

MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE SPRING 2006

ALUMNUS



MCI 50TH REUNION
CLASS OF 1956

MCI's Annual Auction will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006. "Mardi Gras at MCI" will benefit the school's athletic and music programs, and a portion of this year's proceeds will benefit youth programs affected by Hurricane Katrina. The Silent Auction portion of the Annual Auction event offers 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 5. If you are unable to attend the Annual Auction, you will be contacted by telephone if yours is the highest bid on an item, and the Auction Committee will arrange shipment to you.



ITEM 1 Pair of Old Town Canoe Company
Loon 111 Kayaks

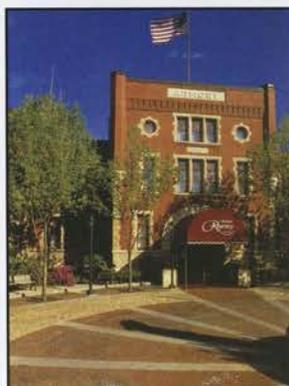
Stable, comfortable, easy to paddle, the Loon 111 Kayak carries up to 275 pounds. Easy to carry, the Loon 111 Kayak features a triple hull construction of durable Polylink 3, sliding and adjustable slant high-back folding seat, adjustable footbraces and contoured carrying handles. The large 17" by 55" cockpit is very user-friendly. Package also includes two Loon paddles and two life jackets.

Value: \$1,250.00
Minimum Bid: \$400.00

ITEM 2 Weekend Getaway For Two at the Portland
Regency Hotel

The Regency is located in a historic 19th century armory in the center of the Old Port, and features 95 guest rooms, nightly turn-down service, complimentary newspapers and wake up coffee. This package includes breakfast each morning (tax & gratuity not included). Valid dates November 1, 2006 - April 25, 2007. Donated by Eric Cianchette '68.

Value: \$338.00



ITEM 3 MCI Engraved 140th Commemorative Boston Rocker

This solid maple hardwood rocker features a steam bent crown in cherry finish, laser-engraved MCI seal and 140th anniversary banner, hand-painted gold beading, comfortable scooped seat. The body of the chair is painted a handsome satin black, featuring a multi-step finish with a beautiful and durable laquer topcoat. Donated by MCI's Alumni/ae Association and Bob & Cindy Downs.

Value: \$325.00

ITEM 4 ACER Laptop Computer

The Acer TravelMate 2423WXCi Notebook features Intel Celeron 1.5, 256 MB of memory, 40GB hard drive, 14.1" display, CD-RW/DVD-ROM, integrated 10/100, integrated V.92 modem, wireless 802.11b/g and Windows XP Home.

Donated by Phoenix Computers.
Value: \$599.00



ITEM 5 Ruby Ring

Set in 14K gold, features one 11x18 ruby flanked by two 2.5 mm diamonds, comes with completed appraisal. Donated by Angela Bertrand.

Appraisal value: \$890.00



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Members of the Class of 1953 got together in 2005 to reminisce and share memories.

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Happy Birthday MCI!

Maine Central Institute celebrates 140 years with a special community program



From left: birthday banners given to MCI by CM Almy decorate the campus; Declan Galvin '06 gets an adjustment to his costume at the celebration; Amanda Glidden '06 and Jenna McCarthy '07 wait to read their parts; Derek Gregory '06 pauses while MCI Director of Alumni/ae Affairs ties his tie; even the local movie theater wished MCI well on its birthday.

Maine Central Institute celebrated its 140th birthday on Wednesday, February 1, in a big way.

The celebration included a special gathering of the entire school community in Wright Gym, complete with cake and hot chocolate. Jenna McCarthy '07, Declan Galvin '06, Amanda Glidden '06, and Derek Gregory '06 portrayed different alumni who shared their memories of their time at MCI with the rest of the school, and a slide show took the audience down memory lane with photos from MCI's archives and music.

Carlene Engstrom, MCI's Director of Alumni/ae Affairs, painstakingly put together the slide show that

began with a birthday salute to MCI and its founders, then continued on through the ages with photos of life at the school as it was in years past. Following the slide show, the audience was invited to share in birthday cake and hot chocolate provided by MCI's food service staff.

In addition to the MCI school community, MCI alumni/ae and members of the greater Pittsfield community were invited to attend the birthday celebration, as well as local newspaper and television reporters. It was a joyful, happy celebration as everyone looked back at where MCI has been on the way to where it's going.

Electronic Connections

Maine Central Institute is taking advantage of new technology to connect with members of the MCI community, including past, present and future parents, alumni, MCI employees, friends and supporters of the school.

MCI introduced a new, bi-monthly electronic newsletter called *The Pawprint*, which will be sent out to all e-mail subscribers. The newsletter will include school features, photographs, announcements, schedules and much more.

"We think it's important to maintain strong connections between MCI and its community," said Head of School Joanne Szadkowski. "One of the ways MCI is working to improve communication is through this electronic newsletter. We're excited about using the new technology to its fullest potential!"

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For Art's Sake

Art teacher Sarah Sorg was chosen as a featured artist of the month on a web site of the Photographic Resource Center.

Sorg's work has been featured at the Bangor Public Library, Cambridge Art Association, Essex Art Center and the Fitchburg Art Museum. She said the series of her photographs featured on *Northeast Exposure Online* are black and white images of the night sky.

