,000, Suggested Minimum Bid: \$1,200

**ITEM 5 Two tickets to Red Sox at Yankees, September 26, 2009**

See one of the greatest rivalries in sports at the new Yankee Stadium as guests of Norbert Young Jr. '66. Field Level Section 116 Row 23 Seats 5 & 6. Transportation not included. Donated by Norbert Young Jr. '66. Value: \$700, Suggested Minimum Bid: \$550



**ITEM 6 Red Sox Tickets for Four (vs. Oakland) at Fenway Park, July 8, 2009**

Excellent seats, located in the State Street Pavilion section of Fenway. Donated by Mike Savage '62. Value: \$340, Suggested Minimum Bid: \$250



**ITEM 7 Acer Aspire One Mini Laptop**

An ultra-lightweight mobile Internet device, the Acer Aspire One weighs just over two pounds and is perfect for toting in a backpack or bag. 8.9" screen, 160 GB Hard Drive, 1 GB SDRAM, Windows XP. Donated by the MCI Auction Committee. Value: \$300, Suggested Minimum Bid: \$200

*See pages 32-33 for more auction details . . .*



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## *letter from the headmaster*

nds,

tral Maine's seasons transition from a wonderfully  
in winter to the budding of spring (the "mud season")  
ically bridges the two seemed to pass quickly this  
too does Maine Central Institute. Outside, the pace  
dents and faculty has slowed as they move from  
h to Founders Hall or from dining hall to dormitory,  
the sunshine and warmth even though the pace  
ssrooms seems to be accelerating in anticipation  
ching exams. Teams are on the fields, no longer  
to Parks Gym or to the road to run, bat or throw in  
in for upcoming games. A new season is here, and,  
niors, commencement is beginning to appear just  
horizon.

ly, just above the horizon, we at MCI are looking to the whole school's future  
uch planning, many discussions, and much groundwork by the administrative  
lity and staff, and trustees, we are embarking on the creation of the 2010-2015  
lan. Despite the unprecedented economic challenges our nation is facing, we  
e confident that now is the time to plan carefully but ambitiously to preserve  
l's valuable standards and traditions, to hone our competitive edge in the  
ce of independent education, and, most importantly, to determine how best to  
students in an ever-changing global environment for entrance into and success  
y best colleges, for meaningful and rewarding careers, and for responsible  
p in their future communities. In short, we are preparing them to be leaders.  
e exceptional leadership of trustee David Fortin and MCI's Director of Academic  
r Planning Jason Judd, who together are chairing the strategic planning process,  
erations have been divided into eleven areas of subcommittee responsibility:  
s, advancement, admissions, extracurricular activities, community relations,  
id staff, governance, finance, technology, student life, and post-secondary  
Each of these subcommittees is chaired by a teacher or administrator and co-  
a trustee. They will be comprised of students, faculty, staff, trustees, parents  
local community members. They will be meeting regularly over the course of  
ear, and a final draft of the 2010-2015 strategic plan will be submitted to the  
rustees for approval in June of 2010.

ntinue to be a great school, MCI must evolve and adapt in response not to  
ends but to existing and future demands in a changing world. Each of the  
ittees will be examining how technology is expected to affect its area of focus  
ire. They'll examine how we should prepare MCI students to meet the ever-  
eed to ensure a sustainable future by preparing them for "green collar" jobs.  
nittees are excited and ready to commence their work, and we are eager to hear  
any input that you feel will be important and helpful as they move forward.

I, I want to draw your attention to the cover of this *Alumnus*, a magnificent  
dia work by Milton Webber ('71) entitled "Almost Home" that shows the bell  
founders Hall as one might see it from Interstate 95 shortly before exiting onto  
Avenue. This view inevitably evokes vivid memories and powerful emotions  
for alumni, whether they still reside in the Pittsfield, Burnham and Detroit area or come  
back to MCI from far away. I hope very much that you're planning to catch a glimpse of  
Founders Hall on July 31st as you return for reunion weekend this summer.

See you then!

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hopkins  
Headmaster





## Reunion 2009: July 31 - August 1, 2009

Mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend 2009 at MCI! We're busy planning some exciting new events that will make Reunion better than ever. This year's Reunion promises to be another one full of good times, good friends, good food and good entertainment. Hope to see you there!

### Friday, July 31

4:30 p.m. Hall of Fame / Distinguished Achievement Award Induction Ceremony  
Savage Family Dining Room, Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center

Distinguished Achievement  
Award



Bill LaBarge in 1967

Hall of Fame



Blake Bartlett in 1959

Hall of Fame



Alice Patterson in 1948

Hall of Fame



Persis Smith in 1972

### Hall of Fame / Distinguished Achievement Award Dinner Menu:

*Prime Rib, Seafood Newburg*

*Rice Pilaf, Caesar Salad, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls*

*Assorted Cheesecakes – Cappuccino, Chocolate and New York Style with Fruit Topping*

*\$15 per person, cash bar\**

### Saturday, August 1

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast and Historical Displays  
Parks Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Class Agents' Meeting  
(Open to all Class Agents and interested alumni)  
Kinney Conference Room, Student Center

10:00 a.m. Blaine Littlefield '99 Scholarship Memorial Walk (see page 30)  
Meet at MCI Football Field

12:00 p.m. Reunion Luncheon  
Savage Family Dining Room, Student Center

#### Menu:

*Assorted sandwich wraps -- Fresh Roasted Turkey, Roast Beef, Seafood Salad, Vegetable  
New England Clam Chowder, Homemade Tomato Soup, Pasta Primavera Salad, New Potato Dijon Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips  
Assorted Pastries, Cookies, and Bars / Coffee and Water*

*\$15 per person*



## Saturday, August 1 (continued)

Immediately following lunch-3:30 p.m.

Open House with MCI Headmaster Chris Hopkins and his wife, Suzanne  
Manson House

2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Class Parties for years ending in "4" and "9"  
Check with your Class Agent for times and locations

**NEW!**

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Social Hour and Dinner featuring the Al Corey Combo**  
Wright Gymnasium

*Menu:*

*Carved Smoked ham*

*Baked Stuffed Sole – Scallop & Shrimp*

*Rice Pilaf or Oven Roasted Potatoes*

*Caramelized Ginger Carrots*

*Spring Mixed Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette*

*Dinner Rolls*

*Assorted Desserts*

*Coffee and Water*

*\$20 per person, cash bar\**

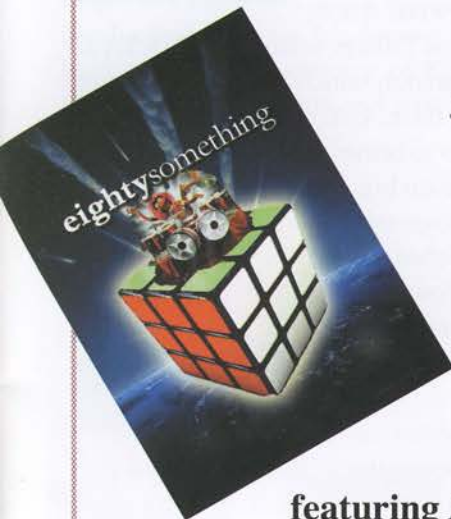
**NEW!**

**8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Reunion Gala**  
featuring *Eightysomething* (<http://eightysomething.fanspace.com>)

Wright Gymnasium

\$5 per person entrance fee

(Entrance included with dinner purchase)



\* In accordance with Maine State Law, you must be at least 21 years of age and show valid ID to purchase alcohol. No alcohol may be brought onto the MCI campus from outside sources. Alcohol must remain within designated event areas.



# patterson lecture series

In September, 2008, new Headmaster Chris Hopkins made an announcement to the school community: each school year would have a theme, and this year's theme would be "Citizenship." Ideally, teachers and students would explore this theme in classes and on the playing field, in the dance studio and in the library, at home and out in the community. This year's Patterson Lecture Series, which has featured a variety of speakers each month, has broadened that exploration.

The first speaker of the school year was **Col. Jack Mosher**, MCI Class of '83, former faculty member and current trustee. Colonel Mosher discussed the choices he made that led him to serve his country bravely on active duty in Afghanistan and for 20 years as a member of the National Guard. He chooses to continue his already extensive education (he holds two masters degrees) as he pursues his PhD in Media Literacy.



**Bill Beardsley**, President of Husson University, spoke to the students in November.

Beardsley gave the MCI students plenty of food for thought as he began by describing the presidential and vice presidential candidates as people who could easily have been MCI students: Palin as an evangelical beauty queen from a tiny rural town, McCain ranking in the bottom of his class, Biden growing up in a very poor family, and Obama as an outsider and a minority who made the American dream a reality. So what does make a leader and a good citizen? "Don't forget your core values, your faith, your ideals, your family and your friends—those inner rocks that define who you really are."



Next on the Patterson Lecture Series schedule was **Patrick McGowan**, Commissioner of Maine's Department of Conservation and a member of MCI's Class of '74. McGowan's love of Maine and the outdoors is apparent not only in his efforts to create and defend legislation to protect Maine's natural resources both for industry and recreation, but also in his hobbies as an avid hiker and fisherman. Commissioner McGowan also served the State of Maine in the state House of Representatives for ten years. "Become involved," he told students. "That's citizenship. It's important for you to serve in some capacity, whether it's on the school board or the town council. Reach high. Do the work."



In January the MCI community welcomed **Captain Stephen Bowen**, whose daughter is a student at MCI. In July 2000 Bowen was the first Submarine Officer selected by NASA as a mission specialist, and in 2008 he was a member of the STS-126 Endeavour, which launched from the Kennedy Space Center, FL, and returned to land at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. During the mission Bowen performed three spacewalks. Captain Bowen encouraged students to bravely embrace "the things that you might not be so good at," to be open to the unexpected, and to dream big. "A society that stops exploring," he told students, "is a society that stops progressing."



MCI graduate **Norbert W. Young, Jr.** '66 spoke to students in early February. As President of McGraw-Hill Construction in New York City and a board member at MCI, Young spoke of our role as global citizens, referring to the US consumption of resources when compared to other nations. He also spoke about the importance of educated risk-taking, using examples from his own professional history.



On April 7th MCI was addressed by **Gregg Patterson** '69, underwriter of the Patterson Lecture Series. "Life is neutral," he said. "The way you see it is everything." Patterson shared a list of tools that he said each person needs on a life journey: good health, curiosity, people skills, books and reading, education, travel, analytical skills, and an enthusiasm for reflection. Patterson said that during the first part of life, education is the most important goal. The second part of life is doing the work, and that in the final stage of life, you begin to reflect and give back. He told the students, "Give of your time, your treasure or your talent."



**Senator Susan M. Collins** was the final speaker for the 2008-2009 Patterson Lecture Series. Collins recalled her own days in high school in Aroostook County when school was closed for weeks at a time so that students could help to harvest potatoes, a wonderful example of communities working together to achieve common goals. Senator Collins spoke of her own decision to lead a life of public service after she had the opportunity during high school to meet with both Edward Muskie and Margaret Chase Smith, both U.S. Senators from Maine. She encouraged the students to find ways to give back to their community, and she commended MCI on the wood project that the school initiated last fall as an example of outstanding community service.





## Joo Yi '98 Awarded Champion of Olympus Competition



**J**oo Yi, MCI Class of '98 and a student at China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), won first prize at Event Olympus, a competition hosted by the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (IIMC). Event Olympus is the flagship event of the Intaglio Competition, which challenges skills, capabilities and personality among the brightest leaders of the future. Eight schools were represented: the six IIM campuses (Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Indore, Kozhikode, Lucknow), the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and CEIBS in China.

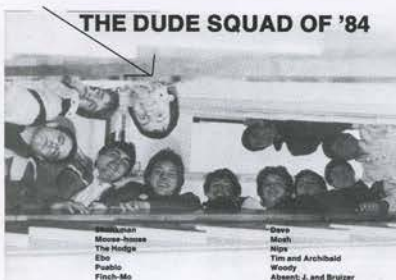
Representatives from each school were selected based on two rounds. First round winners were chosen based on their essay responses to the following statement: "The best way to understand the character of a society is to examine the character of the men and women that the society chooses as its leaders."

The second round consisted of interviews conducted by IIM school professors

and leaders of industry in India. After the two rounds, Joo was chosen as the CEIBS representative and attended the competition from January 8th-11th in Calcutta. Across the three full days, none of the participants knew what types of tasks they were facing until the start of each event. It was only after the competition was over that finalists were made aware that the purpose was to test how well they demonstrated leadership under situations which could not be anticipated. When the points from all the competitions were tallied, Joo was declared the winner and awarded 150,00 Indian Rupees, or approximately \$3,000.

After graduation from MCI, Joo attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA and graduated with a major in Economics and a minor in Chinese. She then worked at LECG, a litigation consulting firm in Washington D.C., conducting analyses for damages claims, antitrust suits and patent infringements. After two years at LECG, Joo moved back to her home country of Korea and joined McKinsey & Co., a management consulting firm. She began attending CEIBS in August 2008 and will graduate with her MBA in April 2010.

## The Dude Squad of '84



Starting at arrow, counterclockwise:  
Mike Dow, Brad Newhouse, Pat Hodgins,  
Eric Thompson, Troy Preble, Mike  
Lynch, Dave Bois, Mark Mosher, Sean  
Fitts, Tim Archibald, Dan Woodruff

**I**n the rapidly paced world in which we live, it's nice to hear about people who take the time to stop and celebrate what is important to them. A close group of friends since high school, "The Dude Squad of '84" gathers once a year to catch up and enjoy their long-lasting friendship. This year, MCI Headmaster Chris Hopkins had the opportunity to meet with the Dude Squad and both update them on what is currently happening at MCI and hear about some of their MCI adventures that made them such good friends. Chris said of the meeting "One of the most pleasurable aspects of my job here at MCI is to be able to meet with alumni like these who have such fond memories of MCI and who continue to support their alma mater to this day."



Back row (l-r): Troy Preble, Eric Thompson,  
Brad Newhouse, Kevin Theis.

Front row (l-r): Mike Dow, Mike Lynch, Tim  
Archibald

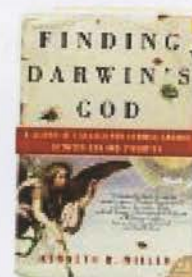


lifelong learners: what they're reading now . . .  
faculty and staff share what's on their bookshelves



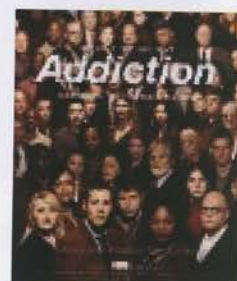
Carole Kaufmann, Science Department Chair

"I am currently reading *Finding Darwin's God* by Ken Miller. Ken Miller is a well-known cell biologist who teaches at Brown University. The book is related to biology in that it's about the theory of evolution. Ken Miller, who is a devout Catholic, attempts to reconcile science and religion in this book."



