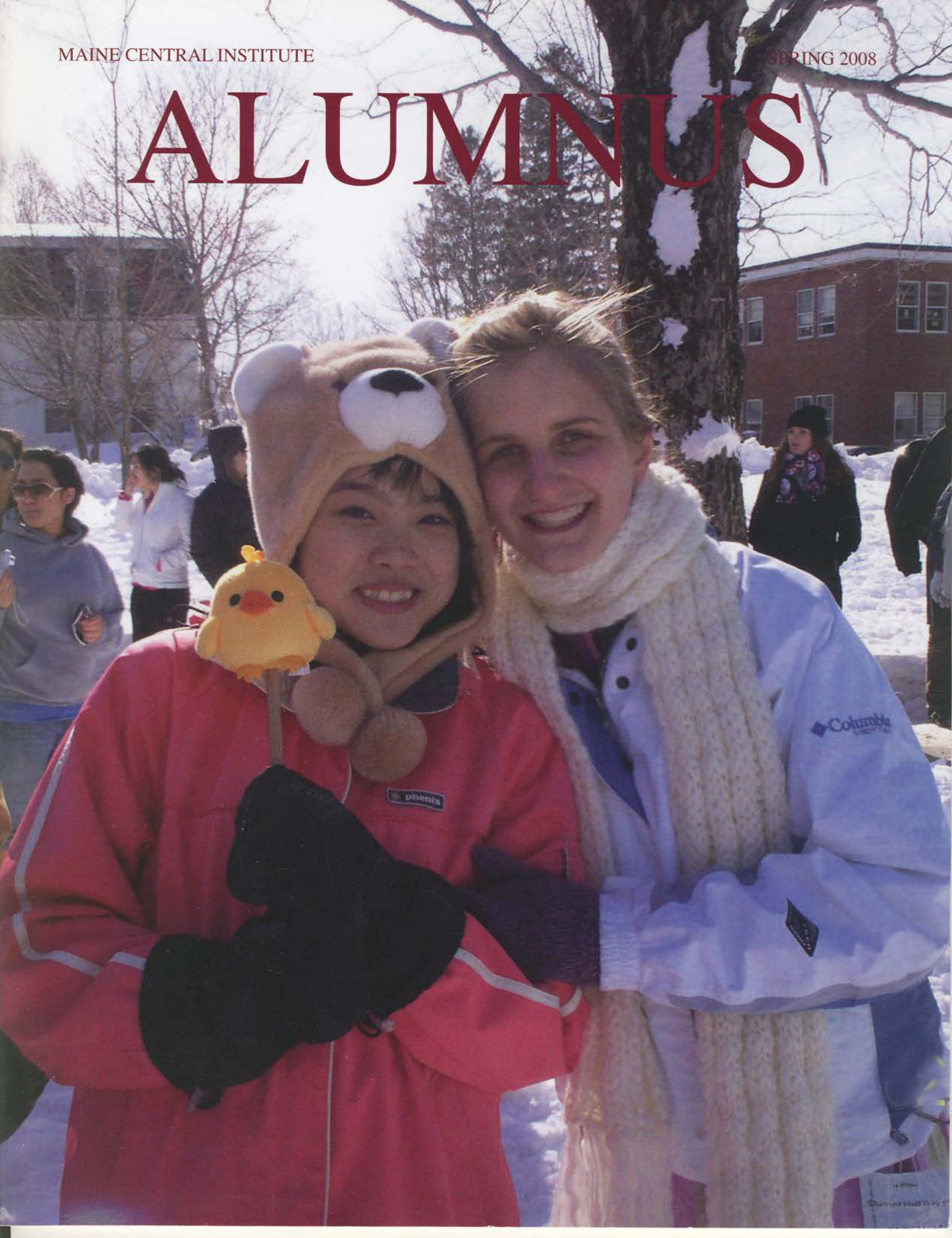


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ALUMNUS



MCI's Annual Dinner Auction will be held Saturday, May 3, 2007. "Catch A Wave With MCI" will benefit the school's music and athletic programs. The Silent Auction portion of the Annual Auction event offers MCI alumni/ae around the world the opportunity to bid on a number of special items, as described below. Please indicate your competitive bids on the enclosed tear-out form and mail it back to Maine Central Institute. All bids must be received by Friday, May 2. If you are unable to attend the Annual Dinner Auction, you will be contacted by telephone if yours is the winning bid on an item, and the Auction Committee will arrange shipment to you.



ITEM 1 Three nights at a condominium at Sugarloaf

The three nights must be taken between June and September, 2008 in this four-bedroom, non-smoking condominium at Sugarloaf. Donated by Bob & Cindy Downs.

Four 18-hole rounds of golf at Sugarloaf

Rated by Golf Digest as the #1 course in Maine every year since 1985, Sugarloaf/USA Golf Club is located on the side of Sugarloaf Mountain. "One of the most spectacular golf courses I've ever been associated with," said Robert Trent Jones, Jr., the course architect. Donated by Kyle Ladd.



ITEM 2 Fireplace mantle

Original fireplace taken from the Nye/Hurd House upon renovation to the current Honors Dormitory. Donated by Milton Webber '71.

Value: Priceless
Minimum bid: \$250.00

ITEM 3 Acer laptop computer

The Acer Aspire AS5315-2142 features Intel Celeron m540, 15.4" screen WXGA, 1GB memory, 120GB hard disk, DVD, Intel GMA X3100 graphics. Donated by Phoenix Computers.

Value: \$599.00
Minimum bid: \$400.00



ITEM 4 Vera Bradley bag collection

Featuring a large duffel, Betsy pocketbook, small lined cosmetic bag, zip ID/change case, hard side eyeglass case, wicker basket with leather handles. Donated by Robyn LeGrand

Value: \$206.00
Minimum bid: \$100.00

ITEM 5 Golf and lunch for 3

Golf and lunch for three people with MCI Board of Trustees President Scott Carter '73 at The Woodlands in Falmouth, ME. Must be used on a weekday. Donated by Scott Carter.

Value: \$300.00
Minimum bid: \$2000.00



ITEM 6 100 Gallons of fuel oil

Donated by Staples Oil Company in Pittsfield.

Value: \$1,200.00
Minimum bid: \$650.00

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Letter From The Head of School

Dear Friends,

While the arrival of spring in Maine may look somewhat questionable given the amount of snow still on the ground in many places, a sure sign of spring here at Maine Central Institute is our annual Auction. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, and you're all invited to "Catch A Wave With MCI" at the beach-themed dinner auction. For the first time the auction will be held in the new Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center, and it promises to be one of the best auctions in recent years. In addition to the live auction, there will be a silent auction as well, and those items are featured on the inside cover of this magazine. So if you can't attend this year's Auction, you can still participate by bidding on one of the silent auction items.

The Annual Dinner Auction is one way that you can support two outstanding programs at MCI: athletics and music. Each year a portion of the auction proceeds goes to support these two programs, allowing us to purchase things like new musical instruments or necessary equipment for athletics. So let me invite you to not only attend the auction but also to encourage your family and friends to attend as well. The more MCI people we have in attendance, the more successful the spring auction will be - not to mention that it's a lot of fun! This will also be an ideal opportunity for many of you to experience the spaciousness and the outstanding facilities in the new student center for the first time. The space was designed to accommodate up to 250 people, so we are hoping for a turnout that will fill the facility.

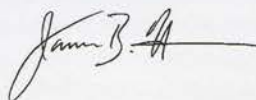
We're also planning a number of alumni receptions around the country this spring, so if we're coming to your area we'd love to see you. We kicked off the spring round of receptions in Florida, with receptions in Marco Island and North Redington Beach. We'll be traveling to Boston for an alumni reception on April 19, then back-to-back receptions in New York City and Connecticut May 1 and 2. In addition to the alumni receptions, we've planned a number of personal visits with those of you who requested one. These spring alumni events are a great way to get reacquainted with the school and to visit with old friends, so I urge you to stop by one or more of them if you can.

On campus the seniors are busy planning their senior projects along with their public presentations that occur during the second and third weeks of May. Senior projects continue to provide a "capstone" academic event for every senior, and they are a requirement for graduation. Unlike some other secondary schools where spring of the senior year becomes a mere footnote to earlier achievement, at MCI we require those who are about to graduate to demonstrate academic mastery in a particular area of interest. Senior projects in the past have included everything from designing and building a kayak to producing a one-hour documentary film. Every senior is assigned a senior project advisor and many seniors enlist the help of outside experts who are able to guide them as they problem solve their project from concept to final product.

We were happy to have incoming Head of School Christopher Hopkins and his family on campus last month as well. Chris, Suzanne, Maggie and Lillian visited several classes, toured the Manson House, and met with teachers, staff, trustees parents and friends. With each visit, we are increasingly eager to have Chris join our MCI family.

We have been proud to serve MCI together as Interim Co-Heads of School these past months. The opportunity gave both of us great satisfaction. We thank the many people whose hard work and loyalty contributed to our enjoyment and the accomplishments of our tenure.

Sincerely,



Jim Hornor



Winn Price

Sister, Sister

Linda Shorey '69 and Donna Shorey Young '64 have traveled different paths, but they share an MCI connection.



Linda Shorey '69 and Donna Shorey Young '64 are as close as two sisters can be yet they couldn't be more different.

"Linda knew from the day she was born exactly what she wanted to do with her life," said Donna. "I never knew what I wanted to do."

Both Shorey women seem to have figured their lives out just fine.

Linda Shorey went right to Penn State University after her graduation from MCI. She got her degree in medical technology, worked for Johns Hopkins for a year, then joined the Hematology Department at Allegheny Medical Hospital, eventually becoming supervisor. In the meantime, she was working on her master's degree in Allied Health through night classes.

A co-worker suggested to Linda that she might consider becoming a medical lawyer, so she took night classes at the Duquesne University School of Law and graduated cum laude in 1986. Today, Linda is an equity partner of the law firm K & L Gates, an international firm of 1,500 lawyers in offices throughout the world. She specializes in political litigation and internet

gaming law.

Linda said making the switch from the medical field to political law was a natural for her. She explained that she hit a ceiling as far as career advancement and wanted to go further, and practicing law has allowed her to do that. "What's exciting is the political aspect of my career," she said. "I've always enjoyed politics and I've learned that politics have actually not changed in the history of the United States."

Donna Shorey Young graduated from MCI and attended the University of Maine at Orono for three years, studying pre-med. Her free spirit and passion for adventure led her to spend several years on Lake Havasu in Arizona and California living on a reservation with the Chemehuevi Indians. She got married, moved back to Orono and together she and her husband owned and operated a mobile home park for a number of years. They moved back to California, she had two children, and finally found her life's passion – teaching.

Today, Donna is the lead educator for NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory. She develops all of its educational materials, presents workshops around the world, and writes astronomy and astrophysics educational materials for

other educators.

Donna said she was a huge science fiction fan as a child, so her career in the study of space is not so surprising. "Nothing has ever been more fascinating to me than the universe," she said.

Though they have traveled very different paths, the Shorey sisters both agree that their education at MCI was an important part of their lives and future plans. Though the years were tumultuous, they both look back on their time at MCI with gratitude.

"MCI was intellectually rigorous," said Linda Shorey. "We talked about controversial things." She remembers having a discussion about the Japanese internment camps during World War II – "I had never heard about them before, I was amazed," she recalled. "We did lots of independent thinking on so many levels," Linda said.

Donna Shorey Young said she always felt fortunate that she was able to have an MCI education. "It was absolutely excellent preparation," she said. "The education I got was amazing. The things I knew, the knowledge I had – it was amazing to have that education from such a rural background."

While Linda doesn't get back to Maine very often, Donna does. They both have chosen to stay connected to MCI over the years.

"I remember my time at MCI with great fondness," said Linda. "It was a great place."

Leading Into The Future

As Peter '65 and Andi '89 Vigue settle into new roles, the path for Cianbro has never been more clear.

These are proud days for Peter Vigue '65.

Vigue has been named Chairman of the Board of Cianbro, one of the largest heavy construction companies in the country. He is the first chairman who is not a member of the Cianchette family, which started the company in 1949. His son, Andi Vigue '89 has been named President and Chief Operating Officer of the company.

"This is a proud time in my life," said Peter Vigue. "I'm a proud guy for what we've been able to accomplish as a company, and I'm proud to be able to pass this on to my son."

Ival "Bud" Cianchette '44, Cianbro's outgoing chairman, will continue to be an active member of the board as Chairman Emeritus. Ken Cianchette '42 will also remain on the board.

Pete and Andi's commitment and dedication to the Cianbro team and its philosophy is outstanding," Bud Cianchette has said. "We are very proud of them and we are confident that the tremendous growth and success of our companies, under their leadership, will continue."

Peter Vigue joined Cianbro in 1970 as a laborer and worked his way up the ranks to his current position. Under his leadership, the company has grown to one of the largest contractors in the nation, with more than 2,000 employees. The company is headquartered in Pittsfield, and has offices in Portland, Connecticut and Maryland. He said his transition to Chairman of the Board does not mean he is retiring by any means. "I can now begin focusing on areas of opportunity for the company we've not encountered in the past," he said. "We'll continue to grow and create those opportunities. I'll have more time to work on the company instead of in the company."