Three of Sorg's art students had their work chosen as first, second and third place winners in the annual MCI Winter Art Show.

Cecil Gresham's work, "James", won first place; "A Night in the City" by Ruth Oviatt took second; and "Self-Self Portrait" by Betsy Goldman won third.





Bossov Celebrates Ten Years

Bossov Ballet Theatre celebrated its 10th anniversary of bringing students to MCI from four different countries and 16 states on February 23.

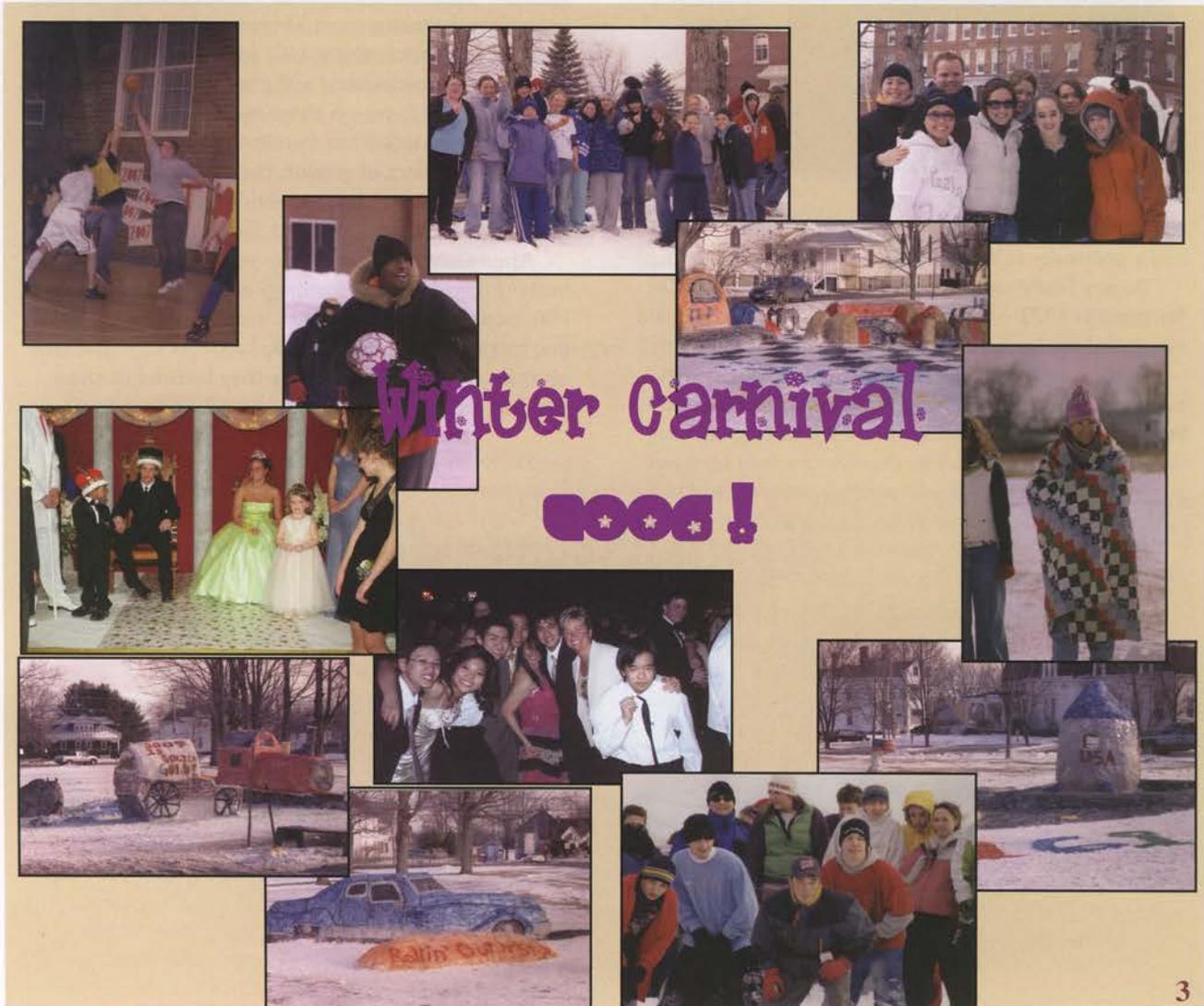
In those 10 years, MCI graduates who have studied under Bossov have been successful in achieving offers of contracts from 12 different professional ballet and dance companies. Two graduates opted to study in St. Petersburg, Russia, at the Vaganova Ballet Academy.

Led by Andrei Bossov and carefully directed by Col. Michael Wyly, the BBT has attracted young men and women from across the country to MCI for both a high school education or for the private classes and summer school it offers.

Hornor To Be Lead Presenter At AP Conference

MCI Dean of Academics Jim Hornor will be a lead presenter at the 2006 AP Annual Conference this July in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Hornor will present "Coast-to-Coast: AP From Small to Suburban", a presentation that will focus on developing advanced placement courses in rural settings. Hornor wrote the proposal for the presentation, and said his selection as a lead presenter means a lot. "It means I've been selected to be part of a continuing dialogue on how to improve advanced placement nationwide," he said.