Susie Furrow, Child Development

"I recently read the book *Addiction-Why Can't They Stop?* by John Hoffman and Susan Froemke. Currently, I am in graduate school and I am reading several books about adolescent addiction. This book was the best book out of 48 that I have read on this topic. This was an easy read but offered valuable information. There is a section in the book where parents can have their questions or concerns answered. This informative book would be beneficial for educators to read so that they have a clear understanding of how addiction affects their students both physically and emotionally."



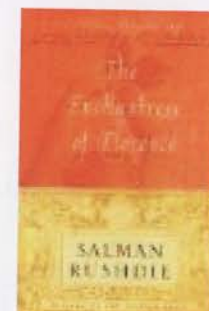
Steve Peterson, English

"I recently read *Boon Island* by Kenneth Roberts (a Maine writer). Based on a true story, it's about a ship from England that gets caught in a nor'easter and in the dark of night manages to crash into a tiny rock island just off the southern coast of Maine in December. They lived on mussels, seaweed and cheese floating around from the ship, of which there wasn't much left. Oh, and they fed on those who died. They hunkered down in a hole in the rocks (that's all that was on the island . . . slippery, sharp rocks). What was frustrating is that they could actually see land, tiny specks of moving people, but never a ship cruised by! It was wicked weather! The captain was a cool and thoughtful leader, and had a few difficult personalities he had to control. It makes one wonder how it is that men in these situations have the will to live."



Deb Rozeboom, Humanities Department Chair

"I recently read Salman Rushdie's *The Enchantress of Florence*. I had avoided Rushdie in the past, but after hearing a radio interview in which he talked at length about the book and his reasons for writing it, I decided to give it a try. Highly imaginative, written in luminous prose, it was a little like a Harry Potter for grown-ups. Featured figures from history include Akbar the Great, Queen Elizabeth I, and the Medicis. Don't miss it."



Jim Hornor, Dean of Academics

"*Counselor* is a fascinating account of the three years of John Kennedy's presidency told from an insider's point of view. During the Kennedy presidency, Ted Sorensen served as the president's closest advisor. His memoir of those years is historical, but it speaks directly to issues that we face as a nation today."





## MCI Drama Takes Regionals, Second in States

The MCI Drama Team won the Class B Regional Drama competition at Cony High School in Augusta on March 6th and 7th, allowing them to advance to the State Class B Finals in Rockland on Friday, March 20th and Saturday, March 21st.

At the regional competition, MCI competed against students from Falmouth, Hermon, Orono, Oxford Hills Comprehensive, Piscataquis Community, Windham, and Cony. Leavitt, Skowhegan, Camden Hills, Mount Desert Island, Freeport, Presque Isle and Noble high schools also hosted regional competitions during the same weekend.

In addition to the Regional Championship, the team also won Judges' Commendations for Outstanding Ensemble Acting, Outstanding Costume Design and Outstanding Makeup Design. Three students made All Festival Cast: Tessa Hathaway and Emily Lanzikos as "The Sisters" and Anthony McCutcheon as "Leg Creature."

At the Class B MPA Drama States, MCI placed second out of nine schools and received the following Judges' Commendations: Outstanding Makeup Design (Individual Awards), Costume Design and Research (Cast Award), and T-shirt Design (Shawn Bennett). Tessa Hathaway and Emily Lanzikos were chosen for the All State Festival Cast.

The cast received many compliments from the judges and other festival directors, especially regarding the show's beautiful visual quality and the incorporation of the talented Bossov Ballet dancers in the production. As second place winners in the state competition, the team serves as alternates for the New England competition.

*All photos from "Jack Frost" courtesy of Marti Stone Photography. Visit [www.martistonephotography.com](http://www.martistonephotography.com).*

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## Jazz Performs at MMEA State Vocal Jazz Festival

What a great day of music in Houlton on Saturday, April 4, 2009! The MCI Vocal Jazz Caravan and Vocal Jazz Maiden Voyage each performed at the MMEA State Vocal Jazz Festival and performed well. For the 16th consecutive year, MCI was a state finalist in Division II Jazz Choirs with MCI "Caravan" placing second in the state with Cheverus High School placing first. Out of the 14 Jazz Choirs qualifying for state competition and placed in two divisions, "Caravan" was one of three Jazz Choirs awarded a "Gold" I Rating "Exceeds Standard" for their performance. Along with ensemble awards, each division recognizes one "Outstanding Male" and one "Outstanding Female" vocalist. In Division II the male vocalist award was given to Cameron Neal '12, and the female vocalist award was given to Melanie Arias '10, both members of MCI's "Caravan." MCI's "Maiden Voyage" performed well and earned a II Rating "Meets Standard" for their performance.

*l-r: Chloe Kim, Melanie Arias, Natalya Ovchar, McKenzie Chamness, Cameron Neal*





## Annalise Carr '10 Helps Empower Her Peers

MCI student Annalise Carr is part of Maine's Youth Empowerment and Policy Project (YEPP), which was established in 2001 with the primary goal of involving Maine's youth in the effort to decrease underage drinking. The philosophy of the project is that because underage drinking is a problem affecting the youth population, the most effective way to analyze and improve the environment is to directly involve the youth in the discussion. The YEPP group is an active, diverse group of high school and college students from around the state of Maine trained in public speaking, facilitation, and policy issues. The group has developed several notable findings and recommendations regarding school drug and alcohol policy, enforcement of underage drinking laws, and alcohol advertising and its effects on underage drinking. In late 2008 YEPP members presented Maine's Attorney General Steven Rowe with the first copy of their most recent project, *Social Hosting in Our Communities: A Survey of Youth and Adults*. Based upon their findings, YEPP members have decided to launch the awareness campaign "Taking Away the Keys is not Enough" aimed at local community and law enforcement policies.

Annalise, a junior at MCI, says, "Before YEPP I was a part of the Youth Advocacy Program in middle school which works on promoting healthy living. I was also part of the Peer Leaders program. YEPP has definitely opened my eyes to the social norms in communities, and as a group we try to help make the decision not to drink much easier. Underage drinking is such an issue for me because it is socially acceptable and I feel that this definitely needs to be changed."

## Student Council Attends LEAD Conference

Six MCI Student Council members attended the national LEAD conference in Harrisburg, PA. Arielle Maloon, Tammy Pham, Annalise Carr, Taylor Wright, Meghan Hughes and Kate LeGrand were the only students from Maine to attend the conference and were joined by students from many states and Bermuda. After attending sessions and workshops on self esteem, leadership, goal setting, organization, project planning, meeting skills, problem solving, conflict resolution and much more, these MCI students brought home with them ideas for school events and better ways to organize and were especially inspired by the session on leaders taking control of their own attitudes. Tanya Kingsbury, Student Council advisor, attended training programs concurrent with the student program. These sessions covered topics such as fundraising, teambuilding, communication, teacher recognition and motivation, leadership, and most important, the long-term impact teachers have on students.

## St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Fast Blast"

Eleven Student Council members, their guests, and Student Council advisor Tanya Kingsbury raised \$1,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at MCI's first "Fast Blast." Participants spent 24 hours in Parks Gym fasting, sleeping and said that they really did have "a blast!" Said Mrs. Kingsbury, "The fast is intended to show support for the patients at St. Jude whose treatments often leave them not well enough to eat."

## Lydia Fortin '09 Wins MPA Award



MCI senior Lydia Fortin was presented with the Maine Principals' Association Award at an all-school ceremony on April 29th. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association and is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. Lydia has served on Student Council for all of her four years as a Husky, as secretary during her junior year and president this year. She is a member of the Key Club and the National Honor Society, and while taking a very challenging AP-laden courseload has maintained a GPA that places her as one of the top ten students in the class of 2009. Lydia's involvement in both the Concert and Jazz bands has helped lead these groups to great success in regional and state competitions. She has also been a dynamic part of MCI athletics during her four years, serving as field hockey captain for two years and softball captain for three years. Says Jason Judd, Key Club Advisor and Director of Academic and Career Planning, "Lydia is a highly motivated student, and she is committed to improving the school and greater community. She is a natural leader who takes on many responsibilities while balancing the demands of the classroom. She is an integral part of MCI." Lydia will be attending St. Anselm College in New Hampshire in the fall. She is the daughter of David and Trayce (Caldwell) Fortin '81 of Pittsfield.



## Brandon Wright '09 Takes Wrestling Gold



*Brandon Wright on his way to the State Championship*

Senior Brandon Wright's quest for an elusive gold medal ended in February with a championship in the 119-pound weight class at the Maine State High School Wrestling Championships. It was his 130th career victory. Having finished fourth, second and fourth in the first three seasons of his high school career, Wright pinned Oak Hill High School's Keith Madore to win the Class B title in the 119-pound weight class. The MCI team finished third overall. "It's an unbelievable feeling," Wright said. Brandon now holds the school record for career wins, pins and team points, and season pins.

## Brooke Libby '09 Wins Wendy's Heisman Award



*Senior Brooke Libby participating in the Key Club phonathon.*

For eight generations, the Heisman name has signified excellence, determination, and prestige among college football's elite. In 1994 the next level of outstanding achievers added their names to the Heisman lore when the Wendy's High School Heisman (WHS) was created. The WHS program has set the standard for high school student-athletes and gained tremendous prestige in its own right. Each fall the program recognizes the nation's most esteemed high school senior men and women for excellence in academics, athletics, and community/school involvement.

MCI senior Brooke Libby was awarded the Wendy's Heisman for her accomplishments as a student and a member of both the soccer and softball teams, the Key Club, the National Honor Society. She also served as President of the Peer Leaders.

## Future Problem Solvers Take States

On Saturday, April 4th, MCI students Kevin Booth, CJ Kersbergen and Kevin Nguyen won the Future Problem Solvers State Competition at Freeport High School. Two other MCI teams also competed, placing third and fourth in the state. (Third place went to Alecia Lambert, Billy Phung and Emily Schanck and fourth place went to Andrew Schanck, Gary Kersbergen, Leah Edmondson and Colby Bradshaw). MCI has won the last seven contested state championships.

The Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI) engages students in creative problem solving. Founded by creativity pioneer, Dr. E. Paul Torrance, FPSPI stimulates critical and creative thinking skills and encourages students to develop a vision for the future. FPSPI features curricular and co-curricular competitive, as well as non-competitive, activities in creative problem solving. The Future Problem Solving Program International involves over 250,000 students annually from the Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russia, and the United States.

## Debra Susi Awarded Fellowship

The Maine Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) and the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) announced that Debra Susi, theatre arts teacher at MCI and Warsaw Middle School, has been awarded a 2009 Maine Arts Teacher Fellowship. Debra is one of nine arts teachers from across the state awarded the prestigious fellowship. She will be traveling to Italy to study at La Mama International Director's Symposium in Spoleto, Italy.

"The goal of the fellowship is to provide the means for Maine Arts teachers to immerse themselves in their chosen field and thereby revitalize their lives as artists and teachers," said Carol Trimble, MAAE executive director. The fellowship awards, up to \$4,000.00 each, cover travel, tuition and other costs. The artist-teachers also received a \$1,000 post fellowship grant to benefit their work in the classroom. The Maine Alliance for Arts Education is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to strengthening education in all of the arts for all Maine students.





Gary Cole '68 with Chris Hopkins in Bangor



Mike Savage '62 and Suzanne Kohler '77 in Boston



Bob Menucci '64, Cilla Savage and Francine Kollias in Boston



Megan Cianchette Kelley '95 in Boston



Tom Savage '64 with Chris Hopkins in Florida



Chris Hopkins with Paul Garabedian '64 in Boston



Jeff Hazel '79 and Chris Hopkins in Florida



Bob '65 and Brenda Perry with Chris Hopkins in Florida



North Redington Beach, FL



Back: Ken C

Front: Lu Bradshaw,



*visiting with old friends, making new ones*



'49 and Chris Hopkins in Las Vegas



Anne McCready Bowen '55 and Frank Bowen '55 with Chris Hopkins in Florida



Back: Marlene Allen, Kate Steele '89, Bob Wilson, Chris Hopkins, Margee Kinney  
Front: Richard Allen '61, Nancy Sinclair Wilson '52, Bob Kinney '35 in Scottsdale, AZ



the Jean Knowles with Suzanne Hopkins in Marco Island, FL



Page Talbott, Bill Shin '63, Jim Gould '65, Connie Gould '36, and Chris Hopkins in Philadelphia



Tania Winsor Hannon '65 and Cy Hannon with Chris Hopkins in California



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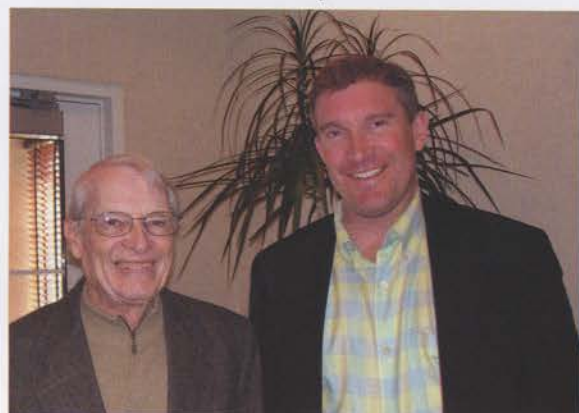
Chris Hopkins and Max Good in Las Vegas



Roger '45 and Lydia Percival with Chris and Suzanne Hopkins in Florida



42, Chris Hopkins, Colby Bradshaw  
Bill Bradshaw '83  
nchette, Suzanne Hopkins, Josie  
(nchette) Bradshaw '82 in Florida



Bob Libby '48 with Chris Hopkins in Chicago



Chris Hopkins with Laura Norris '92 in California



**Class of 1939**

The Alumni Office received word from Phyllis Frederick Luke '47 of the passing of her sister, *Ervena Frederick Belcher*, who passed away in November. Our condolences to the family.

**Class of 1940**

Joan Crockett advised us that *Alan Crockett* passed away March 6, 2006. Our sympathies.