Andi Vigue joined the company in 1990 as a laborer while he was in college at the University of Maine at Orono. With his appointment as President and COO, Andi Vigue knows he has his work cut out for him. "I'll have a lot more responsibility, but with that comes an expectation that I can deliver," he said. "I'm excited and proud."

While both Peter and Andi Vigue are busy today leading Cianbro into the future, neither man has forgotten how their time at MCI changed their lives.

Peter Vigue can remember a particular day as a student at MCI, when he was sitting in a Latin class taught by Hazel Earle. Earle called on another student to translate a word, and the student replied, "I can't". The room became completely quiet as Earle proceeded to scratch the word "NEVER" in large letters across the blackboard. "She turned around on her heels and said 'Never say can't!', then proceeded to give us a pep talk that would have put Vince Lombardi to shame about believing in yourself and never quitting," Peter Vigue explained. "That was a major turning point in my life and it had a significant impact on my behavior from then on. It had nothing to do with Latin but had everything to do with life." He keeps a photograph of Hazel Earle on his desk to this day and said he always will. "That lesson has been the foundation of who I am, and it's taken me through some of the most difficult and challenging times."

Like his father, Andi Vigue admits that he was not a stellar student while at MCI. He said he didn't apply himself the way he should have, but that his education at MCI gave him advantages other kids his



From left: Ival "Bud" Cianchette '44, Andi Vigue '89, Peter Vigue '65.

age didn't have. "MCI allowed me to be who I am and grow up in an environment that was controlled," he said. "I was encouraged to think, to be my own person, I was allowed freedoms that other kids didn't have." He said that his experience playing football for the Huskies taught him lessons that have followed him throughout his life. "That game taught me about working as a team," he said. "I learned that everyone has to be successful for a team to win. You need to play the game to win."

Peter Vigue has passed important lessons on to his children, Andi, and Michelle Vigue Hodgins '91, and he's stayed true to what he believes throughout his life, whether it's business at Cianbro or supporting MCI. "You treat people the way you want to be treated, your word is your bond, and you give back from which you take," Peter Vigue explained. "Those are core values of this company. When you come to the table, you don't come complaining, you come with solutions."

From The Alumni Director's Desk

Hello!

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the Advancement Office this spring and summer.

You may have recently received a call from an MCI student asking you to donate to the Annual Fund. Several members of the Key Club (MCI's service organization) have been volunteering their time to support MCI. This year, there are around 90 members in the Key Club who organize and participate in events ranging from the phonathon to MCI blood drives to decorating for the Sno-ball.

After receiving requests from several alumni, MCI's bookstore is now online! Go to our website (www.mci-school.org) and click on the "bookstore" link on the left side of the page. You will find lots of MCI merchandise including clothing, hats, mugs, water bottles and other souvenirs. We will, of course, also be selling bookstore items in Parks Gym during Reunion.

Speaking of Reunion, this year both the Annual Dinner Auction (May 3rd) and Reunion (August 2nd) will be held in the new Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center. We are very excited to use the new space and hope that you will come to check it out. Please take a look at both the Auction and Reunion pages in this magazine for more information.

I look forward to seeing you in the new Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center on May 3rd and/or August 2nd!

Best wishes from MCI,

Jennifer Voter Beane '97
Director of Alumni Affairs

P.S. The Alumni Association Executive Committee is still collecting recipes for their cookbook fundraiser. Please send your recipes in to the Alumni Office or email them to me at jbeane@mci-school.org. Be sure to try the recipe for Black Bottom Banana Bars submitted by Mary Elkins Palmer '61 (right).

Alumni Recipe

From Mary Elkins Palmer '61

Black Bottom Banana Bars

1/2 cup margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 cup mashed bananas (3 bananas)
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup baking cocoa



In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla. Beat until thoroughly blended. Blend in bananas. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Place in creamed mixture and mix well. Divide batter in half. Add the cocoa to one of the bowls. Spread chocolate batter on bottom of greased 13 x 9 x 2" pan. Spoon remaining batter on top and swirl with a knife to blend together. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes. Cool and frost with a light butter frosting.

Meet the Advancement Team!



(From left): Sharon Savasuk, Institutional Advancement Office Manager; Todd Nadeau, Dean for Institutional Advancement; Kathy Dion, Communications Manager; Jennifer Voter Beane '97, Director of Alumni Affairs.

Todd Nadeau, Dean for Institutional Advancement, is the senior administrator supervising the Office of Institutional Advancement. He oversees development, alumni affairs and communications.

Jennifer Voter Beane '97, Director of Alumni Affairs, plans and organizes annual events like Reunion, the Dinner Auction, and the regional receptions. She is the liaison to the Alumni Association Executive Committee and works with them to plan the Alumni Golf Open and other events. She also manages the Annual Fund Phonathon and works with class agents to plan class events and gather news for the Alumnus.

Kathy Dion, Communications Manager, creates all printed materials including the Alumnus, Legacies newsletter, brochures, flyers, and more. She also manages all content for the MCI web site and produces the MCI electronic newsletter, The Pawprint.

Sharon Savasuk, Institutional Advancement Office Manager, supports all work in Institutional Advancement, Alumni relations and Communications.

Catch A Wave With MCI!



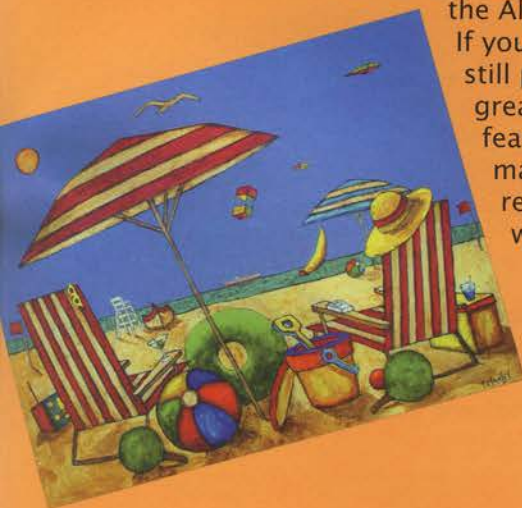
Annual Dinner Auction Saturday, May 3 Wright Gymnasium

MCI's Annual Dinner Auction is set for Saturday, May 3 and is promising to be an evening full of great food, great fun and lots of great items to bid on. It's all for a great cause, too, as proceeds from the event will benefit MCI's Athletics and Music programs.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. for socializing and viewing all of the items up for bid. Get excited for summer because this year's auction is a beach party theme, so break out the Bermuda shorts, Hawaiian shirts and your favorite flip flops. Dinner will take place at 6:30, featuring grilled Mahi Mahi with pineapple salsa, Indonesian chicken, tossed salad, oven roasted potatoes and a vegetable.

Tickets are \$25 per couple or \$15 per person, and are available by calling the Alumni Office at (207)487-5915.

If you can't join us for the fun, you can still participate by bidding on one of the great Silent Auction items featured at the beginning of this magazine. Just fill out the enclosed reply card and send in your bid - we'll contact you if you win!



Come join the fun!

REUNION 2008

AUGUST 1-3, 2008

Mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend 2008 at MCI!
We're busy making plans for the weekend of August 1-3, and hope you can join us for some or all of the events we're going to offer. The weekend will include the Hall of Fame/Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony, a Donors Breakfast, an Open House with new Head of School Christopher Hopkins, and, of course, Reunion.
So save the dates and make your plans to join us. We hope to see you!

Saturday, August 2

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration, Continental Breakfast
and Historical Display - Parks
Gymnasium

10:00 a.m.

Business and Class Agent Meeting
- Powell Memorial Library, Ella
Powell Room (open to all Class
Agents and interested alumni/ae)

12:00 noon

Reunion Luncheon - Donna Leavitt
Furman '41 Student Center dining
room. \$15 per person in advance.

2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Class Reunion Parties for
years ending in "8" and "3".
Locations to be announced; contact
your Class Agent.

6:00 p.m.

Evening entertainment at the J.W.
Parks Golf Course.

Make your Reunion plans and send in the reply form in this issue of the *Alumnus*. Luncheon reservations are \$15, and early reservations are recommended to ensure seating with your class. For more information, call the Alumni Office at (207)487-5915 or email ssavasuk@mci-school.org.

This year's Reunion promises to be another one full of good times, good friends and good food. Hope to see you there!

REUNION 2008

AUGUST 1-3, 2008

Maine Central Institute has added other activities and events to Reunion to make it a true weekend-long celebration.

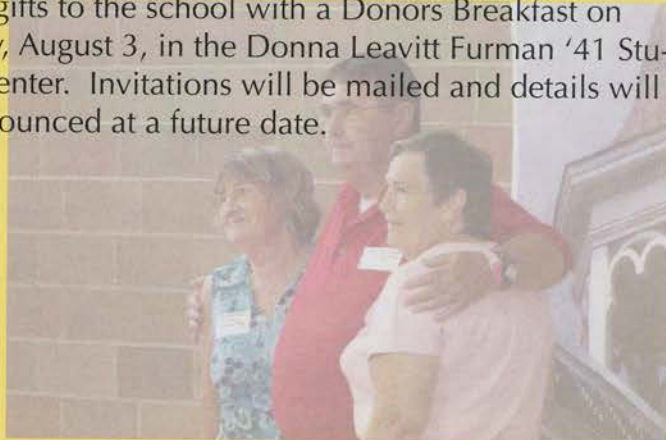
The Hall of Fame/Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony will take place as part of Reunion Weekend at 4:30 p.m. Friday, August 1, in the Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center. If you have someone you'd like to nominate for the MCI Hall of Fame, please call or email the Alumni Office at (207)487-5915, or jbeane@mci-school.org.

As part of Reunion 2008, MCI's new Head of School Christopher Hopkins and his family will host an Open House at the Manson House on Saturday, August 2. The time of the event and other details will be announced later.

MCI will acknowledge those donors who have made major gifts to the school with a Donors Breakfast on Sunday, August 3, in the Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center. Invitations will be mailed and details will be announced at a future date.

A special welcome to these
reunion classes:

1933	75th
1938	70th
1943	65th
1948	60th
1953	55th
1958	50th
1963	45th
1968	40th
1973	35th
1978	30th
1983	25th
1988	20th
1993	15th
1998	10th
2003	5th



good friends, good times

Going Places

by Todd Nadeau, Dean for Institutional Advancement

I find myself traveling more and more these days keeping you, our most valued alumni, connected to your alma mater. This is the part of my job that I enjoy the most - you all have a different and fascinating story to share, and it makes this work very rewarding.

I had the opportunity to spend some time recently with Jeffery P. Hazell '79. As you may remember from an *Alumnus* profile done on Jeff a few years ago, he is originally from Marblehead, Mass., the son and grandson

of two generations of lobstermen. He spent a year at MCI buckling down on academics and playing PG football, then went on to the University of New Haven to earn a B.S. degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management in 1983. After UNH, Jeff spent a few years

managing restaurants in one of the Hyatt Hotels, TGI Friday's and Disney World. Jeff soon realized that he longed for more autonomy, creativity and entrepreneurship, so he began selling fresh live New England lobsters out of several oversized salt-water tanks in his own garage to restaurants all over central Florida. Within a few months Jeff's concept exploded, evicting him from his garage into a small warehouse. Just two years later, a mammoth full-line wholesale seafood distribution center called Bar Harbor Seafood was hot and trying to keep up with demand. By 1991,

Bar Harbor Seafood had become central Florida's largest seafood distribution vendor boasting clients like Seaworld and the most exclusive restaurants in the state. Just one example of the wholesale inventory volume is the 5,000 plus pounds of lobsters shipped from Maine and Massachusetts daily. Housed in a 20,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art warehouse and executive office facility, the company today is supported by over 20 delivery trucks and nearly 100 employees.



Jeffery P. Hazell '79

In 1991, Jeff embarked on his next entrepreneurial adventure that capitalized on his wholesale distribution business. He opened an all-you-can-eat, seafood buffet restaurant tapping his highest quality and freshest excess seafood inventory that he already had in his warehouse. The first buffet masterpiece was extremely successful and soon expanded to two more buffet restaurants located strategically in and around Orlando. The Boston Lobster Feast Restaurants now offer over 60 amazing choices in each establishment to thousands of customers annually.

In early 2007, Jeff decided it was time for his longtime dream of owning an exclusive, upscale restaurant and piano bar to come true. He opened *Jeffery's Restaurant and Piano Bar in Orlando*, (www.jefferysrestaurant.com) (located on Restaurant Row in Doctor Phillips by International Drive) the perfect place for a business deal, convention or corporate special event, to gather with friends or an intimate rendezvous. Having had the pleasure of dining at *Jeffery's*, I can

attest to the impeccable food, amazing selection of wines, exceptional service and the exquisite ambiance. The next time you make it to Orlando don't pass up the opportunity to experience superior dining at its best, and Jeff loves meeting fellow MCI alumni/ae.

With all of his success, Jeff has never forgotten his roots and those who helped set the stage for his accomplishments. Jeff credits MCI for part of his success. "Had it not been for MCI giving me the academic foundation and tools I needed to succeed in college, I wouldn't have made it," he said.

Examples of Jeff's tremendous generosity to both MCI and UNH include the completely renovated, state-of-the-art *Hazell Kitchen* in the new Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center and Dining Commons that opened last fall; lead donor and founder of the *Hazell Center for Hospitality Sales and Event Management* at UNH, which features a functioning retail food operation completely staffed and managed by students called the *Hazell Nut Café*. Jeff has also recently joined the UNH Board of Trustees, and made a lead donation to revitalize UNH's football program.