Thanks For The Memories...

MCI's Bessey Retiring

In all his years of teaching at MCI, Ron Bessey has seen a lot. He's seen the campus change and grow, he's seen thousands of students pass through his classroom and on to become successful adults, and he's seen teaching methods change. But through it all, one thing in Bessey's life has not changed – his love of teaching.

"Teaching has always been my career, not my job," Bessey said. But after 34 years, Bessey is calling 2005-2006 his final year of teaching. He'll retire from MCI in the spring.

Not only has Bessey been a vital part of the MCI faculty for years, he's also an alum. He graduated in 1962, then went on to Bates College to get his teaching degree. College degree in hand, Bessey returned to MCI in 1966 to teach



history, and stayed for two years. He left after that to run a pharmacy in Westbrook for a number of years.

Bessey finally settled on a teaching career at MCI for good in 1973 – for \$50 a month! "I think they paid me out of the janitorial fund at the time," he recalled.

In his time at MCI Bessey has made major contributions. He was instrumental in creating the Senior Projects program as well as the Humanities program –

two of his proudest accomplishments. The Senior Projects program, he believes, comes to MCI seniors at the exact time when their interest in school is waning. "They've got 'senioritis' and really need something different to work on," he said. Bessey believes the Senior Projects give the students a feeling of pride and more. "Some of them get the chance to explore the career they've chosen," he explained. "They learn self-discipline and how to work independently."

As a fitting tribute to Bessey's service to MCI, the school has established an endowed chair in his name. He said he's honored by the faculty chair. "I look at it as a way of helping the school, and that's a good thing," he said. "It's nice to have such recognition."

When he finishes his last day of teaching at MCI this year, Bessey is planning to get back to another passion – recording the history of the school where he's spent the better part of his life. He's been working on a book about MCI for about five years, but is hoping that retirement will give him the time he needs to really focus on the project. "MCI is an excellent school and has excellent potential," he said. "There's been lots of growth here and nothing has really been written about it. Besides, if anyone should know something about MCI, I should!"

After teaching for so many years, Bessey's contributions to the MCI community are too many to count. He's hoping that his students, most of all, will remember him for one thing. "I hope students can look back on their time with me and say they learned to think and use ideas," he said.

Sports Round-Up

The boys varsity basketball team ended its season placing 5th in the MPA standings, ending the season in Bangor against Medomak Valley with a 14-5 record. KVAC 1st Team – Andrew Tracy; KVAC 2nd Team – Victor Quint; KVAC All Academic – Cody Hart, Eric Sebey, Mark Trombley.

The girls varsity basketball team had a good season as well, ending their season with a 12-7 record. KVAC 1st Team – Victoria Huff.

The postgraduate basketball team ended its season missing the NEPSAC playoff due to a sub-500 record.

The wrestling team had a great season, filling more

weight classes because of more participants this year. Brandon Wright finished first in the KVAC's, and six wrestlers qualified for State competition.

The ski team had a strong boys team with only one senior this year. They placed 5th in the State competition, and 2nd at KVAC's in the Giant Slalom.

The Rifle Team recently won the State title, with Olivia Haynes '07 nabbing the Overall State Female Champion title. James Hussey '06 placed first in the 17-year-old division, and Jonathan Englehardt '08 took first in the 15-year-old division. The JV team placed 2nd in the Interscholastic Division.

Lobster-palooza

Jeff Hazell '79 Built His Business On The Tasty Crustacean

Jeff Hazell '79 admits that when he graduated from high school, he didn't know what he wanted to do. He joined the Maine Central Institute PG football program and spent a year in Pittsfield, and it turned his life around.

"MCI got me going in the right direction," Hazell said. That direction led Hazell down a path that enabled him to become a seafood entrepreneur and restaurant owner.

Born and raised in Marblehead, Mass., Hazell went on to the University of New Haven's Hotel/Restaurant Management program after he graduated from MCI, and continued to play football there. In his junior year of college, a representative from Disney visited the campus and he was able to snag an internship at a Disney World restaurant in Orlando, Florida.

Hazell enjoyed his time in Orlando so much that after he graduated from college, he returned, working for TGI Fridays. He returned to Marblehead for his 24th birthday and spent time with his father, a lifelong lobsterman, on the open sea. "We went out lobstering one day, and when I saw the lobsters being packed up for shipping later on, I thought I should try to sell lobsters from Orlando."

Hazell was inspired, and he began building a few tanks, setting them up in his garage at the time, and wholesaling lobsters to restaurants in Florida. "Within 6 months I had moved out of the garage and stepped up to more product," he said. He rented a warehouse and the wholesaling business soon



Jeff Hazell '79 and his dad

expanded to include restaurants throughout most of Florida, from Sarasota to Jacksonville.

In 1991, Hazell opened his first restaurant, the Boston Lobster Feast. There are now three in the Orlando area. "It is, as far as I know, the only all-you-can-eat lobster and seafood restaurant," Hazell said. Between the three restaurants, they serve about 600,000 people a year.

After 20 years, Hazell still loves what he does. "I love that it's different every day. I love seeing people smiling at the restaurants, enjoying the food and telling us how much they love it," he said.

The Life of Doherty

Richard Doherty '50 Always Finds Time To Play

From humble beginnings Richard Doherty has lived a life of academia and adventure.