**Class of 1946**

Many of us are still reeling after hearing about *Basil Heffren's* passing. Faithful, lovable Basil!!! He and Jackie came back every year to see classmates. We planned to work together on some way to get more folks to come back to MCI in August. We'll miss that smiling face. We do have the memories of our years at MCI. *Carl Wright '43*, another gem. His story reads like that of a very busy, dedicated individual, which he was. His classmate, *Major Royce C. Rich, Ret. '43*, contacted me for what I could tell him. The internet produced what we were looking for, and he was most grateful. Having lost another of his classmates, *Marty Quint '43*, led to a long discussion re: aging. Accept it or, what? Saved by the printing press!!! *Jeannette Webb Fitts* is enjoying her family holiday get together in California, and then back to St. Pete.

See everybody in August,  
Donna Hodgins Graham, Class Agent

**Class of 1947**

Hi Classmates of 1947. I am wishing you all a Happy, Healthy 2009. Where does the time go? I attended the August 2008 Reunion in the morning but didn't see any other classmates there. I didn't stay for the luncheon, so I hope I didn't miss anyone.

I have heard from *Phyllis Frederick Luke*. She and John are fine, living in Westbrook and very much enjoying their family. She didn't have any news for the *Alumnus*.

I've also heard from *Margaret Webb Lowell* and Vaughn. They are wintering in Florida and enjoying the warm weather.

This past year *Marie Tasker Walker* passed away in February with a graveside service at the Pittsfield cemetery in June which I was able to attend. Also *George Morse* passed away in May. *Paul Legge*, our science teacher, died in July. He taught for 32 years at MCI.

*Cecil McLaggan* stopped by my house for a short visit on October 18. He has a niece, *Tiffany McLaggan '09*, at MCI playing many sports.

I am lucky to be able to attend many functions at MCI – fall and winter sports with Taylor and Brandon Wright participating. I am also interested in all music programs. I attended the NASA astronaut Stephen G. Bowen's presentation. He spoke about his International Space Station trip as part of the Patterson Lecture Series. His daughter is an MCI student.

The latest – in January I was invited with the Class of 1948 to attend a luncheon at the Manson House to meet and visit with Headmaster Chris and wife Suzanne Hopkins. Todd Nadeau and Jennifer Beane joined us. We had a delicious meal and a good time visiting with everyone.

We have just received word that *Richard A. Tibbetts* passed away on February 5th. Our condolences to his family.

Have a good year.

Alice W. Fitts

**Class of 1948**

The Class of 1948 had a super anniversary on Alumni Day. The noon luncheon at the new Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center was excellent. We got a chance to meet the good-looking new Headmaster, Christopher Hopkins, and his family. (Why does he look so young???) *P'nut Coolbroth Fowler*, *Alice Shaw Patterson*, *Helen Esty Cianchette*, *Joyce Beattie*

*Williams* and her brother *Robert*, *Ted Bryant*, *Norman MacLeod*, *Arey Bryant*, *Thomas Millett*, *Neil Larochelle*, *Harold Beisaw* and *William Hatch* were all in attendance. (Tom came the distance from California). Our "Class Host," *Arey Bryant*, invited us in for "treats" before lunch, and had us return after lunch for more treats and chats. Thank you, Arey for your open house!!! We appreciate it.



*Ruth Parkhurst* and *Marilyn Willey Gerry* did not arrive from Florida as planned, but had joined us last year on our 59<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to hear from classmates that filled out the questionnaire. *Robert Libby* is still fishing but NOT ice fishing. He's having fun after retiring from Markel Corp. *William Sprague* lives in Virginia after retiring from the National Endowment for Humanities in D.C. Also, *Keith Weeks* retired from the USMC after 23 years plus US Civil Service for 17 years. He lives in Virginia too, and keeps busy now with the VFW. *Marilyn Bessey Buchanan* has been busy with 6 kids, and now 13 great grands!!! She enjoyed seeing her friends even though she spent only one year at MCI in the dorm. *Gilbert White*, who lives here in Bangor, retired from the US Postal Service. He sees *Gerald Hodges* in the summers playing golf. *Gerald* lives in Florida. *Theresa Sirois Blaser* in North Carolina retired from being a dental hygienist.

It was interesting to note that ALL classmates who responded wanted to say big hellos to everyone and enjoyed their MCI days.

Theresa mentioned getting so much enjoyment sitting under the beautiful trees on campus and visiting with friends-- cheering the sports teams on!!! We "locals" still try to have monthly



luncheons in the area. As I wrote last year we are joined by other alumni from other classes-- now that we are all "seniors"!!! Think about the fact that all of us had Maurice Earle and his wife Hazel for subjects or sports, classes, dorm supervisors. Their daughter, Lorna, lives in this retirement village apartment here in Bangor where we do. It has been fun to discuss the "past" with her since my mother was teaching business courses at the same time. Seeing her granddaughters graduate from MCI recently has kept me informed of the younger generation who keep the same "school spirit"!!!

*Martha Buker Reny* writes from Calif that she volunteers for the local police, sheriff depts----drives vans, wears a uniform. In her spare time travels- goes camping plays cards. She has many happy memories of MCI---that she couldn't list them on paper. She is in very good health. Very good news. Keep the news coming and best wishes to all of you.

Liz Coolidge Whalen

### *Class of 1951*

This past year has been a sad year for our class. We have lost several classmates. We send our condolences to the families of *Carlo Vangelli, Ralph Perlberg, Milton Beal, Lawrence Springer* and *Beverly Sennett Berry*.

In July, *Robert Vance* and *Sang Ye* stopped in for a nice visit. Robert is still the Associate Pastor at the Laurel Community Baptist Church in Bellingham, WA. He does some preaching and lots of visitations, counseling and much mission work in Korea, the Philippines and Nicaragua. *Sang Ye* is busy taking care of two Korean students who live with them and managing a convenience store. Their daughter, Jennifer, will graduate in May from the Otis Art School in Los Angeles where she plans to start a career in fashion design.

I received a nice letter from *Bill Anderson* who writes that he and *Mary Lee* have shared 48 years of marriage and have three children, Curt, Carl and Christina. They

have five grandsons: Kyle and Cameron Anderson and Colin, Connor and Cole Kelleher. They have been retired for twenty years and have spent their winters in Florida until this year so that they could cheer on their grandson Cameron, who is a junior and second year starter on the Caribou Vikings team.

*Ted Maher* writes that he and his wife *Mary* celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past year and that they are really enjoying their children and seven grandchildren. He still plays tennis and spends the winters in Florida. Ted sent me a picture of him and *Mary* with the new Headmaster, *Chris Hopkins*, at *Norbert Young, Jr.* '66's home in 2008.



*Barbara Ross Wollensak* and *John* celebrated their golden anniversary on June 1, 2007 in Mystic, CT with 48 of their family and friends. They have five children and seven grandchildren. *Heidi, Mark* and *Nancy* live in Michigan. *Heidi* has a 16 year-old and *Mark* has a 14 and a 10 year-old. *Andrea* lives in Mystic, CT, is a full professor at Connecticut College and has two children. *Jill* lives in Virginia and has a 17 and a 10 year-old. *Katy* is off to college in the fall. Last year, *Barb* and *John* flew to Italy for a week and two weeks later flew to Sweden for a week. They spent a week last summer visiting her sister in Southwest Harbor, ME. She writes that her mother is 99 years old. What an exciting life.

*Shirley Sayles Rogers* writes that she had been married to her husband *Donald* for 55 years when he passed away. She has two children, *Brian* and *Linda*, five

grandchildren and one great grandchild who are spread out from Maine to Arizona to Florida. She says that she has spent several weeks on jury duty in Maine and Florida and hopes she isn't called to serve anymore. She has her son living with her since *Donald* passed away and has a dog and cat to also keep her company. She attends Senior Citizens and a sewing circle at church and stays busy sewing, knitting and canning. She says she no longer sings because of breathing problems.

*Robert Hutchinson* writes that he still lives in Brunswick and divides his time between there and Pemaquid Harbor where his oldest son and daughters have summer places. His older daughter lives in Greenwich, CT and he travels to visit her monthly on his way to New Jersey where he owns some apartments. Son *Mark* lives in Bangkok, Thailand with his wife, *NooThing*, and daughter. Younger son *Roby* will graduate from Arizona State University this coming May. Younger daughter *Victoria* lives in Colorado and in the fall will be attending Naropa University for her masters. *Bob* still handles his own real estate apartments, working only part-time and has taken several trips to the Bahamas on his sailboat. *Bob* writes that his brother *Bill* has returned from teaching ten years in China and another six in Thailand and now lives in Charleston, WV where his older sister resides. *Bill* comes to Maine every two months to visit their mother who is 104 years-old and resides in Damariscotta. *Bob* would love to hear from any classmates, especially those who sail. His email address is rhutchinson@suscom-maine.net.

*Lucy Mosher* called me to let me know about the classmates that she hears from. Last spring she heard from *Norman Nelson*. *Norm* is living in Harrisonburg, VA near his son who has a ministry there. *Norm* is retired and keeps busy doing work around the church. He attends a fitness center daily in Harrisonburg. *Lucy* fell in December and was hospitalized for several weeks. She returned home on December 24<sup>th</sup>. She is walking with a walker and is recuperating very slowly. She would love to hear from her



classmates.

*Sally and Kevin Dwinell* are back in Florida after their month-long trip in November to visit their daughters in Arizona. It is nice having her back here to visit.

My granddaughter, Jennifer McFarlin, graduated last June from Searsport High School. She is the daughter of *Susan and Danny McFarlin* (both Class of '84). I have ten grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Joshua McFarlin is a junior at Maine Maritime in Castine. *Robert '86 and Kathy '87 Beverage* now live in Thomaston, ME where Rob is principal at Georges Valley High School. Their son, Robbie, is a junior at Georges Valley and their daughter, Carrie, is a junior at the University of Maine. This will be my last winter here in Florida so my permanent address will be 334 Stinson St., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

Alice Fitts Ross  
Class Agent

### Class of 1952

Very little information from our classmates this time. We really need to do better on sending in the news.

I do know that *Herman Roberts* has a very busy truck gardening business. He and my husband are Masonic Brothers and Dave loves to go help Herman harvest his pumpkins and potatoes of which he has an abundance.

*Sandra Humphrey Carson* said on her Christmas card that she would be coming to Maine this summer, so perhaps some of us can get a visit from her.

*Lynn Blood Stavro* was sorry not to make Reunion, but did make her annual week vacation on Little Cranberry Isle. She was also in Pittsfield to attend the funeral of *Beverly Berry '51*. We are sorry to hear of Bev's passing and send condolences to all her family, many of whom are MCI graduates.

Congratulations go out to the wife of our classmate, *Bob Knowles*. Rae Jean was named to the MCI Hall of Fame. Bob and Rae Jean have hosted our reunion parties many times and we have always had great times at their home.

Speaking of Reunion, Dave said that there were not many from 1952 who attended. Our old standbys, *Armour and Loretta* and *Dave and Alvah Wyman* did attend. *Elaine St. Peter* traveled up from Belfast and was the only boarding student present from our class.

Bev entertained *Jackie Smith Bennett '53* and some friends one day at her camp in Steuben. Bev spends about 10 weeks in the summer there and is looking forward to it already.

Dave has been making some copies of the pictures of our class play and other photos. If you would like one, please let him know. Dave also reports that he had a nice chat with Mr. Blanchard, former math teacher and undergraduate basketball coach, who was at Reunion.

The Class of 1952 also welcomes Mr. Hopkins, our new Headmaster, and his family to the school and wish him well in all his endeavors.

Beverly Breau and David McGaffin  
Class Agents

### Class of 1953

*Catherine Doyle Mooers*: Well, it's time again to gather and send news off to MCI for the Class of 1953. Where did the year go? It has been a very busy but different year for me. Life certainly changes after one loses a spouse of nearly 54 years! However, I've managed to cope and love keeping in touch with my classmates and even some of *Walter's* (Class of 1950). I did spend a month in Florida in the spring and enjoyed some sun and rest.

In February classmates met for lunch

at "Anglers" in Newport with over 20 attending. We met there again in May for an 8th grade reunion when Barbara Monaghan returned for a visit. Can you believe that there were eleven of us from Pittsfield Grammar School that attended? I'd say that was a milestone. Classmates gathered again in June at Slates in Hallowell. Our Alumni Director joined us and we celebrated her birthday. We also gathered at the MCI Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center and enjoyed lunch in the new cafeteria. What a beautiful addition to the MCI campus. Many classmates enjoyed "Catch a Wave" at the 2008 MCI auction and what a fun night that was. Yours truly even won the prize for "best dressed for the beach." It was hard to do that as it was pouring that night! Our 55th reunion found 27 classmates gathering for the noon luncheon and/or our private party at the K of C Hall. Although I would have liked to see more attend I was happy to see all that did. Add spouses and partners to that and we had quite a group. It was wonderful to have *Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard* attend as



well as *Persis Smith*. A good time was had by all!

I did attend the Bangor Reception put on by MCI and enjoyed that very much. I do hope to attend the MCI Reception on Marco Island this spring. I will be in Florida from mid-January through April and plan to visit many MCI classmates while there. I hope to see some of you at the Reception. My address in Florida, if you need to contact me, is 8029 Picketts Court, Brooksville, FL 34613 or by my e-mail address. Phone number is: 352-596-7960

One of the highlights of my summer was to attend a guest performance of the *Patsy Cline Show* in Arundel. I was very fortunate to be able to sit and talk



with Past President and Barbara Bush. They were so nice and had their great granddaughter take a picture of the three of us. I sure got a lot of "flack" from the group I attended with but it was worth it!

I did spend two weeks at my timeshare in Stoneham and enjoyed the fall weather and many of my family were there also. I even took two trips down Wildcat Mountain on the new "Zip-Rider" and that was fun but I'd like it higher and faster!

In November I left for Florida and had a month there and then on to Nashville where, with my friend Stirling, attended the Grand Ole Opry, enjoyed dinner and a show on the General Jackson Showboat and the Rockettes. I returned home just in time to wrap my buns off and be ready for Christmas in five days!

We were so happy to see *Matt Scott* and friend, Bev when they visited with us in Florida. We hope to see them again when we return. We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with *Cliff* and *Thelma Vining*.

We are looking forward to ringing in the New Year with *Lou* and *Doris Pepin* and other friends at the Civic Center. Time to put on the dancing shoes! I wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year and may we continue to gather and remember our days at MCI. There are no friends as dear as the ones we went to school with! Please be sure to let me know about any changes of addresses or e-mail changes. It is important to keep the database up to date.

*Cynthia Brown Johnson* writes: "Our 55th reunion this summer was really great. How blessed we are to have graduated from the greatest school anyway. To top that, to have the very best of friends for all these years! We are thankful to still be at the South Gardiner Congregation Church."