Jeff's generosity and support is evidence of his steadfast commitment to supporting quality education to ensure that students have the same opportunity to succeed and pursue their dreams the way he did. We can't thank Jeff enough for all he has done and continues to do for MCI. We are very proud that Jeff is one of our own.



Workers preparing the seafood at Bar Harbor Seafood.



The bar and dining room of *Jeffery's*, Jeff Hazell '79's new restaurant and piano bar in Orlando, Florida.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME TO RECOGNIZE ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT



Maine Central Institute will establish an Athletic Hall of Fame with an inaugural ceremony set for Homecoming/Parents' Weekend, September 18-21.

The Maine Central Institute Athletic Hall of Fame has been established to recognize those members of the MCI family who have distinguished themselves as outstanding contributors to athletics at MCI, and possibly beyond, by instilling a continuing commitment to, and the promotion of, the values and philosophy of sportsmanship including fairness, dedication, perseverance, winning without boasting and losing without excuse.

Athletic Hall of Fame Committee members will be selected by the Head of School and the Dean for Institutional Advancement. The committee will preside over the nomination and selection process guided by established criteria and guidelines.

Qualifications:

- A person may qualify for the Athletic Hall of Fame by falling into one or more of the following categories, including posthumous:
1. Those who have participated in MCI athletics, having earned a letter in a particular sport or participated as a post-graduate athlete. In addition, the individual also may have received all conference, region, or all-American honors.
 2. An MCI Alumnus/ae who participated in athletics, two years in college athletics, or has attained a profession in athletics.
 3. Former MCI athletic coaches.
 4. Those who have given meritorious service or have been a loyal friend to the MCI athletic program.

Selection process and recognition:

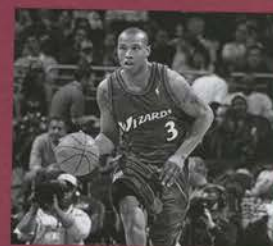
A. Names for nominations may be submitted to the committee at any time by any one using the form below or by contacting the MCI Office of Institutional Advancement at (207) 487-5915 or by e-mail at alumni@mci-school.org.

Please send nominations to:

Maine Central Institute
Office of Institutional Advancement
295 Main Street
Pittsfield, ME 04967

Or email: alumni@mci-school.org

Please include full name of nominee (approximate timeline when they attended or were affiliated with MCI), his or her years of attendance, particular sports or involvement, and your contact information.



Nominee _____ Years affiliated with MCI _____

Sport (s) _____

Your name _____

Your address of _____

Your phone _____ e-mail _____

MCI Establishes Korean, Vietnamese Parent Groups



MCI Director of Admission Clint Williams '86 made trips to Korea and Vietnam in March to help form parent groups in those countries.

About 16 parents of current MCI Korean students met with Williams in their country discussing the school, their children, and the future. The same kind of gathering took place in Vietnam. "We all took turns talking about things here at MCI and all of the parents had questions, mostly about their children," said Williams. "After I answered all of their questions, I led them into a discussion about how we could serve their kids better in terms of getting them into college."

As a result of Williams' trips, four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female Korean student and one male and one female Vietnamese student this spring. Collectively, the parents also contributed nearly \$20,000 to MCI's

Ensuring MCI's Future Capital Campaign.

According to Williams, the parent groups made plans to meet periodically to talk about MCI and their children. He will make another trip to Korea and Vietnam in the future, and hopes to establish such parent groups in other countries.



MCI Jazz Students Earn Top Honors At State Festival



(Bottom, left) Jessi Richardson, Alecia Lambert, Ben Glidden, Dean Neal, Cody Thies, Libby Newhouse; (middle left) Melanie Arias, Andy Shorey, Natasha Ovchar, Lewis Fitts, CJ Kersbergen, Kevin McGrady; (top, left) Ehren Bachelder, Seth Fitts, Corinna Edmondson, Jordan Kennedy, Soren Dickinson, Shane Huffer and Jonathan Downs.

MCI Jazz students recently participated in the state instrumental jazz festival.

MCI's Jazz Combo earned a Silver Medal (II Rating) in Division II. Seth Fitts, Libby Newhouse, CJ Kersbergen and Alecia Lambert received musicianship awards for their solo work.

The MCI Jazz Band earned a Gold Medal (I Rating) in Division III Jazz Bands. The group was one of the top three in their division earning the privilege of performing in the Evening Finals competition. The Jazz Band ended up earning third place in the State of Maine Division III Jazz Bands. Individuals who received musicianship awards were: Jonathan Downs, Corinna Edmondson, Ehren Bachelder and Alecia Lambert.

MCI was the only school at the competition to have two students selected for Outstanding Musicianship. Those students were Jonathan Downs on guitar and Ehren Bachelder on trumpet.

Mongolia Mountaineer Speaks At MCI



Author and mountaineer Ed Webster visited the campus of Maine Central Institute recently to present a narrated lecture on his experiences of climbing in Mongolia and a daring mountain rescue. This was Webster's second visit to MCI, the first was a 2007 lecture on his 1998 experience scaling Mt. Everest. His lectures have been part of MCI's Gregg '69 and Elaine Patterson Lecture Series.

In 1992, Webster was the first American mountaineer to climb in Mongolia, and he was the only American climber on the British-led Mongolia Amarsanaa Expedition. Over 2 ½ months, Webster's expedition climbed a total of 20 mountains, establishing a new route on virtually every summit it reached, plus attained six previously unclimbed summits.

During the descent of one of his Mongolian climbs, a thousand-pound boulder shifted while one of Webster's climbing partners, Lindsay Griffin, was walking on top of it. Seconds later, the boulder landed on top of Griffin's leg, breaking the leg in two places and trapping him. Webster and another climbing partner, Julian Freeman-Atwood, used levers and pulleys to get the boulder off of Griffin, saving his life in a daring helicopter rescue. Readers Digest eventually purchased the story of Griffin's rescue, one of the most epic mountain rescues ever.

Webster is a resident of Topsham, and his articles and photographs have been published worldwide, in dozens of magazines and books. He has received the American Mountain Foundation's award for Outstanding Achievements in Mountaineering, and the American Alpine Club's Literary Award.

MCI Drama Team Earns Festival Honors

In the recent One-Act Play Festival, MCI's Drama Team placed as "alternates" to the State Class B. In addition, a number of MCI student actors earned other honors at the Festival.

MCI had five students chosen for the all-festival cast: Annalise Carr, Melanie Arias, Jade Wells, Ariel Carron and Jessi Richardson. Three MCI students received commendations: Acting Ensemble for Cast of *Abbie's Light*; Lighting Design Award - CJ Kersbergen; Sound Design Award - Sam Hayes

MCI Drama teacher Deborah Susi said, "I had numerous parents/volunteers speak to me about how polite, respectful and courteous our students were. I was extremely proud of their work and the way they conducted themselves under such stressful competition conditions!"



MCI Students Tackle Underage Drinking

A group of students from Maine Central Institute are tackling the issue of underage drinking in their community by working with local retailers.

MCI's Peer Leaders group is working with the Maine Youth Empowerment and Policy Project, which is sponsored by the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, Department of Health and Human Services and managed by AdCare Educational Institute of Maine. "The students have volunteered to visit local alcohol retailers and advocate for a decrease in advertising of alcohol to underage members of our community," said Jodi McGary, a personal counselor at MCI and Peer Leaders advisor. She said that through the program, retailers can take simple steps such as relocating the alcohol coolers in the stores and placing them away from items like candy, chips and toys and putting them in places less frequented by children.

According to MYEPP, out of 500 young people surveyed who were aged 13-18 across Maine, 65 percent said they believe the alcohol industry is trying to appeal to youth through alcohol advertising. More than 79 percent said they clearly remember alcohol ads through point of sale advertising.

In addition to putting alcohol in places where children aren't as likely to go in a store, McGary said the Code of Conduct asks retailers to place alcohol advertising signage above eye level and to minimize displays featuring sports figures, blow up items and sex symbols. "If a retailer agrees to comply with this Code of Ethics, they are awarded an 'Our Town, Our Children' award, indicating they are working with the community to avoid underage drinking by protecting youth from the effects of alcohol marketing," said McGary.

Jenna Lorentsen and Emily Fowle are two MCI peer leaders who are involved in the project. The two were part of a group that recently visited four retailers in town to examine where their alcohol is located, and what kind of advertising they display. Of the four retailers the students visited, one agreed to support the project by making some of the changes suggested. One store was actually too small to make any changes, but they indicated they would support the project if they had other options.

"I don't know if (the project) will change anything," said Fowle. "Kids are still going to drink no matter where the alcohol is located in stores, but it's nice to see that stores are willing to make changes."

"I feel good about trying to make a difference in my community," said Lorentsen. "I like trying to help younger kids make good choices." She said that even if a retailer couldn't make any changes in marketing the alcohol they sell, the students were happy to know they still supported their project.

The students will present "Our Town, Our Children" awards to local retailers at a Town Council meeting in May. They also plan to write to alcohol companies who market alcoholic beverages in "family packs" and ask them to market the variety packages in another way.



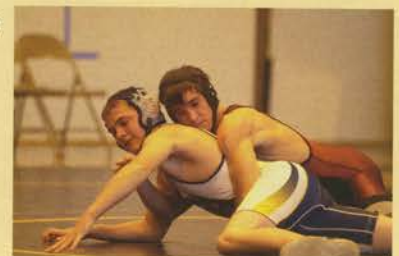
Asaro, Goewey At The Top Of Their Games



Amanda Asaro '08 and Cinjin Goewey '08 are graduating from MCI this spring at the top of their games.

Asaro has recently signed a National Letter of Intent to run track at Central Connecticut State University. She will begin classes at CCSU in the fall.

Cinjin Goewey wrapped up his wrestling career at MCI with a Class B state championship title in the 135 lb. class, and took 6th place in New England. He pinned the defending state champ to take the title. Goewey ended his career with 109 wins.



MCI Athletes Earn Awards

Maine Central Institute handed out a number of awards to its winter sports student athletes. The recipients are as follows:

Boys Basketball:

Coaches Award - Ben Badeen, Jacob Marcoux, Jeff Morton

KVAC Honorable Mention - Jacob Marcoux

KVAC All Academic Team - Ben Badeen, Alex Sidelinger

Girls Basketball:

Most Valuable Player - Bianca Asaro

Spirit Award - Jenna Lorentsen

Coaches Award - Breanna Clement

KVAC All Academic Team - Breanna Clement, Jenna Lorentsen, Briannah Mosher

All Conference Honorable Mention - Jenna Lorentsen

Rifle Team:

Most Valuable - Faxon McLaughlin

Most Improved - Lewis Fitts

Coaches Award - Ridge Lawn

Wrestling:

Outstanding Wrestler - Cinjin Goewey

Most Improved - Donald Russell

Coaches Award - Thomas Turner

Winter Cheering:

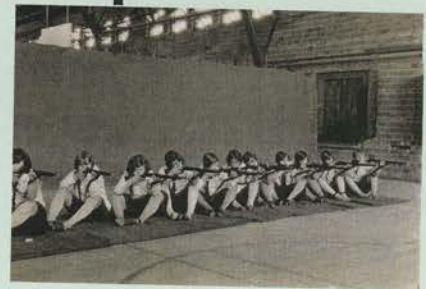
Coaches Award - Cassie Walston, Amanda Pease, Ashleigh Richmond

Rifle Team Places Well At Championship

At the 39th Annual Maine Junior 4-Position Championship held recently, MCI's Rifle Team earned numerous honors and awards.

The A Team took first place in the Scholastic Division Team, and the B Team took second place. Faxon McLaughlin earned the High Prone Score, Seth Fitts won fourth place individual and Jonathan Englehardt won fifth place individual.

The MCI Rifle Team also placed first in the Postal State League this year.



Kahlgren Skis To The Top Of The Heap

Rebekkah Kahlgren '10 recently earned a third place finish in the Class B Ski States, Giant Slalom. She took third place in the Selection Race the following weekend, and now advances to the Eastern High School Championships.

Winter Car



ival 2008!



Community Resource:

The Pittsfield Public Library, the town "living room", is looking to expand and renovate

To a small town like Pittsfield, a library serves as the heart of a community. It's the town living room, - a space to read, study, connect and learn. It's a place that opens new worlds to young and old alike.

The Pittsfield Public Library opened its doors in 1904 and has since served thousands of patrons. The facility is badly in need of repair and renovation, which is why the Pittsfield Public Library Restoration and Expansion Project has been working so hard for the past four years. So far, the campaign has raised more than \$1 million, with about \$300,000 more to go.

The Pittsfield library was designed by Albert R. Ross, a prominent 1900's architect. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982, and is regarded as Pittsfield's most valuable town-owned building, both historically and architecturally. Plans for the renovation and expansion include a complete restoration of the facility, a 3,250 square foot expansion, an elevator and a 38-seat meeting room.

Gregg '69 and Elaine Patterson recently gave a gift of \$50,000 to the library's campaign. They also pledged to give an annual gift of \$2,500 to the library for the upkeep of the renovation and expansion. He said that the Pittsfield library was a familiar place for him, his parents and his two brothers as they were growing up in Pittsfield. The Pattersons have also been extremely generous to MCI, giving more than \$1 million over the years.