Born and raised on a farm in Newport, Doherty can still recall his first taste of butter pecan ice cream at the age of 2. He went into business for himself at the tender age of 7, after his father gave him a flock of chicks to raise and sell the eggs.

But it was at MCI that Doherty's life changed. He hitchhiked to school every day after milking the cows, and, though he loved school, he admitted he didn't push himself academically. He didn't really have a plan for life after high school, but Howard Niblock recognized the spark in Doherty and encouraged him to apply to Bowdoin College, where he would embark on a career in medicine.

"Niblock was my life saver," Doherty recalled. "He really felt that I would have ended up in a bad way if I had stayed in Pittsfield much longer."

After Bowdoin, Doherty went on to Amherst College, then Columbia Medical School. He continued on to his residency at a children's hospital in Boston,

then Stanford Medical School to study molecular genetics. He taught in the pediatrics department, then went on to the University of Rochester to develop the medical genetics program there.

"I've lucked out to be in very good places," said Doherty. "I've had the opportunity to be a faculty member in the days when you could be very free with what you did, and had the opportunity to work with world-class staff at Stanford."

These days, Doherty is retired, but he's still in perpetual motion. "I recently decided to retire because I simply wasn't having enough time to play!" he said. He's living in Seattle, Wash with his children and grandchildren, and is busy traveling the world and exploring.

Through it all, Doherty still credits MCI and Niblock for setting him on his life's path. "MCI was my entrance into the world, a critical and pivotal lifetime experience for me, especially to be steered to college, which I otherwise thought was not in my future," he said.

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Class of '30

Age doesn't stop **Eleanor Toothaker** and doesn't confine her to the family farm in Dixmont, Maine. As usual, she attended Summer Reunion. The only representative of our 75-year class, she was the oldest member of the MCI family there. Within the last year, she made a couple of trips to Portland, one to Rockland, and spent a day at Farmington Fair.

Floyd Humphrey is admittedly slowing down. For the first time in all his years of hunting, he failed to get a deer in 2005!

I, **Nelson Tibbetts**, class agent, spend much of my time relaxing in a comfortable easy chair, remembering and thinking. I've never been this old before, so I don't know what else to do! When the new Head of School, Joanne Szadkowski, paid a brief visit to Seattle the very first of March, 2005 and she invited me to have lunch with her at the conveniently-located nearby Airport Marriott. I told her something about the MCI of three buildings and a faculty of 12. She told me something about the MCI of today and where it is going. I enjoyed our time together very much. I am confident that the school is still in good hands. No memories are more important than those of my two years at MCI, where events and circumstances set the course for the rest of my life.

Editor's Note: The Alumni/ae Office regretfully was informed of the passing of Nelson Tibbetts on January 6, 2006. See the memorial section.

Class of '37

It's been four years since we have had any class report in the *Alumnus*. Not as many classmates are responding to the request for news. It can't be that we are getting older!

Can you believe **Andy Laughton** was only thirteen years old when he came to MCI and graduated when he was 16?

In 1942 he graduated from Maine School of Business Education and five years later, he had earned his Master's degree from the University of Maine. For 36 years he served as an educator, a teacher/guidance counselor and assistant superintendent. He served in the Air Force 1943-1945. Andy met his wife (from Brewer) when he was in school at the U of ME. They have a twin son and daughter who live in Spokane, WA, and 5 grandchildren. Andy enjoys bowling and yard work in retirement. He and his wife live in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Rachel Davis Johnson is always so faithful to send us news. She graduated from Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing in Greenwich, CT in 1945. For 25 years, she worked at Cheshire Hospital in Keene, NH. In 1984 at her retirement, she was head nurse of the post-anesthesia recovery room. Rachel married a New Hampshire native. At retirement they moved to the home of her great-grandparents where Rachel was born. They have three sons, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Her husband, Frank, suffered a massive stroke in 1993. Rachel cares for him and her large house and occasionally enjoys gardening, reading, and oil painting. In their younger years, they traveled to England, Texas, Williamsburg, and Washington DC area, and to Grand Cayman Island. Frank and Rachel live in Montville.

Although **Sarah Johnson Bowen** was a classmate for only her last year at MCI, she has been a loyal correspondent. Sarah is a retired hairdresser from her shop in Waterville. She is a Master Flower show Judge Emeritus. She and husband, Paul, retired to their summer home in Bayside and to Bushnell, Florida in the winter. Paul passed away in 2002. They have two daughters and a dozen grandchildren. At present,

Sarah lives in Augusta with her daughter, Jackie. Sarah is partially incapacitated with health problems.

Although **Halver Badger** admits to serious health problems, he says life is good and he and Maxine are so blessed. Three of their four children live close at home. Roderick is at Jackson Laboratories in Bar Harbor, Keith is at Agway, and Kermit owns a local trucking business. Adrian, who retired from the military, lives in Alabama. Halver and his wife live in Hartland.

Arlene Walker Huff is my only classmate who started first grade with me at the Riverside School. She keeps me up to date on news from home. Although she, too, has health problems, Arlene takes care of many in her family. She keeps my family cemetery plot in Pittsfield decorated with flowers. Her close friend, Betty Webber, wife of the late George Webber, passed away recently.