"High hopes for the *Arthur Johnsons* (Class of '51) is to spend time with our family and friends. Our trip to Michigan came with great anticipation and we helped our only granddaughter celebrate her 10th birthday and also

saw her baptized. We always enjoy the fellowship with the church family there and with our son George's family and his in-laws. We are thankful for each and every day. God is good!"

*Jacki Smith Bennett* wrote: "As you know I am in Vegas again with Bobbie and doing okay. I went camping this summer for the first time excluding Girl Scouts long, long ago. I loved it and plan on a longer trip next year. This year I spent three weeks at Schoodic Point in Sullivan with three friends." "My grandson is home from Iraq and is getting out of the Air Force. He and his family will be staying at my place until they find a place to buy. He's been gone eight years so am so happy to know he's home safe and can now be a full time Dad and husband." "My youngest daughter is moving to Alaska this winter. She and her husband went there for their honeymoon and liked it so much decided to make it their home.

*Matt Scott (Scotty)*: "I have returned from a five month trip from the south, southwest and western parts of the US." It has been nearly five years since he lost his wife *Kathleen Field* (Class of '54). Matt is now getting on with life and he says it is different, even getting out to the MCI class luncheons. He has taken up ballroom dancing and doing that for exercise three times per week and yes, dancing while traveling as well. He continued to be a runner for 45 years and now is giving his legs a rest so dancing is now a surrogate. Matt retired from the State of Maine after 38 years of service to, you the people, of the great State of Maine. As retiree he now serves as Chair and member of the Board of Environmental Protection. They have met twice each month in Augusta plus all the hearings conducted statewide. It is a large challenge as the Board is the policy making body for the DEP staff. Matt is in his second term appointment by the Governor and will finish up his tour of duty in 2011.

Matt has always felt MCI prepared him for college even though he was a country boy from the little town of Detroit. He took the GI bill after serving four years in the Air Force and Kathleen helped him

through the University of Maine with a BS then an MS and finally the MPA degrees. He has always maintained that MCI formed the basis for his interest in the biological sciences; the late Paul Legge was one of his favorite mentors. Matt tried teaching Environmental Studies at Colby for a year after retirement but decided that was not for him. Matt concluded that he wouldn't be able to attend the 55th at MCI but (insert by class agent) he did make it and had a great time. It was his first reunion attendance ever! Matt sends his best regards to everyone and says to enjoy life, it is for the living!

*Gertrude Grignon Bizeau* writes: "It has been a hard year for me but things are improving. I had eight weeks with acute bronchitis and then I broke my ankle. I carried that boot around for 14 weeks and in the meantime I needed my left carotid artery done but had to put it off until my ankle healed. I had surgery in October. It went well but I looked like I had mumps on one side. The "Golden Years" are just great! My new great grandson from Korea and his Mom and my grandson are coming for Thanksgiving. I am expecting a new granddaughter and her name is Macie Merritt and I'm going to call her M & M. *Philip Buker* and I talk quite often. He is well and we talk about the "good old days." That was a nice picture of Mr. Blanchard. He got me through algebra with Phil's help. I hope and pray you are all well."

*Thelma Sennett Vining* writes: "Cliff and I are enjoying our retirement and being able to go South each winter. This Thanksgiving we were thrilled to be able to entertain our Class Agent, *Kaye Mooers*, and *Stirling Thurston*."

*Philip Coffin* writes: "Maria and I had a great time at the 55th class reunion this year. It was great to see friends and classmates and share stories of the past few years. I wish more of our classmates could have made the reunion to share their memories of the 50's with us."

"We enjoyed our class luncheon in June, organized by *Kaye Mooers*, and had fun



chatting with classmates who I hadn't seen in several years." "As in past years, we spent the summer at our camp on Unity Pond doing the usual day trips to enjoy the beautiful coast and countryside. I took the opportunity to spend one afternoon at the Skowhegan Fair with *Alvah Wyman* (Class of '52), and managed to lose a few dollars on the harness horse races! We look forward to next year at camp and hope to do more visiting with friends and family." "I have been deer hunting this past fall with no success but enjoying a good time with our club members around the campfire swapping stories."

*Joyce Hunt Rowe* writes: "I had a great time at our reunion and at the K of C Hall. Dick and I have had a good summer and fall. We visited Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. We took in the BIG E in Springfield, MA and toured some of Maine. Dick had to have a cornea transplant in his left eye in December. We will go to Florida sometime in 2009."

*Gary Goodrich* wrote: "It was nice to see you and the other classmates at the MCI reunion in August. You did another remarkable job in getting the class together! I'm still going to the "Y" in Manchester; but going in earlier (in around 7:30, leave by 9:15 A.M.) I am working out on my own but used to take the exercise and aerobics classes."

*Dale Raye Seaburg* writes: "Not much news with us! We've been so busy since we got down south; cleaning and going to the doctors. "Our son and grandsons were here for Thanksgiving and then we left for a week in Aruba at our timeshare." "I had surgery on my hand in August in which they removed a bone on my wrist and fused it with four other bones and then put four pins in it. My first cast went up to my shoulder and was on for three weeks! Then I had to go back into surgery again to have the pins removed. My hand feels good but still a little stiff and can't bend it as far as my left one. At least I don't have the pain I had before. Bob is doing well."

*Olive Hustus Blodgett* writes: "Yes, another year has passed and it's time

to report any news. I have only a catastrophic bit of news. My husband turned 78 on July 14<sup>th</sup> and passed away on July 22<sup>nd</sup> from a silent heart attack. He'd had a bad stroke and lived from 1979 to 2008. His passing was unexpected so it knocked the whole family down. However, we are getting better able to cope with it. Thanksgiving will be the first holiday without him and hope it goes well. We were together for 43 years." (Our condolences in the loss of your dear husband).

*Charlene Hunt Call* writes: "I don't have a lot of news though I did accept the position as special assistant to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Eastern Star so have been doing a lot of traveling with that. We had our Christmas Party at the Millennium in Newport and a very nice, casual time was enjoyed by all. I won't be traveling now until January 17 to Solon for a Grand Family... weather permitting. Our grand kids are growing too much and the 14 year-old is in 8th grade in Warsaw and will be 15 in February. The 16 year-old is a sophomore at Richmond and our 17 year-old will be 18 in February and is a senior at Hall Dale. We will be having Christmas Eve here with all of them."

*Brian Craig* wrote: "Kaye, all's well in Florida. We're leaving for our Northern trek. We still maintain a small business in the Bluegrass field with our RV. That's the problem with me getting to reunions as we are doing a Festival in NH on that weekend. We are doing our first GA next week and then on to VA for three more. Vermont is next and then we will actually get to our cottage in Burnham (Unity Pond) in mid-July. We'll have one week there and then go on to Cornish, ME; then a NH Gig, back to camp for two weeks and then on to Sydney, ME. We head to Brunswick (Thomas Point Beach) and back to camp to close it up. We are going on a trip to the Dominican Republic with our daughter and family, then doing a festival in VA and winding up back in Florida the first of October. And that's our whirlwind tour of the Eastern seaboard! *Bud and Pam Gage* have left Florida for a

trip to Alaska, via air, rail and ship which sounds exciting. Hi to all."

*Priscilla Foss Rende* wrote news about her grandchildren: "Matt, attending Maine Maritime Academy, is in his freshman year. He is the back-up quarterback for the football team and managed to play in quite a few games and made a very good impression, showing he had what it takes to make the transition from high school ball to college." "Maggie is a junior at the University of New Haven and doing very well. Briana is in her senior year at the University of New Haven on a full scholarship and doing very well in all her subjects. She is captain of the basketball team and averaging 10 points per game, leading the team in 3 pointers. She will be graduating in May of '09." "Our grandson, Sean, in Kansas, will be graduating high school in May. He will be attending a Christian college next fall. Christine will be a junior next year."

*Clifton Gage* wrote: "The big event of this past year was the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary on November 29th. We took a two week trip to Alaska earlier in the summer as part of the celebration. We didn't want to go in the fall because of the possibility of bad weather. As it turned out we had only one day of rain."

"I have given up my summer job at Turner Highlands Golf Club after 14 years. We spent about three weeks in Maine, Vermont and Connecticut and then it was back to Florida." "Our oldest granddaughter started her first year at Florida Southern College in the nursing program. The college is only 12 miles away which is nice because we get to see her quite often."

*Winston Smith* writes: "Again, I ask you to forgive me for forgetting to get back to you. The past year has been much of the same, with volunteer work with several organizations. We spend a lot of time with family which now includes 6 grandchildren ranging from 2 1/2 years to 22 years in age. The oldest will graduate from UMPG this year, and the youngest is still learning how to put sentences together. So, we're happy with it all and continue to be busy. However, at our age,



the pace seems to be a bit slower. Hope all is well with you."

*Leland Brown* writes that his past year included an extended period of recuperation from shoulder surgery but doing well now. He enjoyed lunch out in the fall with *Lou* and *Doris Pepin*, *Stirling Thurston* and *Kaye Mooers* at Sullys in Winthrop. He will be in Bangor for the winter but he and Pat are very anxious to get to their home in New Brunswick.

*Jack Hartleb* writes that he is still teaching at the Dental School in Oregon but dropped back to only one and a half days per week. He didn't get back to Maine this summer but if all goes well he may make it next summer. Love the Maine lobsters and clams. He spends lots of time with his grandchildren, saying how they grow and mature.

*Ellie Hamilton Perseille* wrote that there isn't much news from she and *Joe* (class of 1949) from North Carolina...the good news...no SNOW to shovel...the bad news....that they miss their friends and neighbors in Maine. Hope to see you all at reunion this summer as it is number 60 for Joe!

*Dave Fenderson* wrote: Margaret and I have had Fair Winds and Following Seas for the past year and we hope it stays that way. I have added another volunteer job; Score Keeper for the North Yarmouth Academy Middle School girls Field Hockey and Ice Hockey teams which gives me the opportunity to watch granddaughter, Maddy. I attended *Thurlow Cooper's* memorial service at Val Halla Country Club; a very sad day for a great guy and team mate.

*Lou Pepin* says that he hasn't done much this past year but he and his wife *Doris* did attend the New Year's celebration at the Augusta Civic Center and enjoyed the Al Corey Band in which *John Foss* (class of 1954) was a member and enjoyed hearing him play the trumpet. *Kaye Mooers* and friend *Stirling* were with them and a good time was had by all. He sends his best to all the classmates.

*John Page* writes: Just got home from Christmas in Dallas with our daughter, *Ronda*. Had a great time with her and her daughter, *Heather*, who is home for the holidays from NY City where she is a student with the New York American Ballet at the Lincoln Center. This is her second year--chosen for her performance at the Dallas School of Ballet. Got to go to the Ice Show at the Famous Dallas Gaylord's Hotel Entertainment Center. There were ice sculptures of many Christmas scenes. Our oldest daughter, *Tonya*, and husband, *David*, who recently moved to Dallas where *Davis* is pursuing his Masters Degree, got to be with us for a few days after returning from Missouri visiting *David's* Mother for Christmas. We have had a busy, busy year... I am still part time Senior Adult Minister at Cherry St. Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri and *Charlotte* is still working as Cashier/Hostess at the Commons Hall at Drury University here in Springfield.

On January 12, 2009 we leave for a five day cruise to the Bahamas, etc. Our daughter, *Ronda*, won the cruise for sales at the Radio Stations in Dallas where she works and arranged for the cruise to be given to us. This will be our first cruise and at age 74, I'm not sure if I am thrilled or scared. No, we are really looking forward to it. Hello to all of the Class of 1953!

*Charles MacDonald* writes: As far as news from this end goes, not too much new has happened. We're still taking care and loving doing it, of our wonderful horses. I am scheduled to have my other knee done on January 13th but I'm having a few blood issues. Most likely things will be resolved and I'll have it done. We're both doing well for elderly folks with the associated aches and pains. We wish all class members good health in the coming year.

*Sarah G. Chipman* writes: Honestly *Kaye*, I don't have any news per se. Of course, I enjoyed the 55th, the day *Glo* and *Joyce* and I ran into you and *Stirling* in Oakland at lunch time, the luncheon with you, *Glo McNichol* and *Faye* (Ellingwood) *Shaw* at the Senator in the

fall and the visit and chatting at your home afterward. Other than doing my reading, being with friends and traveling in the same circle, my life is rather bland. Really, that's about all in my world.

The Class of 1953 extends condolences to classmate, *Eugene Crolley*, in the loss of his beloved wife of 52 years, *Liese*. May the Lord comfort he and his family in the time ahead.

~*Kaye Doyle Mooers*

### Class of 1958

The Alumni Office has received word that *Roy Pomeroy* passed away on March 10, 2009. Our condolences to his family.

### Class of 1959

In honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, I wanted to start recognizing some of our classmates to help get people excited about coming back to MCI. I hope to see you at the festivities on August 1<sup>st</sup>!

After spending 38 years in the banking business in Maine, *Dennis Haggerty* finally retired to a part-time position as a school bus driver for SAD 54 in Skowhegan. His retired sisters think he's crazy! After all, he was Senior VP at Maine National Bank, Executive VP at Skowhegan Savings, and President of First Citizens' Bank in Presque Isle. However, *Dennis* is enjoying his job and says that the hardest part was starting out on a new bus run and finding his way around unfamiliar streets and roads. *Dennis* and his wife, *Earla*, blended their families of 8 children and spouses together 12 years ago and, at last count, they have 21 grandchildren aged four months to 22 years. *Earla* said that last Christmas was like servicing the "National Debt". I told her maybe they should have applied for a bailout. Currently, *Earla* is Finance Manager for Somerset County which comprises 31 towns. That's a big job! Well, you know, someone has to support the family!

It was so nice chatting with *Stella* (*Hustus*) *Smith*, who still lives in Pittsfield, where



she brought up her 5 children Ron, Cathy, John and twins, Stephen and Stephanie, ages 46 to 36. She also has 6 grandchildren, aged 10 to 21. Wow! Talk about accomplishments! While bringing up her children, Stella spent 22 years working at Bud's Shop 'n Save in Pittsfield. After 17 years of marriage, her husband passed away. Over the years, there were times when Stella worked 70- hour weeks, holding 3 part-time jobs simultaneously, in order to support her family. Today, Stella enjoys perennial gardening and is very fond of her purple azaleas, rhododendrons, and a pink flowering crab tree. This spring, she plans to get out the pictures and create scrapbooks for her children.