"When I was young, each visit to the library opened new worlds to me - travel, history, photography, places and things," Gregg Patterson said. "Browsing the stacks gave me a 'liberal



education', exposing me to every conceivable topic. Books became my constant companion, entertaining me wherever I happened to be, whatever I happened to be doing. The library was the catalyst for my education, for my explorations, for my joy in living."

Elaine Patterson said it was books that was one of the things that connected her to Gregg when they first met. "In those days, we didn't have much money for entertainment, so many of our first dates involved going out for coffee and a read - and then talking about what we had just read," she explained. "One of the things that connected us from the beginning was our love of books and we still have a house full of them."

According to Pittsfield Public Library Head Librarian Lyn Smith, the library served 23,563 patrons in 2007, circulating more than 45,000 items. One of those patrons is Gregg Patterson's mother, Alice '48.

"My mother, who's always been the rock of our family, wasn't able to read while we were growing up because she was working full time and taking care of us and the house when she wasn't on the job," said Gregg. "Once she retired, she began to explore the library and got the reading bug. Now she's a huge consumer of books and books on tape. Even beyond that,

the library staff and others who use the library are now part of her social network, and an important part of her life, enriching it as much as books do."

Organizers of the Pittsfield Public Library Restoration and Expansion Project hope to break ground on the new expansion soon. Work on the lower level of the facility needs to be done first to shore up the foundation, but everyone involved is excited about what the renovated facility will bring.

"When I walked into the rotunda, it felt like the history of Pittsfield was all around me," said Elaine Patterson. "I could see how busy the library is with people of all ages coming and going." She believes strongly in the importance of a good library. "A love of reading is a lifetime gift," Elaine said. "If we can give children that gift, they are bound to be better students, make the most of their education, and ultimately make the most of their lives. In a small town like Pittsfield, the library is the place where people who love to read can tap into the world of books and meet other people who share the same interest. I hope that anyone who lives in town, now or in the future, will do what Gregg did on my first trip to Pittsfield - stand in front of the library and say that the building, and the people in it, played an important part in their life."



Help Support Their Future

Won't you make a gift to the future?

Your gift to MCI's Annual Fund really is a gift to the future, as each dollar raised goes to support student activities, technology upgrades, textbooks, and the ongoing restoration of MCI's priceless classrooms and buildings that are an integral part of our history and mission.

The MCI Annual Fund ensures that our school will be able to provide all of these amenities to our students for years to come. By making your gift to the Annual Fund, you'll join other MCI alumni and friends who are doing their part to support this invaluable institution today, and into the future.

Please consider making a gift to the future by contributing to MCI's Annual Fund by June 30. You can join the hundreds of MCI alumni and friends who have already given to our 2007-2008 campaign by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope, or you can make a gift online by visiting our web site at: www.mci-school.org.

Please make your gift to MCI's Annual Fund by June 30, and remember, no gift is too small to help MCI achieve its dreams.

Thank you for your support!

Class Notes

Class of '40

James Merrill e-mailed: Hi! Twice I have received apologies from the Alumni Office for the failure to record the death of my cousin, Richard Palmer '40, in the Alumnus. He died around Thanksgiving 2006 in Florida after a long and hard battle with diabetes. He was buried in Indiana where he lived and worked for many years. His wife and son survive him. As the Masons say in one of their rites, "Alas – Alas – Alas". The announcement again missed the fall edition. I was sorry to see the name of my old friend Vic Burnheimer. Regards to all.

Class of '47

We had a very nice 60th Class Reunion. Wish more of you could have been there. Only 9 classmates were able to attend: Des Fuller, Marilyn Bunker Cianchette, Margaret Webb Lowell and husband Vaughn, Alice Wright Fitts, John and Phyllis Frederick Luke, Marie Tasker Walker and Mary Ackroyd David. Jim Logan was there but didn't stay for the luncheon. After the luncheon, we all went to Alice Wright Fitts' house. Everyone had a wonderful time catching up on all the happenings of the past 60 years. Des Fuller was accompanied by his son, Dan. -- Phyllis

Not many of us to celebrate our 60th reunion year, but we certainly enjoyed meeting again and talking with each other and viewing the pictures that were there. Our group picture was in the Fall Alumnus, page 9. In September I received a letter and a picture from David Macken and his family. In December I had a telephone call from Cecil McLaggan. He has a new address as he has moved to be near his son. He also now has a pacemaker. My best wishes to the Class of 1948 on their 60th reunion this year. Some of the area classmates and friends have been getting together for lunch once a month and I have had the privilege of attending some of these. I wish for you a large turnout for your anniversary year. -- Alice

In sad news, we regret to inform you that Marie Tasker Walker passed away on February 21, 2008. Our condolences go out to her family.

Ernest G. DeRaps is retired from the Coast Guard and Lighthouse Keeper, and writes, "My wife and I have been presenting slide shows of our coast guard career while stationed at 3 family lighthouses (Monhegan Island L/S; Fort Point L/S and Browns Head L/S) and myself at a Stag (men only) station at Heron Neck L/S in the Maine Penobscot Bay area during the 1950's and 1960's. Many who have seen our one-hour slide show have stated that our Lighthouse career is of historical value and should therefore be written down. We have done so, and a book (two stories in one – hers and mine) has

been published by the American Lighthouse Foundation. The bulk of the proceeds are retained by the Foundation and used for restoration of Lighthouses throughout Maine and the U.S. We have presented our slide show to several Historical Societies, libraries and private gatherings and it has proven quite popular. We have also presented our slide show twice at the Maine Lighthouse Museum in Rockland, Maine. We may be reached by Postal Service at: 331 Brunswick Rd., Richmond, ME 04357, phone (207) 737-4011 or by e-mail at: papad8@gmail.com. Light Housekeeping – her side, and Lighthouse Keeping – my side (two books in one). All pen and ink drawings are by my hand and all of the 40 colored photos are copies from our vast number of slides taken during our Coast Guard career. Cost if shipped by U.S. Postal service is \$26.00 (check or money order only).

Class of '48

1948 was 60 years ago! Can you believe it? Some of you have marked that August 2nd date on your calendar to come back to MCI to celebrate this anniversary! Joyce Beattie Williams, Robert Beattie, Arey Bryant, Alice Shaw Patterson, Helen Cianchette, Ted Bryant, and I met for our monthly luncheon at the new Donna Leavitt Furman '41 Student Center. (P'nut and Charlie London were absent that day. It is a beautiful building. The student lounge is named after our associate of many years. We were happy she received the honor. After our delicious luncheon in the cafeteria, we were given a tour of the building by Todd Nadeau and Jennifer Beane from the Alumni/Development Office. Come see the addition to the beautiful campus!!!!

Leroy Pinkham called with much enthusiasm about us all. He is disabled so unable to be at the reunion but wants to say hi to all! The Army took Leroy many places, plus a degree in education, a degree in ministries gave him many teaching and pastor positions. He lives now in Indiana near his son.

Marilyn Willey Gerry, Ruth Percival Parkhurst both from Florida surprised us at our 59th reunion on campus. Marilyn will be in Arizona this August but it was great that she joined us this year. Ruth has 7 great grandchildren-- let me know if you can beat that! Tom Millett marked his calendar to come east in August! A nice note from Bob Libby after 4 years sailing the waves in the Navy --imagine a surprise meeting with Arey Bryant on a street in a Japanese seaport. A meeting with Lucille at a Chicago USO on his first boot camp liberty resulted in marriage in 1953, four kids and 6 grandkids. Night school at Northwestern brought a degree and a career in insurance. Fishing summers on a lake in Wisconsin makes retirement enjoyable.

As you could see, the fall MCI Alumnus had a nice article about Alice Patterson. On the inside cover, there were photos of some

of us at a really super lunch and time at Ted and Shirley Bryant's cottage in Dexter. At many of our monthly lunches we are joined by the good company of other MCI alumni, Percy Almonte '42, Rosalie Shaw '42, Eleanor Varney '45, Jeanette Fitts '46, Alice Fitts '47, Sarah Chipman '53, Gloria McNichol '53, and Cecelia Shatney '49.

Please participate in sending info about your past 60 years and plan to attend the celebration in August. We will have fun! Happy memories of 1948 ---Liz Coolidge Whalen. Arey Bryant says, "Come on to my house!"

David Silsby e-mailed in Nov. 2007: I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. You may not think it did much good, but to me, it resulted in a small miracle! You may recall I was diagnosed with PSP which meant I would be facing a feeding tube and loss of eyesight over time. My doctors are puzzled as that never happened. In fact, I have made steady improvement during that time. I just finished 6 months of chemotherapy for lymphoma at the new Cancer Center. The doctors now feel that the lymphoma is totally gone. I now want to start painting again. Again, thank you for your prayers.

Our condolences to Marguerite (Peanut) Fowler on the passing of her son, James in August.

Class of '51

It has been another year, and not much news from my classmates. We send our condolences to the families of Marise Elderkin Wilson, Marilyn Reidy Maneely, Leola Dahlgren Gray, and Ellen (Betty) Sullivan Elholm.

I ran into Beverly Grignon Langley last summer, and she said she just returned from traveling to the Philippines where she attended her granddaughter's wedding. I received a nice letter from Robert Vance this last fall. He traveled to Nicaragua to preach and call at homes to counsel the people. The missionaries invited him back to perform weddings in December. He left November 30th and returned December 15th. We wish him great success in his ministry.

I have talked to Lucy Mosher several times throughout the winter. She moved to Texas with her family and would like to hear from classmates. Her address is 3202 Scenic Shore Drive, Seabrook, TX 77586-1646. The Perry twins are in a nursing home in Dexter, Maine and are in the paper when they have special events at the home.

Don't forget – if you want news in the Alumnus, you have to write me or the school. -- Alice Fitts Ross, Class Agent, 334 Stinson St., Pittsfield, ME 40967

Class of '52

Class Agents: Beverly Turner Breau, 364 Ell Hill Rd., Palmyra, ME 04965 Tel: 207-487-2843; e-mail: bevbreau@midmaine.com

Dave McGaffin, 6 Nichols Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967 Tel: 207-487-2522

We didn't have the turnout we had expected for our 55th, but it was a good time for those of us who attended. They were: Dave McGaffin, Elaine St. Peter, Armour Brown, Shirley Fields Libby, Elaine Gillis Burgess, Bob Knowles, Alvah Wyman and Beverly Turner Breau. Joining us for the after party was Weston Bubar, Phil Coffin and Loretta Brown, of the 1953 class.

Those who had planned to attend, by for various reasons had to cancel were: Bruce Pinette, Lynn Blodd Stavros, and Kay Tilton Newman. Dave also spoke with Pat and Dolnar Whitten, whose health prevented them from making the trip, but sent their regards.

We wish to thank Sharon Savasuk of the Alumni Office for helping us locate Elaine St. Peter. This was Elaine's first reunion, but we hope not her last, as she just lives in Belfast now.

Thanks also to Bob and Rae-Jean Knowles for again hosting the party after the party at their lovely home on Unity Pond.

We are saddened to report the death of three of our classmates in 2007. They were Janet Madden Bragdon, George Cray, and Emma Frederick. If anyone knows of others, could you please contact the school or one of the Class Agents.

By the way, Armour has agreed to chair our 75th anniversary and Dave M. our 100th! How about that? Thanks, fellows.

Class of '53

Catherine (Doyle) Mooers writes: I had a very challenging year and many adjustments to make after losing my dear husband, Walter F. Mooers, Sr. (class of 1950) to lung and bone cancer. I was his caregiver throughout his year of struggle and although I wasn't sure I could see it through, I did, and will be forever thankful I could keep Walter at home. He passed away with all his family around him on Father's Day and somehow that seemed fitting as he was a wonderful father. I need to tell my classmates how much they supported me and to have



Members of the Class of 1953 gathered for a holiday luncheon.

so many attend his memorial service was amazing. Thank you to Thelma and Cliff Vining for ushering on behalf of MCI classmates.

I thought I would have to give up being class agent but then decided I needed to keep very busy so will hang in there as the support of all of you with cards, phone calls,

visits, flowers, etc. was overwhelming. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The Lord took my Walter but he then gave me a great grandson in August to help ease my aching heart. Brayden Walter is the joy in my life right now. My granddaughter was married in October and Gloria (Beattie) McNichol's granddaughter, Monique McNichol, was the Maid of Honor. Monique is a student at MCI.

I still sing in the church choir, am church photographer and starting to paint again. I met twice with Jennifer Beane, our new Alumni Director, and she is doing a great job. I know she will be very supportive.

I wasn't able to get the classmates together as often as I wished but we did have the annual pool party in July and in November there were 27 classmates and spouses who met for lunch at the Lobster Trap in Winslow. We already plan to meet for lunch on Feb. 19, 2008 at The Angler in E. Newport.

Please mark your calendars now to remind you to attend our 55th (WOW) MCI reunion on August 2, 2008! Please try to attend the noon banquet which will be held in the new cafeteria and that is exciting. Many are getting excited about our reunion and I will be getting together with other classmates to plan for our private party at the K of C Hall following the noon banquet. Any other classes are welcome to drop in to say "hi" during that time. More information about that will be sent out several months prior to August.