As for me, I refuse to slow down. I bought a scroll saw and have a wonderful time making toys and puzzles for my children. Last summer I visited Russia, Estonia, Poland, Finland, and the Scandinavian countries. Come April, I am scheduled to sail in a stern wheeler the route of Lewis and Clark on the western rivers, having just completed a semester class of their explorations. I am still writing and professionally binding my own books. For Christmas I decorated the house according to New England tradition when I entertained at a progressive dinner for over thirty. My three children have blessed me with twenty grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They are my joy.

There is no time limit as to when you may write to have news of you in the *Alumnus*! Let's hear from you all! **Betsey Libbey Williams**, Class Agent

Class of '38

Robert O'Donoghue, husband of **Violet Hamilton**

O'Donoghue of Leesburg, FL, wrote to tell us of her passing. She grew up in Pittsfield and was a graduate of the University of Maine '42. After working as Personnel Manager for Capitol Airlines, she did volunteer work and enjoyed music, travel, tennis, and bridge. She is survived by her husband, son John, daughter Susan Witek, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Class of '39

Mrs. Margaret E. Squires wrote to tell us that her husband, **Esmond F. Squires** (Frank to all who knew him) passed away in April of 2000.

Class of '42

Sylvia Snow Berry wrote to tell us of the passing of **Edward Malcom**, who was a popular teacher at MCI around 1940-1941, on December 14, 2005. He is survived by his wife Ruth Malcom of Boothbay Harbor.

Class of '46

The Reunion 2005 luncheon under the tent – what fun!! Such good food!! The faithful few were returnees once more: **Basil & Jackie Heffren, Joyce & Stan Wyman, Jeannette Fitts, Eileen Gage, Bob Sirois** (Dick "almost" got there) and self. The Dow Jones registered 10,623 that day, and we all had a darned good time! **Donna Hodgins Graham**, Class Agent

Class of '47

This is our first attempt as your class agents. We want to thank the classmates who responded to our letter and hope lots more of you will call or write us just to let us know what's happening with you. We're pleased to hear from **"Gene" Henderson** and wife Martha. They are still living in Virginia and Gene is still working. Also, **Burton Lockhart's** daughter wrote to tell us her dad passed away in February '05. We see **Marilyn Bunker Cianchette** quite often

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and we "do lunch". Her husband, Norris (Class of '40) passed away in spring of '05. He was a great guy and is sadly missed. We, **John and Phyllis Luke**, are enjoying our retirement. Nice to be nearby family, daughters and grandchildren.

Had a phone call from **Ernest DeRaps**. He has had a busy and interesting life since his years at MCI. He served in both the Navy and the Coast Guard, and was a photographer for the IRS in Washington, DC and was employed by the State of Maine in the Agricultural Department. He's been married for 55 years and he and his wife have six children. They live in Richmond and Ernest is a docent at the Lighthouse in Rockland. We were glad to hear from him.

Pauline Spencer Reynolds passed away in January '05 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery along with her husband.

Charles DeBeck passed away in July '05. He had a love of basketball and football and attended many MCI games.

A letter from **Eunice Soule Damren** – her husband passed away in February '05. She came to Maine in August and saw **Marie Tasker Walker** and husband, and **Barbara Kennedy Bradbury**. She hopes to be here for our 60th.

Gloria Wiley Laveway passed away in 2004. **Margie Emery** and I (**Alice Wright Fitts**) attended her funeral service.

Jim Logan came to Pittsfield this year in hopes of attending reunion, but was a week early. However, he enjoyed walking around campus and the town parks. He lives on a small farm in Winterport and reports the extra summer rain wasn't a help. He plans to be back for our 60th reunion.

So pleased to hear from **Margaret Webb Emery**. She was married in August, and is now Mrs. Vaughn Lowell. They will be living in Bucksport and wintering in Florida.

I see **Betty Merrithew Randall** quite often, and we chat. All is fine with **Alice**. I am enjoying my children and my six grandchildren – youngest one in tenth grade at MCI. They help to keep me busy.

*The Alumni/ae Office received a note from **Joan McAvoy**: "In September, I put my little yellow house on the market, and I moved into a nice retirement complex on the 25th of November. I am all settled in and getting along just fine. I have talked with **Mary Ackroyd Davis** (they are in FL for the winter) and **David Macken**. They are doing ok. I am going to try for the 60th. Doesn't seem possible that it has been almost 60 years!"*

Class of '48

What a notable time the class of "48" had at our 57th MCI reunion! If you got last month's alumni/ae brochure, you will notice "preserving the past" people were our classmates. Attending were **Robert Beattie, Joyce Beattie Williams, Jim McLeod, Alice Shaw Patterson, Ted Bryant, Arey Bryant, Helen Estey Cianchette, Ruth Percival Parkhurst, Charles London, and Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen**. Also joining us were two members of the class of '49 — **Al Card, and Joan Cookson Brochu**.

Notes from **Marilyn Willey**, busy in Florida. **Martha Buker Keist** on the go from their home in Arizona heading either to California or Georgia. **Tom Millett** has a busy life with "engines" or trips to Hawaii. **Alice Patterson** visited her son in California, **Gregg Patterson** class of '69. While there she visited the "Price Is Right" show.