It's people like Stella, who make the Class of 1959 one of the best classes to graduate from MCI. Within her quiet, polite persona, there's a lady who represents the true meaning of fortitude and responsibility.

We seem to have a lot of hard-working people in our class, and *Doug Tilton* is one of them. Doug spent several years cooking at the Log Cabin in E. Newport. He hand sewed shoes for about 17 years, worked for the Ramada Inn in Bangor for 10 years, and retired from Walmart after 13 years. But, Doug wasn't quite ready to retire; he wanted to own a business. Determinedly, he researched the art of auto detailing, read a host of books and practiced on lots of cars. In 2001, "Personal Touch Car Care" became a reality. He and his wife, Joan, detail cars and trucks from April to October, and spend about 6 hours on each car. Doug said that "...although it's hard work, I'm proud of the final results". Doug and Joan live in Palmyra and have one daughter and two grandchildren. It was great catching up with Doug after so many years. So Doug, you must have carved out some pretty impressive muscles by detailing cars and trucks for 8 years. Heck! You'll win an award for the "most improved body" at your 50th ... so if I were you, I'd SAVE THE DATE!! Don't forget to wear your black leather jacket, slick your hair down with Butch Wax or Brylcreem, roll

up your T-shirt sleeve and stuff in your 'butts. Then, bring one o' them hot cars so's we all can go cruisin'!

I'm sure you'll all remember *Nancy (Files) Peters*, the first Key Club Queen at MCI, who was also chosen to go to Girls State, a program which teaches girls about government. Gee, Nancy, just imagine ... you could have been on Capital Hill, along with Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, reviewing 900 pages of the Stimulus Plan and rubbing shoulders with President Obama. But, a more rewarding career was on Nancy's mind and, after graduation, she attended Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing in New Hampshire. It was there that she met a Dartmouth College student, Mike Peters, from Denver, whom she married in 1962. Nancy and Mike have lived forty years near Rochester, NY where they brought up 3 children. They have 6 grandchildren, ages 1 to 7. For the past 30 years, Nancy has enjoyed working as a registered nurse. When her children were young, Nancy was a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader. Today, she enjoys singing at concerts with a senior chorus group connected to the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester. She also loves knitting and yoga. Everyone in her family enjoys downhill skiing. Well, Nancy, a lot of your friends have been asking if you're coming to reunion, so "Save the Date" and get out your poodle skirt and pointy-toe sneakers.

Our classmate, *Diane (Nash) Crane*, is retired from teaching high school Spanish, Latin and English, although she continues to occasionally substitute. She and her husband, Tom, have a son, a daughter, and 2 grandchildren. Diane is a great fitness buff and a tried and true sailor. Along with Tom, her husband of 37 years, she loves sailing in their J35 Cruiser out of Hyannis Harbor. Their trips have taken them from Northeast Harbor to Long Island, NY. She must be strong and really fit to sail, since it can be tough out there some days. So this is where swimming, walking and exercising come in handy. Diane also loves reading and socializing. Well, we knew that in high

school, because she was a great student, cheerleader, majorette, teachers club president, French club secretary, as well as on the field hockey team, in F.H.A. and yadda, yadda, yadda. When I talked with Diane in February, her husband and children were pretty busy. No wonder! Tom owns a CPA firm in Norfolk, Mass, while their son is a CPA in Cambridge, and their daughter is a CPA in Wellesley. Well now! If anyone needs a good CPA, there you go! By the way, Diane's 9 siblings, Al, Cindy, Danny, David, Fran, Larry, Marilyn, Reggie and Sonny are all doing fine. Geez, I wonder who does their tax returns ...

After graduating from MCI, *Buzz Belanger* served three years in the Army as an MP, stationed in Germany. In 1963, he returned to Pittsfield and worked as a meat cutter. Four years later, he moved to Hampden and became a meat manager for Hannaford Shop 'n Save. In 1973, he graduated from college with a degree in accounting. Buzz and *Carolyn Dutil* (Class of '64), have been married 42 years and have 2 sons. Dean is a paramedic, and Mark has a heavy metal band and works for Pella Windows. Buzz loves playing golf with friends in Hampden, especially with his best friend, *Dean Springer* (Class of '65). Buzz says: "I would love to see all my old friends. I don't care if you graduated from MCI, as long as we went to school together. Old friendships never come apart; time just gets in the way. We're not going to live forever, so let's get together for some laughs and fun talking over old times. Silver hair, no hair, and bulging bodies do not matter. Please come. We are all in the same boat. See you in August!"

I was so glad to reach *Jerry Finch* and find out what he's been up to. At MCI, Jerry a/k/a "Golden Toe Finch" #23, excelled in soccer. You can see him in full stride in the 1959 yearbook, watching *Darrel Brown* about to kick the ball, with *Don McDougal* closing in in the background. Jerry was also on the ski team with his classmates Charlie A and Dennis H. He liked being outdoors, which led him to be a Maine guide, taking



people down the Allagash River. After graduation, he and a friend decided to drive across country to Alaska, stopping along the way to get jobs to fund their "little" expedition, i.e., to keep them in gas and food. They roughed it at night sleeping in a tent. After this little jaunt, he joined the Air National Guard for 6 years. In his "humble" words, he said, "I did pretty good at the rifle range which put me in the front line in infantry, because they said I was a 'sharp shooter.' So much for excelling in something." Jerry graduated from Nichols College in Dudley, Mass. Forty-two years ago, he married Christine, and they raised a son and daughter, and have 4 grandchildren. Jerry has owned Finch & Co. Tree Experts, Inc. in Georgetown, CT for 40 years. That's what he's been up to most of his life, working and working. Finally, he's semi-retired, but he still doesn't have much time to himself. Jerry says, "I heard that Ray 'Diddo' Gagne passed away, and I was really sorry to hear that news, because all of you at MCI are like friends to me." Well, Jerry, Diddo was a great friend to all of us, and we sorely miss him. We also hope we see you again in August!

"50 years... no way! I can't believe we are now the class celebrating our 50th reunion from good ol' MCI." After that exclamation and, with a "little" prompting from "yours truly, Joan (formerly a Heffren girl) summed up the last century of her life in a nutshell. To begin, in 1961, Joan married Jay Slipp (Class of '55) and they raised their two boys in Aroostook County, returning to central Maine in 1980. Sadly, Jay passed away in 1996. In the fall of 2000, Joan reconnected with an old friend from Aroostook County, Arlo Bradstreet. Talk about a "shot gun wedding" ... Joan and Arlo were married in 2001. Joan retired from her job on a Friday, married Arlo on Saturday, and left for Alaska on Monday. After a few years of commuting back and forth, they now live happily on Unity Pond and, in Joan's understated words "I wake up every morning counting my many blessings for having had such a wonderful life, and am blessed with one lovely, little granddaughter who brings me great joy."

And, as understatement goes, she looks forward to seeing everyone at the BIG FIVE O!

Class Agent Martha (Menendez) Mourkas

### *Class of 1960*

Rachel Fields Fleming hasn't moved; her new address is a result of the 911 changes. Rachel worked the election polls this year, as did Corris Ann Dunton Richards, who lives in Mattawamkeag and has been the M. town clerk for years. Rachel says that she no longer has her garden and only has one animal - Chummy - who was Gardner's dog. Before he died, Gardner told Rachel that he did not want Chummy given away; therefore, Rachel says that she won't sell her house until Chummy dies. I said, "You mean, you'll wait for a dog to die before you move?!" She explained that she will rent when the time comes and that most places won't take dogs (No offense, Chummy). As for me, I doubt that my landlord would allow a skinny little goldfish.

Rachel makes whirlygigs (whatever they are...). She doesn't have time to read because she's so busy. She does have much more time for family now and was just able to spend time at a camp with Jan and Brent and families. Her grandson just landed a job with Carnival Cruise Lines and will be based in Puerto Rico. The most exciting aspect to the whole job thing is that after 4 months, family members can take a trip for only \$100!

Joan Basford Bradley is still into books. We had a very interesting conversation since we both love books, especially mysteries. Her granddaughter graduated from a school in Bowdoin and will be attending a small college in VT where she will study environmental science as she is very good in both science and math. Joan walks her dog and does cross-country skiing.

Natalie McGuire has moved back to Maine and works as an X-ray tech at Togus Veterans Hospital.

I talked to Alicia Moon, Colby's wife. Colby is actually in the class of 1961, but I thought I would include him here. They still do some trucking, but more locally, not long-distance. Colby has a motorcycle, and he and a buddy are about to take a trip.

Kathy said that she prays that I will eventually meet a multimillionaire who will take care of me. My automatic response was that I'd make him give it all away to poverty ... I cannot imagine being taken care of by anyone!

Oh, as for me, I took the French I and Italian I. However, I copped out and did not do the LA Marathon. I only completed 16.2 miles last year and felt like a failure. But, hey, I was not about to limp for the last 10+ miles - I was clutching one - ahem - side of me...

Take care; gee, this was fun - but I really am sad - the old nostalgia thing

Marilyn Nash

### *Class of 1961*

Class Agent : Linda Mercier Marson, 29 Duncan Road, Augusta Maine 04330  
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Well another year has come and gone. It won't be long before our 50<sup>th</sup>. It was great to hear from so many of you. Thanks for filling out the questionnaire.

Linda Brewster Rhuda writes that she lives in Wells, Maine. She does housekeeping in Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. Linda is busy doing scrapbooks for her three children Wendy, Scott and Troy. She has weekend custody of her two Springer Spaniels Molly and Brandy. In her spare time, she gardens, knits and crochets. Linda would love to hear from everyone.

Kathleen Dewey Derrick and husband David live in Guntersville, Alabama. She retired January 2006. She has one son, six grandchildren and 2 great grandsons. Her hobbies are bowling and her



grandchildren. Email kayd81@hotmail.com & kdderic@bellsouth.net.

*Louise Jones Martin* writes that she retired at 58, but still does private home care, after getting her CNA certificate in 1999. She has been widowed for 25 years and is always looking for a significant other. Louise has three children and five grandchildren. She enjoys going dancing every weekend, putting on Saturday suppers and keeping plants for the senior housing facility. Louise lives in Skowhegan and would love to hear from other classmates.

*Fredrick Allen* and wife Theresa have lived in Palmyra for 30 years. They have three children and three grandchildren. He retired on October 31, 2008 from CM Almy. He enjoys gardening, hunting and fishing. Fred plans to spend more time on his hobbies now that he is retired. He says hello to everyone and hope to see you at our 50<sup>th</sup>.

*Stanley Moore* and wife Sandra moved to Newport in July 2008, when he retired from McCain Foods after 31 years. He has three children and four grandchildren. Stanley has an accounting/computer degree from NMCC and UMPL. Stanley keeps in touch with *Richard Philbrick* who has retired and lives in Florida. He enjoys spending time on the computer, gardening, doing carpentry and taking road trips. Email stanmoore43@gmail.com.

*Rebecca Hunt McKenney* and husband John live on the Hill Road in Clinton. She retired from SAD #49 in 2003. She has two children and five grandchildren. She enjoys reading, attending country music shows, the Red Sox, friends and family. She enjoys going to the reunions and hopes to see everyone at our 50<sup>th</sup>.

*Carlene Greene Grant* and husband Denzil have lived in Detroit for 40 years. Carlene worked for Northeast Shoe and San Antonio Shoe for 43 years. She retired in 2004. She has two children *Rhonda Lister* '85 and *Nicole Degifico* '88 and 5 grandchildren. She enjoys traveling, playing cards, visiting with her family and

does a little knitting. Would love to hear from folks. Email dc-grant@verizon.net

*Jean "Gina" Cregnole Crangle* and husband Bill have lived in South Portland since 1970. She is in her 25<sup>th</sup> year as a registered nurse at the Maine Center for Cancer Medicine and for the past five years as the Safety coordinator also. Jean has two children, Angela a financial consultant in Boston and Chris in Albany NY, an engineer for Amtrak. Jean enjoys reading Stephen King novels, going to the gym, playing the piano, writing comical skits and playing cards with friends and family. Jean regrets missing our last big reunion, but plans to be at the 50<sup>th</sup>. Jean has had hip and knee replacement. She is our "Bionic Woman", so do not carry any magnets when you stand next to her at reunion. She hopes to see everyone there.

*Terry Chadbourne* and his wife Lois have lived in Rutland, Mass. for 35 years. Terry retired in 2005. He and Lois have three children and four grandchildren. Terry keeps busy playing golf and taking care of his lawn. He is also a full time handyman taking care of 5 homes. He and Lois enjoy their children and grandchildren and spend as much time as possible with them. Terry doesn't get to Pittsfield very often now that his parents have passed away, but is looking forward to attending our 50<sup>th</sup> and see many old friends.

*Patty Wright Pellegrino* and husband Rick live in Pittsfield and have most of their married life. She and Rick celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary not long ago. Although they have no children, they are very active in the Humane Society and have several rescued dogs and cats. She and Rick lead a quiet low profile life occupied with properties, pets, friends, family gardening and travel. Patty enjoys winter crafts. Patty sees some of the local classmates and is looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2011.

*Mary Burke Turner* and husband John spend 4 months on the lake in Newport during the summer and the rest of the year in Naples, Florida. Mary enjoys her retirement from SAD #48. Mary

enjoys traveling and hopes to go back to England, France, and Ireland. Mary spends her spare time canoeing, kayaking, traveling, going to plays, walking the beach, knitting and finding homes for lost and abandoned kittens. So, if you should see Mary kayaking down the Colorado River, buying play tickets in Time Square, walking the beach in Naples, taking a buggy ride in Montreal, or behind the counter at Rite Aid, be sure and stop by and say hello.

*Joyce Moody Palmer* writes that she and husband Elwood live in Skowhegan and celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary in November. Joyce is a 6 year cancer survivor and is very thankful. She enjoys reading, sewing, knitting, gardening and doing craft fairs. Joyce is very active in her church.

*Anne Dobson* leads a very busy semi-retirement life. Not only is she busy with her grandchildren, she is preparing a history of Saco churches with fellow Pittsfield girl *Sally Sinclair Huot*. Anne is doing some vocational rehabilitation consulting and working at the UNE School of Osteopathic Medicine as a standardized patient. In her spare time she enjoys kayaking, water coloring, performing with a one act play group and providing several volunteer services in her community. Anne plans to be at our 50<sup>th</sup> and hopes to see many old friends.