I am also working on updating the data bank for our class at MCI. If you know the whereabouts of the following, please let me know: Richard Grindle, Donald Irish, Ardelle Lee, Joseph Morrison, Jere Moynihan, Alice Reed and Virginia Tibbetts. I also need to know if Philip Lawrence and David Trider have moved and not turned in a new address. Please try to keep me advised of any changes in your address, phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

We all are very appreciative of the educational background we received as students at MCI. Hope many of you will support the Annual Giving Campaign which runs from July 1 through June 30 each year.

Philip Coffin was the first to respond to my plea for news so must give him the honor of being first to appear! Phil writes: We had another mild winter in Georgia which made way for yard work and enjoying the outdoors. We left earlier than usual for our Maine summer this year so we could meet old friends fraternity brothers at the U of Maine 50th class reunion. We had a great time visiting and renewing old friendships. Had a great golf game with Brothers John Watson, Earle Fletcher and Bob Dragoon, all Maine boys.

The summer at our Unity camp was a good time but we did burn lots of wood to take the edge off those cool mornings. We did many tourist trips over the summer. (If you haven't been to the top of the Narrows

Bridge in Bucksport, you should. It's breathtaking and worth the trip.)

After returning to Georgia, I found that it was time to trade the old '02 Tahoe for an '08, so took care of that. (I was surprised that the



Class of 1953 members got together last summer.

'02 was giving up at just 106,000 miles).

Maria's sister visited with us from Germany during September/October. We took a trip to the Gulf coast to visit mutual friends and enjoyed the beach and friendships for a few days. After resting from that trip, we went to Nashville, TN to the Opryland Hotel, Ryman Auditorium, (home of the original Grand Ole Opry) new Opry House, country music museums, etc. It was a better time that I thought it would be for it was the "off" season. Wife Maria and Margot got to renew the sister bond, which seems to be better with age!

We had a busy fall at the hunting club, with work days, etc. getting ready for the season. So far, have gotten a 4 pt. buck to replenish the freezer.

Elizabeth (Matteson) Clark writes that her dear mother, Hazel Matteson, (who was also a special friend to so many, including your class agent) passed away at the age of 93 on Dec. 23, 2007. Hazel worked in the MCI cafeteria many years ago and was a very special person. She was a foster mother for 20 years! (Our condolences go out to her family).

Ed Jones has a new address: P.O. Box 281, Pittsfield 04967 and his cell phone is 207-399-5097. He has three boys living in Florida, China and Pittsfield. He has five grandchildren and one great grandson. He says he got bored being retired so started a seal coating (asphalt) business this past year. Says business is great and he's feeling good.

Polly and Vaughn Philbrick say they don't have much news but are very proud of their grandson, Tim, as he made "soldier of the year." He is in the U.S. Army. Their daughter, who ran a day care for over twenty years, went back to college and is now an RN.

They enjoy their eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Joyce (Hunt) Rowe wrote that the family home in Burnham has been sold to her nephew, Kendall Call and his wife, Nicky. It has been in the family for 85 years. She is now living in Clinton with Dick. They enjoyed Windsor and Fryeburg Fairs and hope to get to Florida during the winter.

Thelma (Sennett) Vining and hubby Cliff (class of 1955) says she doesn't have much news and feels fortunate that there's been nothing drastic this year. But...Oh, yes, they have a new grandson, Adam, from Vietnam. He is 8 months old. He joins his older brother, Lucas, 7, who is from Cambodia, and sons of Mark and Chris who live in Worcester, MA where Mark is a pediatrician and Assistant director of Residency at University of Massachusetts Memorial Hospital. Son Mike, Gerri, Alicia and Ashley live in Dover, NH. Mike is a marketing specialist and is National Director of Sales for EScrip. She wonders how she can be so busy and "retired"! (Congratulations on your new grandson!)

John Page writes: God has blessed my wife, Charlotte, and I with another good year. We celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary on June 24th. We had three of our four grown kids and their families with us for Thanksgiving and Lord willing will have all four and their families with us for Christmas.

I am semi-retired after nearly 30 years of pastoring Baptist Churches in Maine, Connecticut, Kansas and Missouri. I am now part time staff at Cherry St. Baptist Church in Springfield, MI working as Co-Teacher in one of the larger Adult Bible Classes (averages 75-80) and working with the Senior Adult Ministry.

Our 39 year-old daughter, Tonya, got married in May. I had the privilege of performing the ceremony. She had been going with David, a fine 36 year-old Christian for 2-1/2 years. He will graduate from Baptist Bible College here in Springfield and plans to go to Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas for his Masters. He hopes to teach in a Christian College somewhere. Both he and Tonya have been single all these years.

At this time it doesn't look like I'll be getting back to Maine for a while, so say hello to all our classmates at your next reunion or get-togethers.

Jacki (Smith) Bennett writes that she is in Las Vegas visiting with her daughter, arriving there in September and plans to return in March. She took a side trip to NM to visit grand and great grandson and his mother for a week. They are stationed there after being transferred from Alaska. He is in the Air Force. She was baptized into the Mormon faith in April and has been kept busy as she was called into being the Compassionate Services Leader for the church.

She also had a chance to spend some time with Constance Given when Connie drove up to stay with her from Texas while her daughter and husband went to Cambodia and Thailand for a 3-week vacation. They talked (NO!) from sun up to sunset.

Jacki says she has moved for the last time (she hopes) and her new address is: 300 Detroit Ave. #101, Pittsfield, ME 04967 and telephone # is 207-487-4353.

Gary Goodrich writes that he is still doing some exploration with regard

to historical associations that can be developed through research into the National Cemeteries at Togus, which were started as part of the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers established after the Civil War. Eventually, there were about three dozen of these homes about the country, the one at Togus being the first (1866) and the one at Dayton, Ohio, being the largest (in terms of membership). I learned this year that they have shown some recognition in the Midwest of the educational potential of these sites; as the National Park Service has developed a lesson plan for the Dayton site under their "Teaching with Historic Places" program.

Such progress should be developed for all the sites. Congressional delegations from the New England states and New York would have the most interest in getting one developed for Togus. You folks with a background in education should have an interest in this matter also.

Olive (Hustus) Blodgett reports that she and her husband are doing well with no hospital visits or frequent visits to doctors...so that's a plus.

Cynthia (Brown) Johnson writes: Arthur, (class of 1951) and I managed to keep very busy in 2007. We were blessed to have our son and family here from Michigan and we enjoyed a gorgeous day at the beach, took a quick drive to Rockland to see the school our son George attended, and walked the breakwater in the evening. We went to as many museums we could work in. Times with our daughter and son were special and grandchildren's visits are always a joy.

Our MCI times were always a blessing. Thank you, Kaye for keeping us so close.

Ellie (Hamilton) Perseille writes that she and Joe (class of 1949) are making the most of the warm North Carolina weather and enjoying the Maine weather at a distance. They hope to see everyone at the 55th this summer but meanwhile, if any of you snowbirds come through Charlotte, "please look us up!! Happy New Year, Kaye, and thanks for all you do."

Dave Fenderson wrote: I'm still alive and well!!! Retired from US Navy (Res.), Texaco Inc and Maine Lubrication Service, Inc. I am doing some activities for Maine Maritime Academy which involves fund raising and serve on the boards of the following organizations: Portland Harbor Museum, Prince Memorial Library (Cumberland), USM Lifeline, Saco River Salmon Club and Hatchery and the Board of Personnel Appeals (Cumberland). Otherwise than that, I don't have much to do...

Charlene (Hunt) Call wrote: Normally on Christmas Eve we have our kids and their kids in for the tree, gifts and supper of my beef stew and pizza of flavors that we all like. Well, two days before that was to happen, our daughter called and asked if we would like to go to a wedding on Christmas Eve (which was supposed to be in June). We were flabbergasted but said we'd go. So, Christmas Eve day we all packed up

our gifts and went to Farmingdale for the tree and late that afternoon we headed to a chapel in Saco and attended our daughter's wedding. It was a beautiful, lovely, festive occasion. A great time of year to be married with all the beautiful decorations. We gained a granddaughter and one great grandson so our family has really developed. Maurice had a pacemaker-defibrillator put in this past fall. Oh, for modern science! We won't, hopefully, go back to Portland until Thanksgiving time in 2008. He was able to do a few days of hunting with our 12 year-old grandson and one day with two grandsons. That really made Gramps day. We will do our Annual Christmas Fruit Baskets for the shut-in of the Masons. We lost four Masons this past year including my Dad.

The MCI classmate luncheon and the company was lovely in November and I am looking forward to the one on Feb. 19 in Newport. Gosh, 2008 and 55 years from MCI...WOW!

Dale (Raye) Seaburg wrote that she and Bob have had a lot of doctor appointments this past year. Bob is feeling pretty good now (he had by-pass surgery) and finally got to play golf again. In December they went to Aruba for a week and after had the company of their granddaughter, her husband and their new great grandson, born Sept. 14, 2007. They had a great time with that new baby.

Charles MacDonald writes: We are still living in Wells, ME. Nadyne and I are both retired from the teaching profession and take care of our greyhound, cat and three horses. Our granddaughter, Kendra, is the horse rider and participates in many trail rides during the riding season. I trailer her and the horse to the rides. I truly enjoy being with the many horses and with those who love horses at these events. Nadyne is involved with many activities in our church and with the Wells High School Alumni Assoc.

I had knee replacement surgery in January '07 and am doing very well with the new equipment. Other than two months recovering from the surgery, we're doing well and enjoying our retirement.

Priscilla (Foss) Rende writes: We went to Topeka, Kansas in May for two weeks to visit our son, Sam and family. We all spent four days in Branson, MO and saw four shows and had a fabulous time. We celebrated our 45th anniversary in August at York Beach for a few days and then went to N.J. to visit Frank's brother.

Our two teenage grandsons were outstanding in football this year; Sean, a junior in Kansas and Matt, a senior at Cony. Sean was a tight end on his team and they won their state championship...10 to 0!! Matt was a standout quarterback for the Cony Rams and they had their best year in the past five. The season culminated in an upset victory over Gardiner (state champs) 32-14. Matt and Cam O'Brian were the stars of the game.

Bianna, a junior at New Haven, is

averaging 12 points per game and had a team high of 19 points in her last game. She is a team leading point guard. Our 9 year-old grandson, Alex, has been taking karate for the past two years and has made it to Orange Belt.

Jack Hartleb says: Not a whole lot new happening in my life which is just fine with me. Can't seem to let go of dentistry. I still teach at the dental school a couple days a week. This summer my daughter and I had a chance to get back to Maine. I still own land in the Bath and Popham Beach area so I always have an excuse to return home. However, we stayed at West Point, a small, fantastic fishing village. Ate lots of lobsters and clams. Had a chance to visit my alma mater, Bates College. Sure glad Ed Stanley had something to do with my going there. Please extend my best to the class.

Constance Given wrote that in October she visited Jacki at her daughter's lovely home in Vegas.

I have to carry oxygen whenever I leave the house. It doesn't match any of my outfits but keeps me on the go every day.

My grandson and his wife in Indiana had twin boys in August. That makes five great grandsons for me. My daughter Shelley is Mgr. of the Year for Southeast Texas for her company. She started at \$7.00 an hour six years ago and has been a manager for two. Her oldest son returned home safely from Kosovo and Afghanistan. He plans to marry his high school sweetheart in the fall of 2008.

Louis (Lou) Pepin writes: I continue with daily dialysis at home. I've started my 12th year with this treatment. We no longer travel but are content to stay home, watch sports, read and attend some social events. My granddaughter is a sophomore at U.N.E. but will be transferring to U.M.O. in January of '08. She is taking pre-med but still undecided which path to take.

I appreciate hearing from classmates and especially Kaye's dedication to MCI and classmates.

Winston (Win) Smith writes: Not much has happened with us this year. However, at the 50th class reunion at UMO this past June, I ran into Phil Coffin, Betty Gagne Calise and Sarah Chipman and enjoyed the opportunity to chat with them briefly. Duanne and I are looking forward to some time in Florida again this year. Until then, we will enjoy our grandchildren who range in age from 18 months to 21 years. Life is good!!

Judelle (Lasselle) Strange made contact with me after many years and her address is: 6 View St. Brunswick, ME 04011-1716. I was so happy to hear from her. Judy wrote: Don't forget me for the lunch on the 55th reunion. I haven't seen most of the class for fifty years or so. I've lived in Brunswick for 35 summers and West Palm Beach, FL the past 35 winters.

My husband is a semi-retired golf professional for 47 years or so. He still teaches here every summer. He is also the Brunswick High School golf coach.

(undefeated this year... KVAC!).

We've traveled a lot and have gone across the United States four times taking in many sights and also the National Parks. (just about all of them) The Grand Canyon, to me, was the most awesome. We have been to 48 of the 50 states. We had a paid trip to Hawaii but we don't fly! We played a lot of golf, hitting most of the best courses.

My health is starting to wane but still keep kicking. Still get around pretty well. I've lost four of my siblings and my parents.

Have one boy and one girl. Sherie works in the engineering department and Stan works in the trades at BIW for about 25 years. My brother Norm still lives in Pittsfield. Love and miss you all!!