We locals try to lunch once a month. It has been fun. Big surprise is photos of great grandchildren being passed around. Are we that old? **Ted Bryant** and wife **Shirley** spend the winter doing insurance research of estates during the day, and by night belong to U of Maine Friends of Basketball.

They travel to each boys and girls games at night from Dexter to Orono, no matter sleet, rain, snow, hail or low temps.

Joyce and I (Liz) are spending our first winters here in Maine after 20 of them away. We are doing exceptionally well.

Notes of 1949: It was a pleasant surprise for us to see **Joan Cookson Brochu '49** appear from California. She flew here with her sister, **Sheilia**, who was celebrating her 50th reunion. After the return home she and hubby with **Mary Jean Jipson Knight** "Jippy" were traveling to Northern Europe on a cruise ending up in Petersburg, Russia. (**Robert Beattie** and **Helen Cianchette** took a similar cruise in that area too.)

Jackie Beebe, who left Pittsfield after her sophomore year, was flying to California to visit Joan after their trip. Many of us remember Jackie as she left her "footprints" on campus. Joan is in touch with **Joyce Dobson Cook** from Nevada.

Sad news to the 1949 class was the passing of **Toni Deraps Osgood**. Fond memories of her.

P'nut Coolbroth Fowler took a trip to Ireland in the fall. She's always so busy with her crafts, trips, family, we have had hard time to get her to "lunch with the bunch!"

Please send us news of your activities. We wish you would plan to visit the campus at August Reunion and join the fun. Lots of fun chats eliminate the aches we have as all in the same "class of age too!" Best wishes to all.

Arey Bryant's e-mail is: acbryant@localnet.com, and mine is elizajack@webtv.net. Arey's address is: 18 School Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967; mine is 922 Ohio Street, Apt. 314, Bangor, ME 04401 phone (207) 947-4090.

Class of '50

Jerry Hallee received an e-mail from **Mary Dysart** that **Joan Coffin Benoit** passed

away December 21, 2005.

Daphne Larrabee wrote to tell us that her husband, **Robert E. Larrabee**, passed away on April 28, 2002 after a second battle with lymphoma cancer. "Although retired from teaching, Bob continued coaching through the fall of 2001," she wrote. "Coaching was his life and he passed along his love of sports to all those he coached."

Class of '51

I would like to thank all my classmates for their cards on the passing of my step-daughter **Janet** in May 2005.

Sally received a call from **Betty Sullivan Elholm**. Betty has not been able to go to Arizona this winter because of illness. Also, our condolences go out to Betty and family on the passing of her brother.

Zella Bubar Correll has moved to Arizona to be near her daughter.

Last spring my granddaughter, **Carrie Beverage**, daughter of **Robert '86 and Kathy Ross '87 Beverage**, traveled to El Salvador with the choral singers from Mt. View H.S. to give concerts in that country. Carrie is a senior at Mt. View and graduates this year. My grandson **Robbie** is in the 8th grade at Warsaw Middle School.

Sally and I are still getting together every day throughout the winter here in Florida. Sally is doing fine. Don't forget, classmates that this year is our 55th Reunion, so plan on coming to the reunion. Plans are being made to get together at **Dick and Beverly Berry's** home in Newport. Mark your calendar for August 5th, 2006.

Co-Agent **Alice Fitts Ross** and **Sally Cianchette Dwinell**

Class of '53

Catherine Doyle Mooers: Class Agent

Thanks to the 1953 classmates for their great response to my class letter. You are the best!

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Lou Pepin writes: "I am starting my tenth year on dialysis and in spite of a few limitations, I am enjoying life. For each sunrise, I am extremely grateful. My only granddaughter was diagnosed with Hodgkins Disease one year ago. Following 4 months of chemotherapy she is free of the disease and considered "temporarily cured." She is a senior and will pursue further studies at some New England college upon graduation in June. In March, my wife, Doris, and I spent two weeks in Florida visiting with my wife's family. We had a wonderful time and decided we would fly to Arizona in the fall, where we spent two weeks in Flagstaff with my oldest son and his wife. We have no plans for 2006, but depending upon health, we may travel again. Let's continue to keep in touch. I do enjoy hearing from all of you.

Sarah Chipman writes that she is well and continues to enjoy her leisure years—whatever THEY are. She is still involved with Delta Kappa Gamma, investment club, bridge, theatre trips, books, movies and whatever else comes her way. In September, Sarah attended Bill Cosby's presentation at the MCA and later in the month a lovely flute and harp program. The Delta Kappa Gamma regional conference was in Cleveland in July. Not only did she enjoy the meetings but also the city and its offers. She looks forward to the class gatherings, which the '53 class agent periodically arranges, and considers them a real "shot in the arm" for everyone.

What a surprise to find a message from **Tom Edwards** on my computer! Tom wrote that he is retired from active duty in the Air National Guard. He has worked part time at various security jobs since. He has 3 children and 8 grandchildren. He and his wife, Liz, just like to be home,

do some work around the yard and watch the wildlife. They have a 5 year old German Shorthair Pointer that is loveable, energetic and exasperating all at the same time. He and his wife hope to meet with us at one of our gatherings in the near future.