*Evelyn Maloon Braley* has lived in Newport for the past 31 years. She officially retired in 2005 but still works 1 – 2 days per week at Bear's One Stop in Newport. She has been happily married to Harry Braley for 30 years and has three children, six terrific grandchildren and two great granddaughters on the way. She enjoys traveling winters and spending summers at their camp on Morrill Pond and very much enjoys spending time with friends and family. Evelyn says hello to *Delores Lancaster*, *Patty Wright*, *Carlene Grant* and *Bonnie Vigue* and mentioned that she misses *Judy Gerald* very much as she was truly a good friend.



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about all of our other classmates. Would be great to go back home for our 50th. I knew *Janet Cooley* from church as well as school and would love to know how she is doing and what she is doing. To everyone I send my very best for life's very best. I would love to see you all.

*Bill Ball:* It sure was great of you and Marcia to push to organize the gathering at Pizza Hut during the reunion. I have never been a big fan of reunion. I am in meetings all the time at MCI so it never seemed like a high priority. And I am way too young to be having a 50th anniversary. But, I was amazed how much fun it was to see some people I had not seen in 45 years and some that I see quite regularly. It was a lot of fun and for that I thank you. Now it seems a good time to step up and do something special. My idea is for you and Marcia to organize a big party to be held at my farm in Palmyra during reunion for our 50th.

*Carol (Coffin) Tibbetts:* Sorry I missed the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Had been thinking about attending - then as the time came near found myself in the middle of a move from Millinocket to Thorndike. Doesn't seem possible 45 years has passed. After moving around the country for several years I settled in Millinocket in 1971. For the next 37 years I enjoyed a full and rewarding life there. I had a career at the local hospital where I managed an off-site wellness facility for several years and then took the position of Public Relations and Marketing Director. Rotary is a very important part of my life and I have held several offices on the local level and am now chairperson of polio for Maine in my district. My husband, Budd, and I are now retired and enjoying this new phase of life and our new home in Thorndike. I look forward to attending future reunions and catching up with "old" classmates. Would love to hear from anyone at [thefarm@uninets.net](mailto:thefarm@uninets.net).

*Skip Ettinger:* I really enjoyed our get together and I hope that we all will try and contact as many of our classmates so that we can plan ahead for our 50th year reunion and make it the most attended and

successful one to date. I am still working my contract with the Army at Fort Lewis Washington and also teaching Traditional Okinawan Karate-do (see picture) and teaching Combatives for the Army. Please let everyone know that if they are ever in the Washington State area I would love for them to visit me.



*Allen Dyer:* My dreams of spending more time in Maine (? in retirement) keep getting postponed. This year I did get to Maine twice in August, the reunion weekend and family vacation on Lake Sebasticook the week following. It was great to see everyone who came, to remember our lives so long ago for better or worse. And it would have been nice to see others, perhaps next time. I am more and more getting drawn into issues of global mental health, some of it quite ordinary mental health training in extraordinary settings. And some of the assignments are truly extraordinary. Since I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 1998 and received a bone marrow transplant, I have had incredible invitations to lecture around the globe. This year in particular involved travel to Rwanda (and Kenya and Congo) as leader of a People to People delegation to study the genocide and Rwanda's amazing transformation. Then back to Iraq again (Kurdistan, my second trip) for psychiatry training through an organization called Medical Assistance to Iraq, which does continuing medical education in a number of specialties. While I was in Maine in August I was putting together a mental health training program to deal with the Sichuan earthquake. I had lectured in Chengdu in 2005 and had been doing some training via Skype, and was asked to come back in response to the earthquake.

I wasn't sure a few more lectures would be helpful, but was able to enlist some people from Bangalore, who had organized training programs for the tsunami in 2004 and subsequently. A group of us from the US, China, and India put on a community training program at the medical school in Chengdu and several of the disaster villages and in Shanghai. It turned out to be a pretty amazing experience. We reached 15,000 people by telemedicine. Everything is on such a massive scale in China. I am about to go back to Iraq, Baghdad this time, to meet with the Minister of Health and the Health Attaché and a small group of 6-8 people they have put together to develop a mental health strategy for the country. "What Iraq needs now is a humanitarian surge." This effort is a part of a (largely Iraqi) effort to begin to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Then in November our team will be back in Baghdad for the third training program for Iraqi psychiatrists and mental health professionals, with a planning meeting in Leicester for Iraqi-British ex-pats (externally displaced persons) and another training program in Amman, Jordan, for psychiatrists who have been forced to leave the country. The pace is a bit dizzying even for me, but in between these trips are the stabilizing moments of being with family and colleagues at East Tennessee State University, where I teach in the medical school and the especially great family times, when we get to be with our kids and our grandchildren. That's the best. Sue and I are looking forward to family times over the holidays, and to celebrating our 40th anniversary next spring.

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As for me, *Janet (Viger) Bryant*, I have been retired for almost five years after teaching high school math (surprise, surprise) for over 25 years. My husband, Tom, of 40 plus years is still working full-time so I spend my time golfing in



the summer, quilting in the winter, and tutoring during the school year. I have one son, Paul, who is currently enrolled in the University of Alabama working on his PhD in Marketing and hoping to teach at the college level when he is finished. I still spend a lot of time in the Pittsfield area visiting my family and enjoying our cottage at the lake. One of the highlights of this past summer was when Marcia and I went out to lunch with *Anne (Witham) Jenkins* in Rockland. It was great fun catching up on all that she has been doing since we graduated from the University of Maine. Like Marcia, I hope more of our classmates will be able to attend the 50th reunion.

**Remember to set aside the first week in August 2013 for our 50th reunion. That's less than 5 short years away.**

Wayne Pinkham, Class Agent  
Submitted by Janet (Viger) Bryant

#### *Class of 1964*

*Bob Menucci* won the award for Top Sales and Marketing Professional at Brookline Furniture Corporation. This is the fourth time he has received this award in his 36-year career.

The Maine Business School recently named one of Maine's top business advocates, Cianbro president, chair and CEO *Peter Vigue*, as the recipient of its 2009 Achievement in Business Award. Criteria for the Achievement in Business award includes achievement in a field of endeavor, demonstration of leadership, service to UMaine and its business school, service to community and career development, and a commitment and demonstration of life-long learning.

*Ken Stockwell* retired from teaching at the Bellows Free Academy in 1999. He is still working for the US Customs and Immigration Service as part of the Department of Homeland Security. He has been married to Maggie for 40 years and has one granddaughter and another grandchild on the way.

Captain *Jeffrey Hathorn* has retired from US Airways but is still flying, fishing and skiing. He has been married for 32 years. Jeff and the Mrs. have two sons. The oldest is a Navy pilot and the youngest is starting flight training in January to become an airline pilot. (Wonder where the sons got this, Jeff?). Jeff wishes his MCI classmates health, happiness and good companions.

*Crystal Hunt Cyr* has been a rural letter carrier in Augusta for several years and is now three years away from retirement. She has been married to Arthur for 44 years and has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She plans on attending Reunion and hopes to see everyone there.

*Linda Tozier Dean* has been working at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor in the Infusion Therapy Clinic for the past 8 years. She has been enjoying a couple free moments camping with Miss Keli and Miss Kitty, her camping pet pals.

*Dorothy Creasy Ackerman* is still very hard at work. She is going to watch her two very talented granddaughters, Sarah and Lynn Dee Ann in school shows.

*Ralph and Roberta Damren* send you all Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year. Ralph is still the president of the MCI Alumni Association.

*Pat Elkins Pratt* is back in warm, sunny Florida and is doing great. She and her husband have been married for 43 years. They are busy enjoying their travels and the Sunshine State.

*Ted Grant* is still in Cocoa, FL working on ships, boats and other things that float on water.

*Richard Howe* went to Tennessee this summer for his son's wedding (great pictures!). Richard is still volunteering for KVCAP six or more days a week. One busy man!

*George Kennedy* moved to Tennessee and is planning on marrying one very special

lady named Madonna in about a month. On behalf of the class, I wish them the best. George said that hopefully he and Madonna will be back to visit for our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

*Donna Brooks Rolfe* is still working. She is very proud of her grandchildren and hopes to see you all at the 45<sup>th</sup>!

*Ronald Cookson* hopes to get his greenhouse up and running for spring. He is really getting to be a good gardener.

*Marlene Hunt Ward* plans to go on a cruise as soon as her husband, Arthur, returns from his second tour in Iraq. Marlene went to school in New York City to become a medical assistant. She then went back to college for medical technology. She worked for 39 years in the lab at EMMC but is now retired and doing volunteer work. She would love to see you all and hear music from the sixties at Reunion. We all hope that Arthur and Marlene will be able to dance at the 45<sup>th</sup>!

*Charlie and Rae Philbrick*, who have been married for 41 years, had a chance to take a dream trip to Alaska for three and a half weeks this past summer. Charlie retired after years of hard work for the railroad. They now winter in Florida.

*Tom Smith* sends a big "hi" to everyone. He's not sure if he will be able to attend the 45<sup>th</sup>, but wishes you all his best. Tom and wife, Connie, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a cruise on the Baltic Sea. It was their fifth cruise. Tom retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. He keeps busy with his four grandchildren and working as a part-time bookkeeper. Remember that you and Connie are welcome to cruise up to Pittsfield for the 45<sup>th</sup>, Tom!

*Joan Van Derveer Gould* is still busy with her nursing career and has two handsome grandsons.

*Barbara Vigue Day* is still working as an RNBC case manager. She has a free children's school gardening program. She has about 80 to 90 kids in the program and also was able to help get 107 gifts for



children for the holidays.

I want to give a special thanks to folks who dropped me a line and/or sent me information. Please give me a call-- I want to hear from you!

Barbara Vigue Day  
Class Agent

### Class of 1966

Greetings from sunny Tucson! This is the first year I've been able to come out here in mid-September. Am planning to stay through mid-May, when I'll return to Camden, Maine, for the summer. Maine winters are way too long for me now, and I'm thrilled to be able to take my leave of them! Now that I've retired from music teaching, I am able to spend lots of time on my passion, arranging barbershop music, and I'm currently developing a web site for same. I sing in the Tucson chorus, which is the current regional champion in Sweet Adelines, and we're going to Nashville to compete internationally this coming fall. I'm also having lots of fun in my barbershop quartet.

After 19 years of being single, *Linda Abbott Leighton* says she finally tied the knot and became "Mrs. Tony Morgan." Tony is a commercial builder, a native of New Zealand and one of the few full-blooded Maoris left in the world. With Linda's 8 children and Tony's 3, they have a whopping total of 11 kids! They reside in Flowery Branch, Georgia.

*Vicki Boetsch Harriman* writes that she is no longer working at Maine General Hospital in Augusta, but is now at Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport. She works on a medical, surgical and pediatric unit as a staff nurse. This makes a huge difference in commuting, as PenBay is much closer to the farm than the Augusta hospital was.

*Kathy Sweet Waugh* likes her job in Augusta as outpatient therapist and part-time mental health consultant for a family practice physician residency program. She says she's blessed with a wonderful

husband and 3 grandchildren - courtesy of daughters Amy and Jessica. She's been feeding two deer in her back yard for winter entertainment and says she had a lovely time swimming and visiting classmates at Anna's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party. You should have seen the outhouse! She wishes it were easier to visit with old friends who are missed.

*Dalen Mills* writes that it's pretty cool being a grandfather for the first time: Edmund William Kelley of Southwest Harbor was born on March 30th to his daughter, Danielle, and his son-in-law, Bill.

Dalen and I saw each other this past summer at *Norby and Chris Young's* home in Bass Harbor, close to Dalen's place in Southwest Harbor, when Norby and Chris hosted a reception for MCI's new Headmaster and his family. A grand time was had by all!

Stay in touch!  
Anna Maria Parker  
Class Agent '66

Just wanted to let you know that *Jerry Phillips* passed away on March, 15, 2008 of esophageal cancer, in Rochester, NY. Jerry was survived by his daughter, JoAnna Phillips of Portland, OR, his father Everett Phillips, and sister Nancy Perno of Fairport, NY, and myself, Betsy Phillips, his wife of 35 years. After leaving MCI, Jerry briefly attended Boston University but left during freshman year. In his late 30's, he returned to school at Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY, where he earned an Associates Degree. He then earned his Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Rochester. Jerry had many friends and is loved and remembered for his wit and humor, and his storytelling. Sorry for the sad news,  
Sincerely,  
Betsy Phillips

### Class of 1968

A few members of the MCI class of 1968 gathered at the reunion this past August. Several of us stopped into Parks



Gymnasium to peruse the old scrapbooks and look at a few photos that were on display. After catching up with each other a little, we headed over to the luncheon in the new dining room in Rowe Hall. Many traveled a very long distance to celebrate the day; *Lolly Susi* from London, *Pat Patterson* from Texas, *Martha Young Worley* from the great Northwest, and *Cindy Jones Hinckley* from Colorado. Others from not quite as far included *Jean Hammond Watts*, *Cheryl Foster Duplessis*, *Kathy Starbird Warburg*, *Dorothy Webber*, *Becky Huff*, *Eric Cianchette*, *Don McCrillis* and *Sharon Hanson Ringuette*. After lunch, we headed for Unity Pond where we were welcomed at the camp of Rose Ann and Ellery Hathorn whose hospitality is always greatly appreciated. There we were greeted by *Hans Fletcher*, *Steve* and *Dora Miles* and *Mary Ann Tilton*. We also enjoyed the company of *Erica Susi '67* who spent the day and evening with us as well. Ellery and Paul Warburg took us all out on their party barges for a fun, leisurely tour around the lake after which we enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs and assorted munchies and goodies. We laughed and reminisced and took a few photos before several of us headed for the Putter at the golf course to listen to *Leon Southard '64*. There another classmate, *David Temple*, joined us and we shared a few more stories and laughs before parting ways. For those of you who were not able to join us last summer, we hope to see you the next time. If you have some news to share, please send it along to MCI as I will no longer be serving as your class agent. My thanks to those of you who have kept in touch and my best wishes to all for a healthy, happy



and prosperous year.

Sharon Hanson Ringuette  
Class Agent

### *Class of 1969*

I would like the members of my class to "Save the Date" for August 1st to attend a gathering at a yet to be determined location. It sure would be nice to see all those folks who meant so much to so many of us back then and reconnect. We have all had our trials and tribulations over the years and have, hopefully, come thru them as both stronger and wiser individuals. Please consider joining those of us who have made the trek back to MCI over the years, as we "boomers" still and always will have that 18 year old spirit. Let's make it a record class number attending this year's luncheon and festivities. I look forward to seeing all of you Reunion weekend!  
Dianne (Debby) Whitney

### *Class of 1973*

Thomas Jackson e-mailed: I just wanted to say hello to the entire MCI family. I am proud to say, my daughter Brittney, a sophomore at Columbia HS in Maplewood NJ won the New Jersey State Championship in the High Jump this spring, and was selected as a "Tomorrow's Newsmaker" by the New York Post newspaper and 1010 WINS radio.