Joyce (Bane) Holt wrote that her oldest granddaughter, Ashley, is in Kansas City with her boyfriend. She is teaching school (small children with disabilities) and is right in her glory. She misses her badly. Her Mom is going to spend a week with her. Britt is going to cooking school in Bangor to be a pastry chef. So far she loves it. Things are quiet around here and it seems funny. All we have now are dogs! My daughter-in-law's Mom passed away on Father's Day from cancer; like Walter. Kaye, thanks for my birthday card...Burley says you never forget.

Sarah Chipman writes that this year has been a good one; busy and a bit eventful. She attended the MCI Auction in the spring and sat at a table with several other women who support the school. The theme this year was the Roaring Twenties and everyone in her group had a wonderful time dressing as flappers. By the way, Sarah won the prize as the best dressed woman!!

In June she attended her 50th reunion from UMO and had a grand time. She was so pleased to see three MCI classmates there: Phil Coffin, Liz Calise (Betty Gagne) and Winston Smith. Now she is looking forward to our 55th in August and hopes that as many of you attend as possible.

Gloria (Bridgham) Lovejoy writes: Elwood (Class of 1954) and I were feted with a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party in June at the Gardiner Elks Club, given by our children and grandchildren. Sixty guests attended including eight classmates from MCI. All enjoyed a slide show of our lives from our wedding day to the present. Elwood was diagnosed in 2006 with early stages of Parkinsons so we have sold our camper but still manage to keep busy. We did spend some quality time with our family on the coast last summer.

We have a new great grandson born on Elwood's birthday last May and recently got the news that another great grandchild is due in September. We attended the Boston Pops in December which we always enjoy. See you all in August and keep smiling.

Betty (Gagne) Calise writes: Hi Kaye, Hopefully this note will not be to late-- I left on Dec. 26th and just returned home on Jan. 8th- lots of catch up and it took me two days to get into aol. Spent Christmas with family

then flew to Barbados and joined my significant other on the holiday cruise-- have been doing this for 3 years now. It's a good get away and even though there is very little to do in the islands-- we play golf! Also had a wonderful trip to Iran-- spent 18 days there and it was an amazing experience. After having been there I very much disagree with Mr. Bush. We even went by the nuclear power plants and I truly believe that they are using them for power. Iran has NEVER invaded another country and there definitely are problems there but the young people are all for a western society and within time they will be in control and there will be many changes. Enough about THAT-- did not mean to go on and on. Also have a new addition to our family-- my daughter, Andrea, had a beautiful baby girl born Sept. 9th so now I have 4 granddaughters--lucky me!!!! Am off to Egypt in two weeks, haven't been there since the 60's so it should be interesting! Am definitely planning to attend the 55th so look forward to seeing a good turnout. Kaye, hope the holiday was not too difficult for you-- certainly hope you were surrounded by your loving family. Fondly, Betty

Faye (Ellingwood) Shaw writes that she enjoyed a day with classmates Sarah Chipman, Gloria McNichol and Kaye Mooers at her summer home in E. Wilton. The longtime friends enjoyed catching up on family news and enjoyed lunch out thanks to hubby, John Shaw (Class of 52). She hopes to get together more often this summer. (They have the cutest dog, Duffah, who is verywell behaved and entertaining).

Loretta Doherty Brown writes: Where has the time gone? Here we are at another crossroads (our 55th). Armour and I have had a busy year traveling to family members, which took us to Alaska, California, Washington State and this past summer to the D.C. area. We try not to leave Maine in the summer and usually have quite a lot of company. It's nice because we get to stay "in touch" with friends, neighbors and relatives. We enjoy our get-togethers with our classmates. It certainly has made us closer. Looking forward to August and our 55th.

Marilyn Withee Gray writes that she is living in Brighton, Colorado with her daughter, Amy, and her three dogs. Amy works for the military and is getting ready to retire next year but will continue to work for the military. She says they had had a mild winter compared to when she lived in Alaska. She's enjoying retirement and spending time with family. Her daughter has her working on genealogy and working on the computer. (Hope to see Marilyn this summer).

Class of '56

From Judith Burke Simonton: December 1, 2007: Hi-O and Happy Days, my friends. Changing times; changing priorities: This winter finds things altogether different in my life here in Camden. I still love where I live and how I live, but times do change. (As one of my doctors said recently "You ARE getting

up in years, you know"! Nearly 70 years old, I guess I know about that, but don't think or feel "up in years". My priorities have changed from reaching goals, accomplishing tasks, learning new ideas and ideals to being very satisfied just to be alive and be alive in this beautiful God's country.

Happiness is two little boys (Eric, almost 8 and Matthew, 5-1/2) here, playing on my living room floor with a black ball of fur named Sparkie. Sparkie is a 3 year-old black-as-coal female cat who came from the Knox County Shelter to live with me the last of August. My grandsons and their parents have been here to bring me all the delicious making of Mary Ella's turkey dinner and share an after-Thanksgiving weekend. I was invited to spend Thanksgiving Day with my sister in Christ, Sylvia Lafond and her beautiful family at Seven Tree Pond in Union.

Jeff Burke, my handsome, smart, fun, and funny (and really funny) nephew from New York calls me often and sent me an all-cooked turkey and all the fixins including a pecan pie(!).

Finally, I don't work! After 54 years of school and/or work, I love having time to do things like exploring my heritage. In the last few years I learned my great grandfather, Simon Gordon, was Jewish. Even though I wasn't brought up Jewish, my heritage has become very important to me. I am very proud to begin learning more about Jewish doctrine, holidays and my heritage. More on this later. In the meantime, I wish you and yours the best of everything in God's plans. Me and Sparkie. Sunshine0726@netscape.com.

Class of '59

Sandra Mercer Friend writes: I am working for Amazatto Foods, a company owned by my sister Judie; my sisters Jackie and Nancy work for the company as well. We manufacture pasta and sauces for US Food Service for their signature Roseli line. We have a family reunion every August. I have three children – all married, five grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. I am looking forward to reunion in August 2009.

Mary Lou Tompkins Pray writes: Millard and I live in Bonita Springs, FL full time now, but we do go back to Maine for a few days in the summer. If any of my classmates are in the area, our phone number is in the phone book. I would love to catch up with old times.

Donna Richardson Glenn writes: The first week in March my husband and I will leave for Zambia Africa to visit with our daughter, who is serving in the Peace Corps there. We will go on an African Safari and visit Victoria Falls. On our way back to Arizona we will be in London for a few days. We have 10 grandchildren. I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2009 for our 50th reunion.

Rocky Elias writes: I am still teaching full time at UMA; in the summer Judy and I have sporting camps in Labrador and we also spend time in Northern Quebec and

New Foundland. We look forward to getting together with classmates soon.

James Vanderveer writes: I retired from Oakhurst Dairy after 35 years of being a route salesman from Smiley's Dairy. I now work part time for Fortins Home Furnishings in Winslow. Our son, Scott, has been a volunteer at the Muskie Center in Winslow for 15 years, our daughter graduated from Wesley College in Cambridge, MA and has given us four granddaughters. My wife Nancy and I will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in September.

Nancy Ross Cameron writes: I am looking forward to planning our 50th year reunion. Please make an effort to attend reunion on August 2, 2008. It will be a convenient time and place to get started on 2009! Contact me any time (207) 563-2574 or e-mail me: NANROSSCAM@MINDSPRING.COM.

David Pattee e-mailed: I'm semi retired after working in the environmental field for corporate America for about 40 years. I'm now working as a wetlands inspector in New Canaan, CT. I get to work outdoors nearly every day, and the people contact is good. I also get to see some fabulous houses.

Adrian Badger emailed: My wife, Sherrie, and I just celebrated our 22nd anniversary. We have five children: Chris and his wife Judi (they have 2 boys and 3 girls and live here in Enterprise, AL), John and his wife Jennifer (they have 1 boy and 1 girl in Enterprise and 4 girls in Arkansas), Joe who is in the Air force, stationed in Korea, Cathy and her husband Butch (they have 2 boys who live in Daleville and a girl who lives in Indiana) and Shanon and her husband Henrik who live in Denmark (they have twins-- 1 boy and 1 girl). At least nine grandchildren live near us. I served 24 years in the military, retiring in 1984. I also retired in 2005 after working for an Army contractor for 20 years. We went to Denmark in 2005 to see our youngest daughter. We have been coming to Maine every summer for 2 years now, staying for about 2 months.

Last, but not least – Congratulations to Paul Bertrand!! Pittsfield's new \$400,000 municipal pool will be named the Paul Bertrand Community Pool. Paul served on the town's Pool Committee and operated the machinery himself that removed the old asphalt pool to prepare the site for the new facility.

Class of '60

Janis Withee Lahaie e-mailed: After completing 36 years of teaching in Scarborough, ME, I retired and bought a condo in OOB, ME in 2000. Did some tour guiding for the cruise ships that came into Portland for the summers and decided I didn't want to do Maine winters any more. Headed to FL – traveling down the east coast, across Alligator Alley, and on up the west coast of FL. It was here that I found a little gem of a town north of Ft. Myers, south of Sarasota – Venice!! It truly is paradise! I

will be spending my third year there, enjoying all the bird life, flowers, Gulf for swimming, fishing, boating and the wonderful thoughts of enjoying the great outdoors all year round – for walking, biking, beaching and cookouts. I have become involved with many activities and volunteering: Habitat for Humanity, Senior Center, local schools, ushering for the local theaters and Art Center. The dolphins and manatees and pelicans play off the jetties and you can get a great hot dog as you sit and watch the boats coming and going on the intra coastal waterway. I come north for Thanksgiving and a couple months in the summer to visit my 2 children and 5 grandchildren: Derek in Lakeville, MA and Danielle in Falmouth, MA. It's great to spend Thanksgiving on Cape Cod with everyone, but I head back to FL after a couple weeks to get warm – my blood has thinned out and I am ready to soak up that sunshine! Come and visit me in paradise – 935 Desirade Ave-West, Venice, FL 34285; telephone 207-831-7974.

Class of '62

Gaylord Steven Jinno is living in Captain Cook, Hawaii, and is self-employed in custom woodworking/furniture. He has 4 children, Cody, Rosie, Tobi, and Jennifer.

Class of '64

We started the year of 2008 off on a fairly happy note, until one morning when the newspaper told us about the passing of Michael Dyer at 62 on January 10th. When talking about Mike's death, many of you shared some funny stories of happier times about Mike and how much fun he had at our class reunion. Mike was a great guy and will be remembered by so many. Then came February and another class member's passing. Donald Appleby passed away on February 12, at 62. I'm not looking forward to March if there's another lost. As we all know, life goes in a full circle. I've seen that in my 34 years in nursing, but never get used to the death part. I guess that's why I get so excited when our class reunion time comes around, so we can go back to a happier time, even for an afternoon get-together. So think "party down" – here comes our 45th in 2009! I hope we will all have a chance to see each other again. If you've never come to a class reunion, you're invited! Here's your chance!

Dorothy "Dot" Creasy Ackerman has two sons and 2 talented granddaughters. Dot is still busy working in home health care. She moved into a trailer home in Hartland with her 2 dogs.

Marlene Hunt Anderson I heard retired from EEMC after 30 plus years, and her husband went back for another tour of duty in Iraq.

"Mo" Atwater is still busy out in Denver, working and spending time with charity work and battling health issues.

"Bonnie" Emily McGaffin Baker is busy with her family in RI and healing a broken ankle. Knowing Bonnie, a broken ankle won't

slow her down!

Joe Barnes and wife Karoldene '65 are in their third year of retirement, busy training a bird dog and staying home reading. They've been married 38 years. Their French Brittany named Millie is his co-pilot when Joe flies his piper cub. Joe and Karoldene are looking forward to seeing you all at the next reunion for our 45th. Their happiest time is spent vacationing together in Southwest Harbor and Canada.

Carolyn Dutill Belanger and husband Buzzy have been married 40 years. Carolyn is still busy working, and she is still one funny lady – a joy to talk to!

Judith "Judy" Smith Chapman lives in CT, and is busy, busy with 5 grandchildren. She hopes to come back for the 45th, and when I spoke with her, Judy's mother was visiting.

We heard Una Inman Cheney has moved back to Maine. Una we hope you can come join us again for reunion time.

Ronald "Ron" Cookson: the last we talked with him, was talking about having his own greenhouse down in Burnham. He's been trying his hand at gardening, and enjoying it.

Crystal Hunt Cyr and husband Arthur moved their antique shop back from the coast. They have years of experience in antiques. So, closer to home, Crystal remains busy as ever with family and work, and hope to come to reunion.

Ralph Damren and wife Roberta are busy, busy in Old Town. Ralph, last we spoke, was going out of state on a business trip. Ralph is our MCI Alumni Association President, so I'm sure the Association is in good hands.

Linda Tozier Dean is busy working as a certified medical assistant in an infusion therapy clinic at St. Joseph Hospital. Linda has 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren, between her and her husband of 13 years together. Her pets are, Miss Keli (Sheltie) and Miss Kitty (original tabby cat). Her hobbies are Swedish weaving and knitting, and camping in her 27-foot camper. Linda reports she can't wait to see you all again!