The following message came from **Matthew Scott**: "This past year has been an adjustment for me to be without Kathleen. I think of her every day and I guess that is what sustains me. I seem to be doing very well and continue to run/jog about every day and it seems to agree with me after doing it for nearly 50 years. I have been traveling from Maine to Alaska on hunting and fishing trips. I also continue to do my work for all of Maine citizenry by serving on the Board of Environmental Protection. The Governor appointed me as his new Chairman just five months ago. I find the position to be a challenge and sort of like volunteering for a small fee to protect your environment...or should I say **our** environment.

Nice to hear again from **Hazen Merrill**. He says he is still kicking. He says his wife has many health problems, which prevent them from traveling or doing anything away from home. He tries to stay as active as possible doing volunteer work at various organizations within the city of Denver.

Marilyn Withee Gray wrote that she really enjoyed her visit to Maine and the classmate pool party in Manchester this summer. When she wrote in September, she said that it was still light until 10:30 P.M. in Alaska!

Leland Brown called to thank classmates for the cards sent to his dear partner, Pat, who is recuperating from bypass surgery. He says he has been chief cook and bottle washer but said the area restaurants have helped him out a lot and he ran up quite a tab! He and Pat spend a lot of time working on their home in New Brunswick during the months

they live there.

Vaughn and Polly Philbrick write that their family has really grown with two more great grandchildren for a total of 2 children, 8 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Vaughn is legally blind but can see some so at the age of 65, Polly got her driving license. She went to driving school with a bunch of teenagers! Kudos to you Polly!

Connie Given wrote that she wanted to properly thank the reunion staff for a great job done on our 50th. She has published a book called *A Death Out of Season*, and has submitted three children's books for publication. She says her retirement has proceeded in three stages, beginning with 1992's "gypsy" stage, when she roamed the country in her RV for 8 years. Her "beach bum" stage lasted 11 years where she had a condo at the beach. Now she is in her "serenity" stage, which means a quiet life in Texas Hill Country with a dog and two cats for companions.

Dale Raye Seaburg writes that she and Bob have been busy with various activities in the park where they winter in Florida and she is a "Red Hatter". Their oldest daughter got married in September and next May their other daughter gets married! They will be going to their time share in Aruba in April 2006 so they can be back in CT before the wedding.

Jack Hartleb writes that he is almost all settled in his new home, and says he has a tendency to procrastinate these days so things still need to get done. He still can't seem to fully retire but he is getting closer, and still teaches dentistry two days a week at the Oregon Health Sciences University. Much of his time is spent with his grandchildren and he does enjoy spoiling them.

Gloria Thomas Taylor says she loves to shop, eat out with friends and read. She is attending a knitting class to see

if that might help the arthritis in her hands.

Joyce Hunt Rowe writes that she and **Charlene** lost their brother, **Edward**, in August to lung cancer. He was a graduate of MCI in 1957. Joyce and Dick did get away for 3 weeks to Florida and felt lucky to miss the hurricanes. She keeps busy visiting with her 94-year-old dad in the nursing home and keeping up with all her grandchildren and their school activities.

Christmas greetings came from **Roger Ross** from Zephyrhills, FL where he and Ramona stay for five months. They are enjoying playing golf and still trying to shoot his age! Their family is well and they are expecting their 6th and 7th great grandchildren this spring.

Alfred Seymour and wife Bette celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows in August. They have 4 daughters, 1 son, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. They celebrated their anniversary by cruising to England aboard the Queen Mary II and spending one week in London.

"Can you stand another grandmother's bragging?" asks **Priscilla Foss Rende**. "My oldest granddaughter, Briiana (Cony 2005, member of the State Basketball champs) is a freshman at the University of New Haven, in W. Haven, CT. She has a 5 year scholarship in basketball and is majoring in history, leading to a degree in education and upon completion, a masters in Education. She is a starter point guard on the basketball team. I am in hopes to see her play at least once before the season ends. Her sister, Maggie, is another outstanding player in both soccer and basketball, now a senior at Cony High School."

Cynthia Brown Johnson writes that "the year 2005 found **Arthur** (class of 1951) and I raising the house roof - literally. We have decided we are too old for this! We look

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forward to all our family being together as son George and family are coming from MI; Don and family from Waterboro and daughter, Donna and family from Belgrade. The house will be full and that will be the way it should be." (Note from agent: Yes, they really did raise the roof and have a beautiful addition to their existing home.)

Loretta Doherty

Brown writes that January, 2005 found she and **Armour** (class of 1952) in Alaska visiting family. On their return trip they saw friends in CA, who are neighbors on their lake road in the summers and visited their daughter in San Diego. They had a busy summer on the lake enjoying company and traveling to the Berkshires for Thanksgiving. They went to Mexico for their granddaughter's wedding during the Christmas holidays. Their son Dean and his family will be arriving in the summer for a visit that the grandparents will thoroughly enjoy and try to keep up with. They've had a year with minimal health problems and seem to be keeping up for most of the time. They especially like the get-togethers with their class (and other MCI grads) throughout the year. "It's a great time to remember and keep up with our classmates."

Bud Gage writes: "Can you believe 70-plus? As we say in Florida, no complaints as long as we are on this side of the grass and still can make our assigned tee time. Pam and I spend nine months in Florida and three months in Turner. I keep busy as tournament director at Turner Highlands Golf Club. I can be reached during the summer at 207-225-2695."