### *Class of 1976*

Dear Classmates,  
As I write these few lines the Holiday Season is just about on us. We've had roller coaster temps. up here in Pittsfield. Just for an example, on 12-15-08 we set a new high Temp. record of 52° beating by 1 degree the old mark of 51° from about 1955. Today, 12-16-08 its 31°F and a light wind blowing. Not much snow on the ground here in Pittsfield (Which suits me just fine as I prefer sun & 80 degrees!).

On to class news: during the recent Nov. election I saw some of you that live in Pittsfield & did say hi. I talked to *Debbie*

*Leghton Neal* & she's going back to school to learn to be a med tech. I saw in the Rolling Thunder Newspaper that *John Hikel* has joined the Political area & is now Rep. Hikel in the N.H. legislature. Good Luck, Big John, I'll be listening for your name on the New England Cable News out of Beantown, Mass.

As for me, I'm getting around with a cane these days due to the knee injury I suffered years ago. It doesn't stop me from using the bike, but I do find that the knee has a tendency to collapse at times when its not convenient for it to do so. I look forward to seeing more of you that live in town when I work the polls again in June '09 for the school budget vote. I hope you all have a great year in this our 33rd yr. away from MCI.

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### *Class of 1980*

Happy New Year! I hope to find everyone is doing well. Hard to believe it will be 30 years next year since graduation. Reunion will be the first Saturday of August. I am planning on pulling that together next year. I will look into where to have the reunion. I am considering my camp in Embden. If anyone has any other preference please let me know. I welcome any ideas you have.

I had a busy year. I changed jobs three times this past year. Totaled my car during a storm and learned if you take out a telephone pole, you pay for it. My youngest son graduated and has gone off to college at Orono, Maine and is doing track. I have the empty nest syndrome. It certainly was a learning year in many ways, but it was a great year. I am now working at New Horizons in Madison which is affiliated with Inland Hospital in Waterville, Maine. I start my seasonal job in January at H & R Block. I do photography as a hobby. I did my son's (Nick, 19 yrs old) senior pictures and

a few of his friends. I've done a few weddings also. My oldest son (Chris, 24 yrs old) is living in Boulder, Colorado. He has been cooking at seasonal clubs and making music on his turntables with friends. He goes snowboarding whenever possible. I and my husband Carl are looking forward to going camp more often.

*Mark Luce* had an article in the Life flight 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration insert in the *Morning Sentinel* newspaper. He talked about the events of his close call to losing his arm on a saw mill blade at Maine Fence in Pittsfield in 2004. In the article the doctors believed he would eventually gain 60 to 80 percent function in his arm. Mark did an amazing job staying calm during his life threatening situation. Glad you're well and wish for your continued improvement.

*Regina Foltz-Folsom Minnick* lives in the great northern part of Michigan that they call the Upper Peninsula (god's country). She's still busy with her sewing and enjoying being a grandma. Both of her children are happily married now. She would love to hear from more friends, her e-mail is momminnick2@yahoo.com.

*Terry Marks* emailed me to say that he and his wife Tina have been married 25 years this November. Their daughter Bethany is in her third year of college at Husson College. She's studying biology. Their son Terry is a sophomore in high school. Feel free to contact me.

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### *Class of 1981*

Hi all! I found a list of email addresses that I wrote down at our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion and sent out a hello. I am so happy that I heard back from some of our classmates! Please send me an email with your news



for next time.

*Nancie Breau McLeod* writes that she is a busy single mom of a 10 year-old. Her son Curtis plays all seasonal sports, they attend MCI football and basketball games, and are strongly involved in Cub Scouts. Nancie has been working at Cianbro Fabrication and Coating for 7 years as a Document Control Specialist. Nancie purchased a house in Pittsfield and she says, "Life couldn't be better for me right now. I would love to hear from everyone."

*Melodie Leighton* has been single for 7 years and has two wonderful boys, Joshua, a senior and valedictorian of his class (so far) and Matthew 6th grade. Melodie bought a house a year ago in Dexter right beside Noah's Landing Restaurant. She has worked full time at True Value in Dexter for 20 years and has a part time job at an antique store in town. Melodie says she is, "living life to its fullest! and would like to be in contact with old friends."

*Susie Reynolds Furrow* is currently working as a Psychology, Human Development and Health Teacher at MCI. This past fall Susie was a co-chair for MCI's Wood for the Neighborhood Project. The group cut and delivered over 45 cords to local families who needed assistance with home heating. Susie and Glen have two boys. The oldest lives in Rhode Island and works for Cianbro. The youngest is a sophomore at Husson University. Susie and Glen recently celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. Susie is currently in graduate school and will graduate in August 2009. Congratulations!

*Jill Rowe* is living in Tennessee and loves it there in the mountains. She works for a hospital in the billing office and was surprised when Nancie forwarded my email to her. As she said, "I thought about you many times over the years."

Isn't that the way it is for all of us? Maybe our kids are in high school and we re-live our MCI adventures – or it's the holidays and we think back to our Pittsfield-

Burnham-Detroit days. Please send me a note. It's time to connect with old friends again.

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### *Class of 1983*

*Elissa Turner Nelson* was married September 1, 2007 to Randall Nelson and now resides in Fairfield, ME. They became grandparents on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and again on October 5<sup>th</sup>. She has been working in the construction field since 1999, currently working with FRP protection. They are working on an addition to their home and looking forward to the warm seasons.

### *Class of 1984*

*Mike Dow*, Tilson Technology Management's Founder and Principal Consultant, has been chosen by the publication *Mainebiz* as the 2009 Small Business Leader of the year.

*Teressa Corson*: I'm living in Concord, NH with my partner, Troy, his 2 kids and our beloved Aussie, Trixie. I'm working for the state of NH as an IT Geek, uh, I mean, Network Engineer. I'm excited about the upcoming 25th reunion and hope that everyone will make their best effort to be there, especially those who have disappeared off the radar since high school! Would love to reconnect with anyone who wants to look me up on my brand new Facebook account (thanks, Tracy G., for introducing me to Facebook).

*Troy Preble*: I'm currently living in Hampton, NH, and work as the Director of Enterprise IT Operations for Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates in Gloucester, MA. I am responsible for the global information technology functions for the company, and I've been very fortunate that my job has given me the opportunity to travel throughout Europe and Asia. I just got married on June 23rd

of this year in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, to my wife Gina, and my family was able to join us there to celebrate. My daughter, Leah, is 17 now (ouch) and a junior in high school, and we are starting to look at colleges. She was named to All-State in volleyball this year, and is hoping to pursue this further in college.

*Bonnie (Chadwick) Delcourt*: Things here in Portsmouth, NH are wonderful! I've been married to Dave for 19 years and he has a wonderful job! My daughter is attending New England Culinary Institute... she is doing fantastic. I am back in school for school for Massage Therapy (I got tired of being a secretary) and I love it. It's great because I get 2 massages a week :) We've been doing some traveling, gone to Hawaii, California, North Carolina and recently I won some money in Vegas... in February we're going the Mayan ruins so I'm brushing up on my Spanish. It should be FUN! I go to Star Trek conventions and powwows during the summer. I enjoy playing Lord of the Rings Online and Star Wars Galaxies. I also learned how to play golf this summer! My mom and dad are doing great. Our house is now a bed and breakfast in case anyone needs a place to stay in P-town. Can't wait to see everyone at the reunion this summer!

*Daniel Woodruff*: Dan is living in Western Michigan and working for Progressive Insurance. Wishing he was back in Maine!

*Lisa (Desjardins) Williams*: Lisa is living in the Richmond, VA area. She writes "I have been a southern gal since about 1991, and lived in Virginia Beach for 12 years. I worked for three different non-profits (Seton House, Red Cross and Tidewater Jewish Foundation) while I was there in accounting. While working for Seton House, we started up a bingo game as a fundraiser. I volunteer for the Red Cross bingo game and ended up running it for 10 years! Which is how I ended up in my current job-- working for Atlantic Bingo Supply. I have been there for five years now, and travel to all our locations (we are in 8 states). My husband and I



lived in Maryland for about three years (working at our main office), and moved back to VA about a year and a half ago. My husband has a daughter from an early marriage (he was 18!); and I am actually a step-grandma!"

*Charlie King:* My wife Sue & I just celebrated our 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on November 21 and live in Burnham, ME. I do construction work, haul wood and plow the Town of Burnham roads for my brother, King's Trucking. I am Asst Fire Chief for the Town of Burnham and Master of Star in the West #85 Masonic Lodge for the 6th year. My wife Sue is a Team lead for Fairpoint Communications. We have 2 sons, Chad, 20 and Kyle, 19. Chad works for the State of ME, DOT in Fairfield and Kyle works for Cianbro in Pittsfield as an Equipment operator in the steel yard.

*Tracy Goodridge:* I'm living in Clifton, ME. My partner, Kelly, and I are the proud parents of Kane who was born in January 2008. The adoption was finalized on March 18, 2009. I am working at Community Health and Counseling Services in Bangor as Quality Improvement Coordinator. I have set up a Facebook group (MCI Class of 1984) as an online place for us to gather and share memories, get reacquainted and toss around ideas for our 25th Reunion. Facebook has been a great way to reconnect with folks, including alumni from other classes - come check it out!

*Cheryl Grant Breslin:* Cheryl is living in Brunswick and working as a traveling respiratory therapist.

*Lisa Rowe Genet* is living in Naples, FL and is a licensed community association manager. Lisa has a son and daughter.

*Eric Thompson* is living in South Windsor, CT with his wife Julie, daughter Emily and son Benjamin. In 2008, he and a partner started the Blue Back Group, an employee benefits consulting firm.

*Susan Ross McFarlin* and *Danny McFarlin* are living in Searsport and will be celebrating their 25th this year as well!

They have two adult children, Josh, 23 and Jen, 21.

*Tonia Walker* is living in Knox. She has two children, a daughter heading off to college in the fall and a son.

The Class of '84 Facebook page has grown to 24 classmates. There are also quite a few Class of '85'ers on there and a smattering of others!

Have also had contact with several of our former teachers who are also looking forward to seeing us during Reunion weekend....*John Slagle, Wayne Stilphen* to name a couple.

In the meantime, there are three of us working on the class list to get correct addresses, find those lost alum, etc...!

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### *Class of 1988*

Well, it's been 20 years! I was absolutely thrilled to see all of you who made it home! I haven't laughed that hard since 12<sup>th</sup> grade! I will say I had all those butterflies in my stomach about seeing everyone .. you know the ones that say, geez you should have lost a few pounds or got a better job or a nicer car before seeing everyone! But, as usual, as soon as I saw everyone I realized none of that mattered. A big thank you to *Larissa (Vigue)* for inviting everyone to her camp to get together. We had a good time playing "Where is ?" And how do we find them? I got a lot of good leads and am planning on putting them to good use to find everyone! I would like to have a 25<sup>th</sup> with all of us there, and hope you all want to come. I think I will start early and make a list of addresses and phone numbers so that no one is left out. And believe me, if you were unable to come to the reunion weekend, you were sorely missed and brought up in conversation as

to where you may be and how do we find you. Feel free to contact me anytime by e-mail, phone or mail, and fill me in on how you are and where you are so I can get you on the list for the next reunion. I am looking forward to creating a special reunion for our 25<sup>th</sup> and welcome any and all suggestions!

*Larissa* has moved back to Maine after 15 years in Vermont. She and her family - husband Curtis, who is the head of the Maine Merchants Association - and son Nicholas, age 4, have settled in Topsham. Larissa is a consultant for the Maine and Vermont Humanities Councils and enjoys Red Sox games, cooking, and writing in her spare time.

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### *Class of 1996 and 1998*

Congratulations to *Steve Dunphy '96* and *Maghan Jones '98*, who are planning a September 2009 wedding! Steve is employed by General Courier in South Portland as a supervisor/dispatcher, and Maghan is taking classes at University of Southern Maine and plans to enter nursing school in fall 2009.

### *Class of 1999*

Congratulations to *Shane Ross*, who graduated from the Maine State Police Criminal Justice Academy in December!

### *Class of 2002*

*Jonathan Volpi* writes: In May 2008 I graduated with my Masters Degree in Higher Education. After attending the NASPA Convention for Student Affairs Professionals in Boston this past March, I had the opportunity to meet with many professionals in higher Ed and started my professional job search. This past Spring I had the opportunity to travel all over the US for interviews at many different institutions, and finally in April, landed a dream job. On June 30, 2008 I began my career as a Resident Director at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. Lynn is a small school with only about 1,000 students living on campus and to top it off



they have a flight school! As you know, it has always been my dream to learn how to fly and starting next year, I hope to take advantage of the benefit of tuition remission for employees and take some classes toward my private pilot's license! I am very excited to start my career. The pay and benefits are outstanding and best of all I get to live in Boca Raton, FL! In 2000 when I first started at MCI, I never thought that I would have a Masters Degree; I honestly never thought I would make it to college, period, because of my grades. Thanks to MCI I was able to have a second chance and learn the essential skills needed to study and succeed. Once again, I still often refer back to MCI and all of the great skills that I learned while living and learning there.

#### *Class of 2005*

Whitney Brynne Hammond died in Hampden as the result of an automobile accident on Friday, July 18, 2008. She was born July 1, 1986 in Rockport. Whitney was the beloved daughter of James and Donna Hammond of Pittsfield. Whitney, a beautiful sparkling light, was a hair stylist who studied at the Paul Mitchell School in Florida. She had a gift for making people feel beautiful.

Whitney was wildly generous and had an especially tender heart. She loved animals, especially her dog, Byron, elderly people, Lifetime TV, cuddling on the couch and most of all – her family. She is survived, in addition to her parents, by her adoring brothers, Aaron Rosen and Ross Hammond, and her many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Her grandparents are Burton and Barbara Hammond of Pittsfield and Dr. Malcolm and the late Doris Peckham of Freeville, NY. A memorial scholarship has been established in her name at MCI, and will be awarded beginning with graduation 2009.

#### *Class of 2008*

Jordan Paradis writes "This year was the best year ever! I was the first in my family to graduate from MCI, and I loved getting to know everyone."