Linda Eastman, of South San Francisco, CA, shares that she is starting a new business as a consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics. She has been retired since 1998 as a Lt. Colonel from the Army in the nursing field. She has 2 step daughters, 2 grandchildren. Linda and her husband Philip's hobbies are visiting national parks. They have seen 291, and only have 101 to go. Wow! Her other hobbies are camping, needle crafts, learning new things, and starting up her new home-based business.

Georgie Brown Farrin and her husband Ron do have 2 daughters and some cute grandchildren. They both are busy as usual. Georgie and Ron (our wonderful past host and hostess) didn't hang up when I mentioned having our 45th class reunion at their lovely home. That's a good sign! I'm waiting to see their new dogs.

James Flynn, from Oakton, VA writes he's in security consulting in Washington, DC

area. His happiest time is with his family. He and his wife have been married 40 years, and have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. His hobbies are travel, attending sporting events, and baseball card collecting. (Jim, I used to have all the Yankees and Red Sox, and every Mickey Mantle cards as a kid, but they were lost in our turkey farm fire.) Hope Jim can make it to our 45th when he's back visiting in Maine. Missed them last time they were here.

Frank "Tommy" Haseltine is busy down in Knoxville, TN. He is retired from the service. Tommy, hope if you're in Maine in 2009 you'll come join us and share your very interesting stores and travels.

Jeffrey "Jeff" Hathorn is Busy! He is contract Lear Jet Flying. Retired from US Airways in June '05, his happiest times are with his family. He has been married 31 years. He enjoys boating and snorkeling with his sons for Lobster in Biscayne Bay, FL. (P.S.: Jeff, we also have lobster up here, probably not as warm of water). Jeff has 2 sons. Cameron graduates from U of Florida in April and his other son, Jeff, just returned from Iraq after doing 3 tours there as a Navy Pilot, 800 hours combat flying time, and is now teaching new Navy pilots how to fly in Corpus Christi. (Hey, Jeff, you bring that cell phone of yours up here and Georgie and I will help you drown it in her pool). Jeff also has 2 cats.

Richard Howe is still doing volunteer work driving. He is busy 7 days a week. He makes a difference in so many peoples lives. Richard is like the Class energizer bunny – he keeps on going. He is very proud of his daughter (Courtney, a 2007 MCI graduate and now in college) and son Brandon (out in Columbus).

Patricia "Pat" Elkins Pratt shared that she and her husband of 42 years, Billy, have been busy exploring Florida and other southern states. Her hobbies are collecting antique dishes, and Billy collects clocks. Her happy news: her son Jeff had a kidney and pancreas transplant 4 months ago and is doing wonderful. Jeff had diabetes since age 13. He's 40 now, and no longer a diabetic, no dialysis or insulin. We are so happy about their miracle! Pat works 3 days a week.

Leslie Hinckley, Jr. from Windsor Locks, CT wrote that he's doing more vacationing, auto racing, and retirement preparation from President of Hinckley Sons, Inc. Leslie's happiest time is spent with his family. He was married 32 years until his wife's death on 12/19/04. He has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. His 5 grandsons are interested in auto racing and sports. His pet is a chocolate Lab, chubby. His exciting news is in 2008 his youngest child's wedding – his daughter on 5/30/08. Best wishes to her. Leslie enjoys racing in Maine – Wiscasset, Oxford, and Beach Ridge in the modified division. Leslie was asking about basketball coach 1964, Leonard MacPhee. Anybody have news on Coach MacPhee? Charles "Charlie" Philbrick and his

wife Rae reported that Charlie retired from Springfield Terminal Railroad, where he worked since high school. They have been married 38 years and have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren. Rae and Charlie write that their goal for this coming year is to "survive". Good thinking, folks! They sold their Citgo station, and are heading to sunny Florida. Rae is also doing her own countdown to retirement, and has about 2 years left. Their oldest son, Brian, MCI '88 is managing the Pittsfield Citgo station, put in a new deli and turned out to be a great cook. Their youngest son Steve, MCI '90, is running his camper and tent rental business and driving a truck. Charlie and Rae certainly look forward to class reunion time, and are very helpful come time to get everything together.

Tom Smith of Portland, ME shares that he's working part time for Dana Lane CPA, Saco. He retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Management. Tom has been married 40 years and has 4 children, 3 grandchildren. He does volunteer work at church, and manages the family woodlot. He and his wife hope to travel to northern Europe to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Carole Daily Vigue is one busy lady. She hopes to do more fly fishing, and says her happiest times are at camp with her family, husband Peter, MCI '65 married 39 years this June. They have 2 children, Michelle Hodgins '91 and Andi '89, and 4 sweet grandchildren.

Donna Brooks Rolfe is busy working at GE, and plans on a warm weather sea cruise again this year. She takes some great pictures. She has 2 children and wonderful grandchildren, as well as a Pomeranian dog.

Leon Southard and his wife Lee are wintering in Florida. Leon is still trumpet "playing up a storm" in the dinner clubs. They hope to be coming back to Maine, come summer, in Southwest Harbor.

Edward "Eddy" Toulouse – Eddy, how many years teaching school? I hope the students know how lucky there were to have a teacher like you! His spare time is spent at Johnny's Seeds – one busy man!

Glenda McMann Weymouth is another busy lady, with 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Presently she works at Maine General Hospital.

Jane Woodcock Woodruff has so many events happening – family, business, children, and many grandchildren. She still enjoys sailing, and was probably not happy with the time the tree in her front yard fell on the car! Jane was nice enough to let us put direction signs for class reunion out on their lawn last reunion.

Carleen Cianchette Carlson and husband JC said Tucson, AZ is a pleasant place to have a bed and breakfast business, but they still enjoy coming back to Maine to go camping and see family and friends. Carleen and JC, I think, still hold the record for their triplet sons and daughter.

Joan Vanderveer is more than busy with her nursing career in Concord, NH. She

has 2 children and 2 handsome grandsons. I've seen their pictures. Joan is one proud grandmother! She's hoping to see you all again for the 45th. We will get the poodle skirts out again!

James "Jim" or "Scrib" Scribner from Whistler, BC. What can we say about Scrib, beside loving life, skiing, working with Winter Olympic games upcoming to BC, planning a trip coming State side, seeing brother Herb and the rest of the family at their camp. Scrib doesn't slow down much – runs in his family.

Carolyn Dutill Belanger has been married to Buzzy (Class of '59) for 41 years. She is close to retiring from LMS in Bangor-- in about 3 years. She has 2 children and 2 grandchildren and says that her happiest times are with her husband and family. Her pet's name is Buzzy. Her hobby is photography and this year's vacation will be heading out to Oregon to see George Baker '65. Finally, her goal is to stay alive!

Connie Baxter Marlow writes in response to my letter: This year I have produced a film called *In Search of the Future: What Do the Wise Ones Know?* It features visionary indigenous elders, Western scientists and futurists and brings an uplifting look at the origin and future of humanity. The website is www.insearchofthefuturemovie.com. My partner Andrew and I also have a B&B/INNstitute for exploring evolutionary ideas in Sedona, Arizona (www.pagespringsbandb.com and www.theinnstituteatsedona.com). My happiest times are sharing ideas to make the world a better place (www.theamericanevolution.com and www.thebaxterproject.org). I was married for 25 years in Aspen, Colorado and raised three children there. Alison, 27, Consi, 25, and Jonny, 21. Andrew Bailey and I have been together for 4 years and live in Sedona, Arizona and LA, California. No grandchildren yet. We don't have any pets, but when I was raising my kids we had every pet you can imagine—at one point we had 53—birds, snakes, ducks, geese, horses, dogs, cats, lizards—you name it, we had it! I wish to share with the class that I have wonderful memories of our youth together and I look forward to returning in '09 and seeing everyone again. My wish for 2008 is that humanity opens its heart and mind and brings Peace on Earth. My goal is to help that happen through my films and ideas.

Class of '65

From Charlene Buzzell Lowe:

Well, I think those of us who live in Maine have finally emerged from the massive amounts of snow we got this winter. But let's look at the bright side...it was so good for the skiers, snowmobilers, skaters, et al. Think economy! It is also election year, and I want to encourage everyone to get out there and vote. We Baby Boomers can make a difference. I'll start this off with a little update on my doings! I am still in the insurance business as an employee benefits account manager with a broker agency. I have been

with this particular agency for two years, but have been an insurance broker for about 10 now. Prior to that, I was a Human Resource Benefits Specialist with a water company, and before that with Unum for many years. I have two grown sons, Jeff and Ryan, and four grandchildren that are just the best. Jason will be 20 in May and is in the Army stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Jacob and Paige are 10 ½ and 7 and are busy with school and sports and of course, PS2. My youngest son, Ryan, has one girl, Ashlyn Rae, who will be 4 in April. She is a pure delight and people say is a reflection of me. Could it be because she was born on my birthday and she has my middle name? For fun (huh?) right now, I am remodeling my kitchen!! Next is the basement. What was I thinking? Thanks to all of you who responded. Here is what I heard:

Terry Higgins (my Class Flirt co-superlative!) lives in Rochester, NH with his wife, Peggy. He says he is "basically semi-retired" but he refuses to totally retire at this time (you are too young, Terry!!). He is playing a lot of golf and they spend time at their camp on Lake Winnepesaukee during summer months. Their two daughters are grown. Oldest daughter Katie currently lives in Rockport, Me. and will be embarking on a new adventure with Greater Portland Landmarks as Director of Education. She is married and her husband, Mason McBrien, is completing his Masters. Daughter Sarah is working as a Production & Graphic design specialist for the University of Chicago Press in Chicago and is applying for her Masters in Graphic design and hopes to start her studies in the fall.

Del Soule writes that he and wife, Karen, are still on a quest to hike the entire 2,178 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Wow, talk about ambition! They reside in Columbia, SC and started their "hike" at Springer Mountain in Georgia. They hike small sections twice a year and he claims he will complete this undertaking when he is 95 years old. Go Del! The two also enjoy annual cruises and in 2006 it was LA to Hawaii. This past fall it was the Mexican Riviera. He says they don't care where they go... it's the food and the pampering that they truly enjoy. I can relate to that!

I heard from Judy Reynolds Lane, who now resides on a lake near the Ocala (FL) National Forest. She has been in FL for about 13 years now and she loves it. Judy is a home healthcare provider. She has 2 sons and a daughter and 8 grandchildren, ranging in age from 18 to 1 year. They keep her pretty busy. Judy is going to try to make it to our next reunion, since she believes the last one she attended was our 25th!!! That was a long time ago kiddo!

It was nice to hear from my friend Pam Houston Brooks. She has had the honor of the gift of two grandchildren this year. Still at the Auction every Sunday and I threatened to visit one this summer.

Class of '67

Joseph Pyle – Just wanna say g'day to anyone who reads this, and if you ever happen to find yourself down under, stop and have a chat. Also, if you need an excellent painter – can travel, send airfare. --Joe. Joe is married to Susan Pyle, and says he has 2 kids, "2 bronzed aussie males." He notes he did his PG year in '68.

Class of '68

I would like to extend a special thank you to those of you who responded to the recent letter. I hope all of you will enjoy these notes about your classmates and continue to send along updates from time to time.

Karen Perry writes that summer is her busiest time. Her company is summer vacation rentals on Mount Desert Island (www.maine cottagereproperties.com). She has lived in Bass Harbor for 35 years with her life partner, Stephen. She sees David McGibney at least once a year and keeps in touch with Seven. She also keeps in close contact with her good friend, Dean Homestead, '69. Her parents, who are in their 80's, are close by in Bar Harbor. Check out Karen's web site for a picture of her with her Golden doodle, "Schooner". You can reach Karen at Karen@mainecottagereproperties.com. Eric Cianchette called to say he is still in the Portland area. He and Peg bought a farm in Falmouth about a year ago which they have re-furnished and although he is "trying to retire", he is still busy with his real estate business and the Regency, and has fresh ideas for new ventures in the near future. Three of his five children are in college, one is working and one is still in high school. (It doesn't sound like retirement is that close after all.) Eric and his family spend most winter weekends at their place at Sugarloaf and time in the summer on Sebago Lake. He still enjoys flying and riding his Harley and his dirt bike. His email address is ericcianchette@yahoo.com and he would love to hear from you. Lolly Susi is still living in London and continues her career as an actress (our claim to fame). She also directs on a regular basis and recently worked in that capacity with Susannah York. In the last few years she has started to write. Her first book "The Central Book – the 100 Year History of the Central School of Speech and Drama" was published in 2006 and her second book, "An Untidy Career – Conversations, Observations and Lunch with George Hall" is due this October. Lolly usually spends a couple of months in Pittsfield during the summer when it fits her schedule. She is planning to be here for the MCI reunion this August and hopes that others will make the effort as well. Her address is lolly@lollysusi.com. Cheryl Foster Duplessis says she can't believe forty years have passed since we left MCI and remembers those days as happy and carefree. She expresses her gratitude for the wonderful preparation for life she received at MCI. Cheryl and her husband lived in Jackman for nearly ten years where they

owned and operated the local supermarket. They then retired to Florida for 15 years but kept a camp in Rockwood. Finding the seasonal trek back and forth not what they wanted, they returned to their "home state". Cheryl states she is definitely a "died-in-the-wool Maineiac" and loves the diversity of the land, the people and the slower way of life. They settled in Greenville, but sadly, her husband, Dolly, passed away two years later from multiple myeloma. Now, six years later, Cheryl is still living and working in Greenville as an administrative assistant/business manager for a local business, where the diversity of the job keeps her interested, challenged and busy. She spends her time off with her new little buddy, "Chloe", her Yorkshire terrier, and with her circle of friends and family in the area. She would love to see old friends and invites you to look her up when in the Moosehead region. Cheryl's email address is cduples427@hotmail.com. Jean Hammond Watts is still teaching the 5th grade in Glenburn, Maine even though her husband, Harley, retired from GE this year. Jean's oldest daughter, Casey, blessed them with a beautiful (I saw the pictures) new granddaughter, Lila, in January. Her children are spread out, Casey in Massachusetts, Liza in Manhattan and Seth in New Hampshire. Her youngest son, Riley, dances for the Bern Ballet and lives in Switzerland. He will dance for the Netherlands Dance Theater beginning in August. Jean says she reads lots of books she and Harley love their quiet life. She plans to attend the reunion. Jean's email address is jeanwatts273@hotmail.com. Each year I faithfully receive a Christmas card from Dawn Peterson Cox. She is still living in Waldorf, Maryland. No retirement for them as yet but she and Jesse are looking forward to it. Dawn is a nurse with the Health Department and the last I knew, she was working with HIV/AIDS patients. Her two daughters are doing well. One lives in Florida and drives Dawn's parents to Maryland for the holidays. I always look forward to her annual card and note. Thanks, Dawn. I spoke with Pam Inman Frederick on the telephone. She married Terry Frederick seven years ago and is happily retired in Beverly Hills, Florida. She is active in her church and helps Terry with his rental properties. She enjoys walking often to stay in good health and she keeps busy with three of their seven grandchildren who live close. Pam can be reached at tfrederick@tampabay.rr.com. I am working nearby in a regional cancer center as a Certified Oncology Nurse. I just love my job and feel like I am at the pinnacle of my career. I am grateful each day for my health and the ability to go to work. My family is well and I am enjoying my grandsons, Christopher, who is 11 years old, and Merrick, 9 months old. They are the light in my life. I am still looking after my mother who just turned 96, so I keep busy in the "sandwich" caring for Mom and the boys. I am looking forward to warmer days when I can hop on the Harley

with my husband, Louie, now and then, for a carefree ride. Lewana Huff Stendel wrote: "40 years! You must be mistaken... I retired in June 2007 after 35 years as an elementary educator. PHEW! Now, what will I do? I am uncertain at this point. I am blessed with this time to support Ben as he completes his senior year of high school. My son, Ben, will graduate from high school in June. He is planning to attend EMCC to study Auto Technology. When I decided to retire last year, he was insistent that he was not going to college... I am delighted that he is pursuing his interest of automobiles!"

Kathy Starbird Warburg sent a note to tell us she is still working for the Skowhegan School District. Her husband, Paul, is a district manager for Marden's. Kathy's son, Jason, makes video games for Play Station and was one of the creators of "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band". Daughter, Tristan, is working for a company called "Bain". Kathy now lives in Canaan, where she and Paul bought a house a few years back. She still enjoys her summers at her camp on Unity Pond as well.

It would be nice to hear from more of our classmates as we move closer to our 40th reunion in August. Until then, be well and stay in touch. Your class agent, Sharon Hanson Ringuette, 32 Lincoln Street, Gardner, MA 01440. 978-660-1168 sringuette@juno.com.

Class of '69

Brad Cahill lives in Woolwich, ME and has been married to Pam for 37 years. They have two children Veronica and Brandon and two grandchildren Parker and Brenton. Brad has retired from the seagoing Tugboats after 28 years. He and his son purchased Bill's Garage in West Bath where he now spends his days.

Rich Brown, aka "Brownie" Lives in Northboro, Mass. with his wife of 25 years, Emily, and they summer in Litchfield, Me. They have three married daughters and eight grandchildren. He has spent the last 35 years in Human Resources for high tech companies in Mass. Brownie and Emily enjoy golfing, boating and especially family activities with their grandchildren.

I (Dianne Whitney) still live in Fairfield, Me. with my husband Terry. We have a grown daughter, Crystal and two grandchildren, Dakota and Mikayla. I now work in the president's office of Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield. I look forward to hearing from more of the Class of '69 to pass along in future publications, our 40th is not that far away.

Class of '72

Bonnie Abbott Hardwick is living in New York and working as a personal assistant to a commodities trading company president. Her daughter, Tracy, who is engaged to be married to Edrick Whalen in July 2008, is a respiratory therapist in Norwalk, CT. She has two children, Kylie (9) and Kameron (4). Her son Donald, who is also engaged to be

married, is a chef in Nashua, NH. He has two daughters, Eliza, 5 and Aydon, 2. Her daughter Michelle lives in Waterville, ME and is attending vocational school for MHRT training. She has two sons, Devin (14) and Nathaniel (10).

Reimond Grignon is a non-denominational United Christian Faith minister in Palmyra, ME. He is a gospel folk singer-songwriter that sings both his own gospel songs and old-time folk songs. Done in the simple old time style, each song tells a story from the Bible and is backed by Bible verses. He says, "I don't come to do a concert, but to proclaim God's word in song and verse!"

Class of '73

Susan Smith England writes: I have seen/heard from a number of classmates who are looking forward to our 35th. Keep watch for more information about our Reunion Class party. I hope to see you there!

Class of '75

Hello to all! I'm still alive and well, living in Pittsfield with my beautiful wife Vera, and our brilliant children Maggie and Douglas.

Sheila L. (Rines) Southard passed away Jan. 30, 2008 at home from cancer. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to hang with her for over an hour at our last reunion. She was a wonderful person and will be missed.

Dan Cropley has moved from Maryland to California. He's managing a motel in Eureka.

Karen Reynolds McGrady married Frank McGrady this past fall. They reside in St. Albans.

Suzu Quint has moved back to Pittsfield. She works at a hospital in western Maine.

My cousin, Jim Fowler, passed away last fall. His health deteriorated to the point his liver and kidney shut down on him.

Bart Kelleher has moved from Florida to Maine and is working at MCI.

Shelaine Wooster Buxton still lives in Bangor and has become a grandma to her son's daughter Harley Rose.

Good health and happiness to you all—Kevin R. Bryant

Class of '76

Don Hallenbeck e-mailed: Hi, All. Happy New Year from the snowbound State of Maine! As of this writing, we have over 50 inches of snow. It started snowing just about as soon as the calendar changed to December. On a sad note, Dennis (Tank) Frederick's sister, Marsha (MCI Class of '77) passed away just before Christmas. Our condolences, Dennis.

On a more joyous note, I picked up a copy of a local history magazine Paper Talks, and on the cover was a picture of Mrs. Witham (Dean of Women at MCI during our day) in her WWI Uniform with her husband. There was also a picture of Dave Quint's dad, Marty in the same issue. (Marty recently passed away — our condolences, Dave). In another history magazine I got a

copy of, there was an ad with a picture of Penny Marcia Dana '77 who works for Super Shoes in Bangor. Just before the holidays I saw David (Cubby) Miles in what used to be Corner Citgo (now Dysart's Travel Stop). Cubby looks good.

I attended the dedication of the new pool to Paul Bertrand '59 and saw a few of the folks I used to work with at the pool, including Anne Mathews Duncombe '83 and Mrs. Lyford (Holly) Beverage. Brought back memories of the days I spent working there with "Dr." Gladys Shorey, Dr. Dave Austin, Dr. Lisa Sauer, Bob Mathews and others. I hope the pool committee names the new bathhouse in honor of Dr. Shorey, as she did a lot for the kids and staff. I also attended a spaghetti supper to benefit the pool in November at the new MCI dining hall, and was very impressed.

That's about all for now. I did hear from some of you in Classmates.com, but as I don't pay to be a member, I can't reply to your messages. I do check my e-mail from computers at the library when they're open (hint, hint for you guys to send news, etc.). I'll say so long for now and will be busy counting down the days until I can get back on the bike again, cane and all. I forgot to mention that due to the injury to my left knee some 40 years ago, I'm using a cane these days as the knee has a nasty habit of wanting to collapse at the wrong time. Hope to see you at Reunion, if not before then. Historically yours, Don Hallenbeck, 107 Ryan Ct., Apt. 202, Pittsfield, ME 04967 (note the new address. I've not moved, but the town changed all the addresses in town late this summer).

Class of '80

Lynne Jacobs Estes writes: I am living in Hermon, Maine with husband of 22 years, Keith, and children Travis (19) and Amber (16). Last year I opened my own embroidery business-- Custom Embroidery of Maine. My husband is a pharmaceutical rep. We are busy with the business, children and many apartment buildings that we own around the Bangor area. I would love to hear from some classmates (customembome@yahoo.com).

Class of '81

Suzanne Lynch Guild writes: Hi all! I've been living in the Augusta area since 1988. I work part-time for the Maine Association of Realtors Foundation and we spend our free time watching our kids play field hockey, soccer, softball, and baseball for Maranacook Community School (yes....we compete against MCI...at those games I leave my Maranacook sweatshirt at home!) We spend our winter weekends skiing and summer weekends at camp in northern Maine. I would love to hear from you! Please drop me an email (dsquid@roadrunner.com) so that we can re-connect and I can let everyone know what you've been up to.

Class of '83

Ronald Parrish is living in Suwanee, GA

and says he'd like to "find some of the guys." E-mail: ronparrish024@yahoo.com.

Class of '87

From Sherri Ouellette: On July 27, 2007 I graduated from Florida Hospital College of Heath Sciences with an Associates Degree in Nursing. September 26, 2007, successfully passed the NCLEX for board certification as a Registered Nurse. I currently reside in Orlando, FL with my husband of 18 years and our three children: Brandon who is 16 and a junior in high school and a member of the Jr Air Force ROTC, Zakeri who is 14 and a freshman in high school and a member of the marching band and regiment, and Caylee who is 12 and a highly self motivated homeschool student. I would love to hear from anyone in the class, or any other class.

Class of '91

Chad Friend writes: I'm living in Union, KY a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. I currently serve as Captain of the Miss Belterra, an Ohio River passenger casino vessel, for Belterra Casino & Resort (a subsidiary of Pinnacle Entertainment). I have 4 children, Tristin age 11, Kinley 8, Alivia 5 and Tori 2. I'm still married to Darla who works as a Casino Host and Cocktail server for the same employer. I was selected as employee of the quarter in '07 and also able to "stand-in" for a Travel Channel airing of our casino & property... I got about 3 minutes of airtime (but no speaking parts). Darla and I built our dream home and moved in last summer. We are very happy....

Class of '92

Vaughn Woodruff is working with the northern Cheyenne people in Montana to assist American Indians in gaining power over their lands.

Class of '96

John Houghton writes: I've been living in Athens, Georgia since 2004, which is when I started vet-school at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine. It seems unbelievable to me, but I'll be graduating this May, and since I've already passed my board exams, I'll finally be a DVM! Before getting a permanent job, I'll be going off to do an internship post-graduation (which is an optional 1 year program designed to further sharpen our medical knowledge and abilities). The location of my internship is yet-to-be-determined by a confusing nation-wide "Internship Match Program" which provides results next month. I have a wonderful girlfriend, who is also in vet-school, and a great group of friends and colleagues. My family is still alive and well. My mother's side of the family moved from Pittsfield to Williamstown, Massachusetts about 5 years ago. I still keep in touch with Aaron Rosen from the MCI class of '97, and occasionally hear from members of our class, but otherwise have very few connections left in Pittsfield. I do hope everyone is doing well,

and staying happy and healthy. I wish you all the best, and look forward to hearing some updates!

Jaime Jensen Delano married Ryan Delano '93 on Halloween 2007. Jaime is now the co-owner of Oz Hair Studio in Pittsfield (formerly Circles).

Class of '97

Maria Dolores Puche Garcia attended Saint Josephs College after MCI and now lives in Spain.

Bonnie McLennan Weatherford is living near Seattle, WA with her husband Jeremy. She recently ran the Seattle Marathon and is training for an Iron-man.

Class of '98

Joshua Crate submitted information online that he is now a chef, living in New York and has a child.

Class of '02

Nicole Woodworth e-mailed, "After completing my bachelors degree from Boston University I decided to take a few years "off" from school and am currently working for a consulting firm and am planning on attending law school in Boston in the fall of '08.

Donna Russo Sawtelle wrote, "I got married on October 1, 2005 to Jerry Sawtelle and we welcomed our daughter Jenna Louise Sawtelle on March 25, 2007. These were both very happy events in my life, and I wanted to share them with my classmates.

Sara Plamondon Goode is married to Christopher Goode and is a stay at home mom for MacKenzie. They live in Pittsfield.

Heather McLaggan attended Husson College with a concentration in Hospitality Management Assistant Restaurant Manager, and is now working at the Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, SC.

Jennifer Kuhlmeier Lebo is married to Chris. After high school she attended University of Rochester and received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering Telecom. She is employed at One Communications in Mass.

Class of '05

Owen Maxwell is attending St. Bonaventure College, according to his dad.

Class of '06

There was news in the paper of Elizabeth Perkins' engagement to Dustin Gallagher, with a May 2007 wedding.

Class of '07

Dennis Andrew Frederick has completed basic training and just got his notice that he'll be going to Afghanistan in January 2009.

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