## Capital Campaign Complete

MCI's Office of Institutional Advancement announces the successful completion of "Ensuring MCI's Future," the capital campaign that began in 2005. The goal of the campaign was to raise 2.5 million dollars to fund additions and renovations to the Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center.

"We are delighted to say that we exceeded our goal," says Todd Nadeau, MCI's Dean for Institutional Advancement. "We added seating for 150 in the Savage Family Dining Commons and completely renovated the kitchen and pantry areas. The total capacity is now 250, which allows us to host alumni reunions, auctions, and other school functions in a venue that is more appropriate than the gymnasium. We also added a student lounge, a recreation room, and a 40+ seat conference room. We are very fortunate to have received the tremendous generosity from our loyal alumni and friends that made this project possible," added Nadeau.

More than 175 donors contributed to the capital campaign. Work on the Student Center is now complete.



BLAINE KIRK LITTLEFIELD '99  
SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIAL WALK  
AUGUST 1, 2009 AT 10 A.M. AT THE MCI FOOTBALL FIELD

Blaine Littlefield '99 (1981 – 2003)  
Son of Craig '77 and Sherry Mayhew Littlefield '79

Please join us on the Saturday morning of Reunion weekend for a 3-mile fun walk to raise money for Blaine's scholarship. It will be a great time to share memories, collect pledges, and make donations.

Donations can be made online at [www.mci-school.org/give](http://www.mci-school.org/give) (click on the "Support MCI" button and make sure to fill out the field restricting your gift to the Blaine Littlefield Scholarship) or by contacting Blaine's family. Checks should be made payable to MCI (Blaine Littlefield Scholarship).

Contact Information: Jennifer Voter Beane '97, Director of Alumni Affairs (207-487-5915) or [jbeane@mci-school.org](mailto:jbeane@mci-school.org) or The Littlefields (207-948-3629) or [teacherinthemiddle@yahoo.com](mailto:teacherinthemiddle@yahoo.com)



The Alumni/ae Office has been notified of the passing of these members of the MCI Family:

Joseph Madden '30, Meda Sanborn Libby '33, Josephine Hilliker Smith '34, Dorothy C. Phillips '36, Roosevelt T. Susi '38, Ervena Frederick Belcher '39, Burton G. Hammond '41, Carl R. Wright '43, Basil C. Heffren '46, Richard A. Tibbetts '47, Colleen McLaggan Hobbs '48, Norman Roy '49, Raymond E. Buxton '50, Laurence C. Springer '51, Sonia Call Bartlett '55, Dale W. Springer '55, Roy A. Pomeroy '58, Douglas L. Smith '62, Wayne M. Brewer '64, Jerry D. Phillips '66, Guy N. Patterson '70, Michael Snowman '78, Myrtie Farrin, Yvonne Porter, Anna G. Griffin

Our deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of those who have passed on.

The Alumni/ae Affairs Office tries its very best to accurately record the names of alumni/ae and friends who have passed away. Please contact our office at (207) 487-5915 about the passing of alumni/ae or friends of MCI, particularly those which occur outside our local news area.

### **In Memoriam Carl Wright '43**



A long-time supporter of MCI, a member of the Board of Trustees, founder of the Wright Scholarship Fund, and namesake of the Wright Gymnasium, Carl Wright '43 passed away on December 5, 2008 in the company of his family. Carl was 83.

After overcoming polio as a child, Carl grew to be an accomplished athlete, lettering in baseball both at MCI and at Colby College. He was also involved in debate, drama, rhetoric, Hi-Y, and orchestra during his school days. He attended law school at Boston University and was a famously effective Skowhegan attorney who tried thousands of cases throughout central Maine. Carl was involved in countless civic affairs and youth sports organizations and was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999.

He leaves his wife, Rita E. Wright, two adult children and their mother, his first wife, Barbara Harthorn of Skowhegan. He leaves a daughter, Terry Lynne Watson and her companion, Loren Walker Jr., of Madison; and a son, Randy Brent Wright and his companion, Julie Myers, and her son, Alex, of Cornville. He had three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Through the initiative of MCI's Board of Trustees, an endowment has been established in Carl Wright's name. For more information, call (207) 487-5915 or visit [www.mci-school.com/give](http://www.mci-school.com/give)

### **In Memoriam Sonia Call Bartlett '55**



Sonia R. (Call) Bartlett, 72, died April 13, 2009, at her residence. She was born March 2, 1937, in Pittsfield, the daughter of Aubrey B. and Barbara F. Call.

Sonia graduated from MCI in 1955 and Webber College in 1957. She married N. Blake Bartlett, a member of the MCI faculty, on June 13,

1959. In 1972 Sonia and Blake purchased E. D. Call & Son Memorials, which they operated along with managing Pittsfield Village Cemeteries until their retirement in 2002. Along with raising three children, Sonia was an active member in Pittsfield Athenaeum Club, Arts Club, Sebasticook Valley Hospital Auxiliary and the Universalist Church Women's Club. She served as a troop counselor for the Girl Scouts of America program in Pittsfield.

Sonia is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Blake, a member of MCI's Board of Trustees; their daughter Shanna and her husband, Brian Ferri, of Hernando, Miss.; their son Aaron and his wife, Wendy; her two grandchildren, Riley and Brynna, of Olive Branch, Miss.; and their son Jason and his wife, Angela, of Pittston.

At Sonia's request, a scholarship has been established in her name with the Bossov Ballet Theatre. For more information, please call (207) 487-6360.



# *MCI Through the Years*

## 15th Annual Auction

Friday, June 19, 2009 • 5:30 p.m.  
Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center

\$20 per person / \$35 per couple

Cash bar

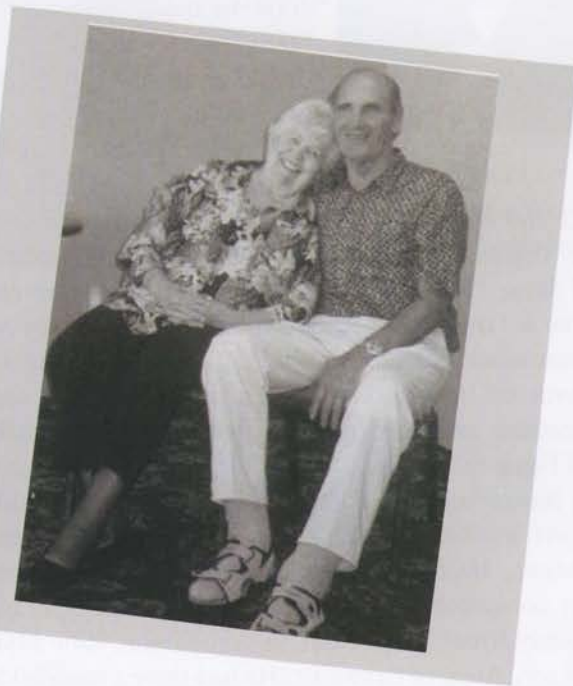
Fee includes admission, hors d'oeuvres  
and entry into door prize drawing

### Schedule:

5:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Registration

6:00—7:00 p.m. Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. Live auction with basket raffles



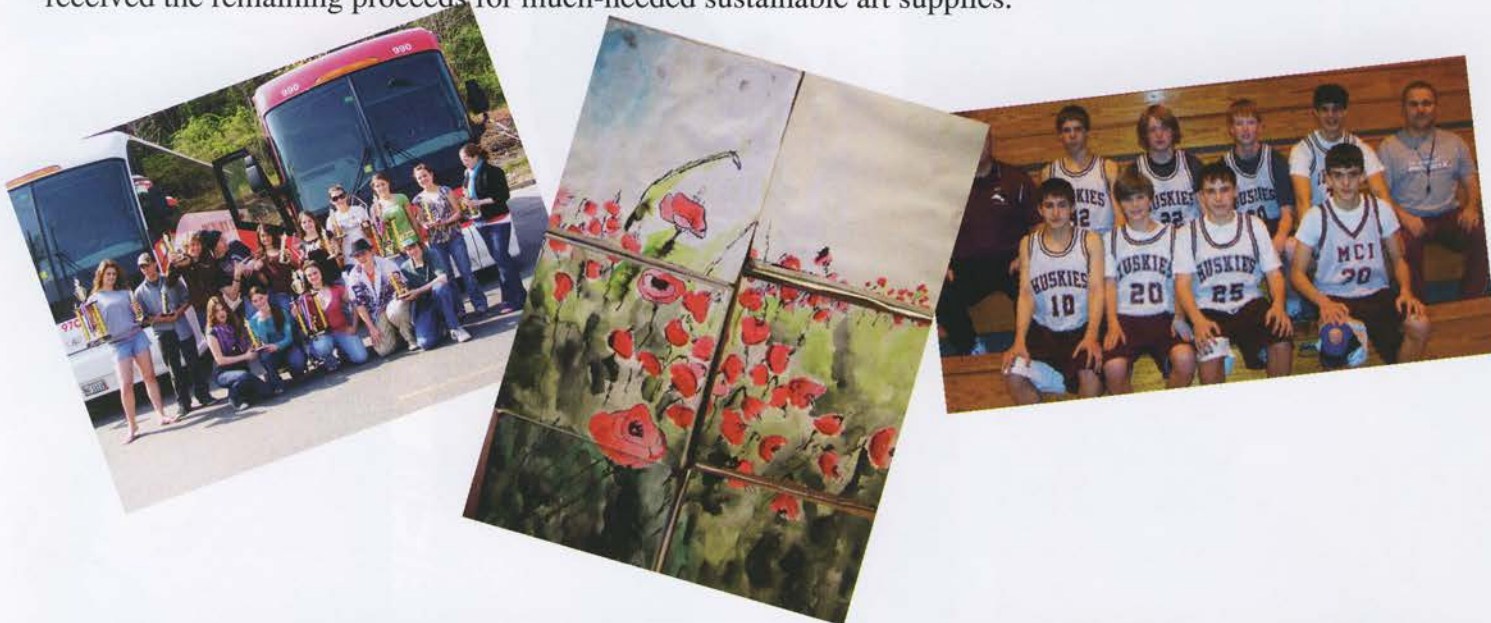
Honorary Chairs: George '54 and Leah '54 (Heffren) Newhouse

[www.mci-school.org/auction](http://www.mci-school.org/auction)



**M**CI's Annual Auction will take place on Friday, June 19th with a new format that promises an evening full of great fun and exciting bidding. It's all for a great cause, too, as proceeds directly benefit MCI's music and athletic departments. Each of those departments receives 45% of the profits, and the remaining 10% goes to other worthy student programs.

Last year, after expenses, we raised nearly \$12,000. The money raised went towards a new PA system for our football field, new uniforms for the freshman boys' basketball team and a trip to New York City that allowed the Music Department to participate in a music festival and see a Broadway production. The student Art Club received the remaining proceeds for much-needed sustainable art supplies.



Doors will open at 5:30 for registration, and guests can enjoy a delicious menu of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar beginning at 6:00. The live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. In addition to our live auction, we will be offering a basket raffle\*, with drawings throughout the evening.

Even if you can't join us for the fun, you can still participate by bidding on one of the great silent auction items featured on the inside cover of this magazine. Just call the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 or email [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org). Hope to see you there!

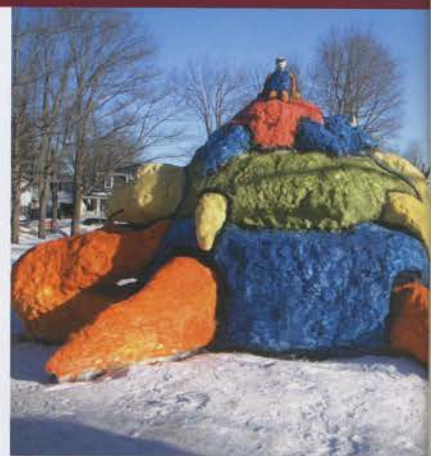
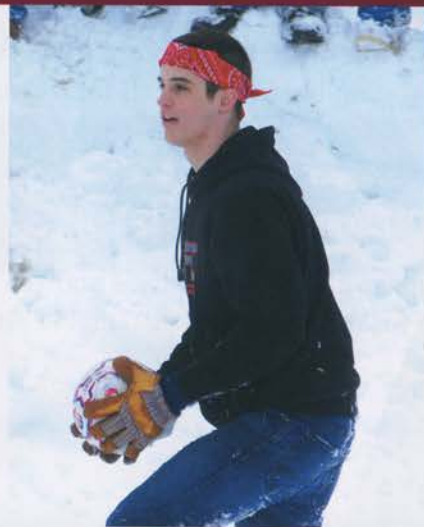
To register for the auction, please contact Kathy Kitchin at [kkitchin@mci-school.org](mailto:kkitchin@mci-school.org) or (207) 487-4461.  
Space is limited – reserve your seats now!

*\* How a basket raffle works:*

Sheets of tickets for the raffle are purchased by auction attendees. Each ticket represents one chance to win a basket. Ticket holders choose which baskets they want to win and place one or more tickets in the container in front of those baskets. One winning ticket is chosen for each basket. Everyone has a chance, but odds are improved by placing several tickets in the container of a favorite basket.



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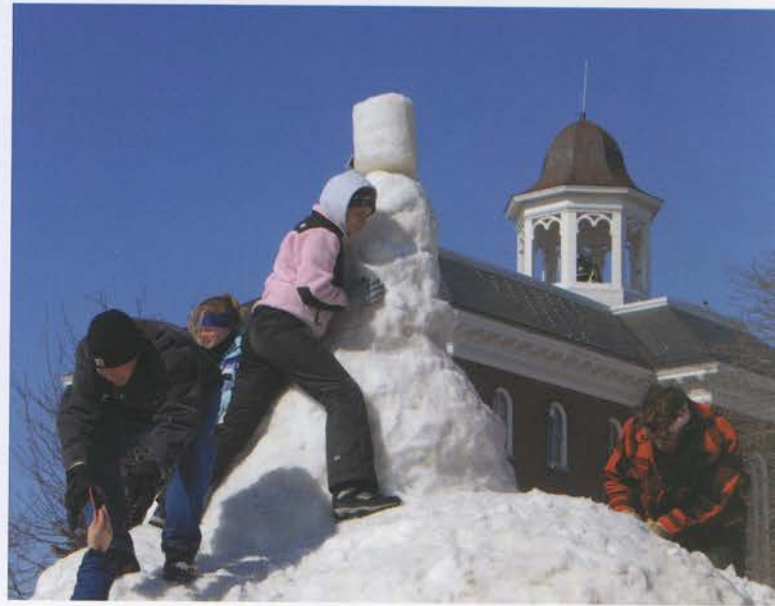




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