Charlene Hunt Call wrote that she and hubby Maurice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 22 by enjoying dinner with friends at the Manor in Waterville. She had a biopsy done but was most thankful it was benign. She said that Maurice enjoys hunting until it gets too cold.

She said she does plan to attend the 55th in 2008! (Love that positive thinking, don't you?) They have grandchildren in the 5th, 7th grades and a freshman who are still the apples of Grammie and Grampies' eyes.

Winston Smith writes that he doesn't have much news. Same old thing but good things! "We thoroughly enjoy our grandchildren, with their sports, dance, etc.," he writes. "The oldest is a freshman at U OF M Portland/Gorham and on the hockey team, which is a blast for us. Duanne and I stay busy with volunteer work and projects from building game rooms, decks, and breezeways for the kids and cooking for church fairs, credit union bake sales and on and on."

Philip L. Coffin wrote:

"After the usual winter things in Georgia, Maria and I took a trip to Augsburg, Germany to visit Maria's sister and brother-in-law and to visit with cousins and other family members. While there, we took day trips in Germany and a tourist trip, for about a week, to Italy and Austria for sight seeing, etc. We returned from Germany mid June in time to get ready for our annual trip to Unity for the summer. Since the weather was good this past summer, we took the opportunity to take several trips to the coast and to Millinocket to visit with sister Carol. We returned home after the Labor Day weekend to a yard work fall and visits to get re-acquainted with the grandchildren. We have had a good year. New e-mail address is plcoffin@alltel.net (Condolances to you, Phil, in the loss of your sister, Joan in December, 2005)

Great to hear from **Liz Gagne Calise** and to know that she has moved back east. She arrived in Manhattan in June and within ten days bought an apartment. However, it took forever to get approval from the board, so she has only recently moved in, but is excited about being back and close to her daughters. Andrea

lives on the West side and Kim and her family live in Rye, N.Y. Her new address is 200 E. 57ST. Apt. PHM, N.Y., NY 10022.

Charlie MacDonald writes that not much has happened lately except getting older and he does experience the normal aches and pains associated with that. "My back has been quite troublesome this year but I manage to get most things done," he said. "Nadyne and I stay busy with church work, with she being the church clerk and secretary and I still struggling with maintenance and finances as a Trustee. At this stage of life my interests lie entirely in watching the children and grandchildren do their thing. I delight in transporting my 14 year old granddaughter to equestrian events all around southern Maine. She is in training for competitive trail riding and does well at it. We still have five horses that I watch over daily. It truly is a labor of love.

Our family lives within sight of our home and who could ask for more? We can see our son's home out of our kitchen window and our daughter's home out of the living room window!" (Note: new street address: 12 Waldo Way)

It was really a nice surprise to hear from **Keith Jameson**, who married **Gail Gerrish** after meeting her at MCI. He writes: "I worked for GTE in Waldoboro after graduating from Northeastern University until 1983 and then moved to El Paso, TX and worked in Mexico where I established and managed a manufacturing facility until 1993 at which time I retired to Port St. Lucie, FL. We have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Our grandson is in the Air Force in Okinawa and recently married. One granddaughter will graduate from Lincoln Academy in New Castle and go on to U of M in Farmington for a degree in Education. We have had 3 major hurricanes in the past 14 months with considerable damage to the area; bad

enough to cause many folks to move back North and for us to consider it but have not yet decided..although we would like to be nearer our sons in NH and ME. We only see them once or twice a year."

Ellie Hamilton

Perseille and **Joe** (class of 1949) have moved and here is their new address; 11219 Tumeric Ct. Charlotte, NC 28215

Jacki Smith Bennett

wrote that she was enroute to Las Vegas to spend the holidays with her daughter and husband. The week she left she was busy helping to put on a supper to again raise money for cancer research and the "Relay for Life" that she and others did last year. Last year they raised \$11,746. She said they were trying to top that this year with lawn sales, dinners and dances. (Any classmates wishing to support these efforts, just get in touch with Jacki.)

Barbara Steeves was in Pittsfield this summer and ten classmates quickly got together for lunch to hear all about what she has been doing over the past 52 years. Sure sounds like she was one busy gal and now finally retired and living in South Carolina. Her address is: 2202 Skimmer Ct. Morrills Inlet, SC 29576

Eletha O'Reilly writes that she, like everyone else, has parts that are wearing out and that it is difficult to find original replacements! She said she has been asked by nurses at the lab she goes to if she would like to have a room there. She is hoping that classmates will meet in Rockland sometime this summer so she can see everyone. (We'll work on that Lee!) She has a new e-mail address: eletha@verizon.net

Now for news from your class agent. **Walter** (class of 1950) and I keep extremely busy and are thinking it is almost time to retire again! We left in February for a vacation in the south and really

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extended it this year. We were guests of **Phil and Maria Coffin** for several days at their home in GA and had a grand time. We then went on to Leesburg, FL where we rented a home for six weeks. While there, we had some classmates spend a day with us and we enjoyed seeing **Faye Ellingwood ('53)** and **John Shaw ('52)**, **Dale Raye ('53)** and **Bob Seaburg and Cliff ('55)** and **Thelma Sennett ('53) Vining**. (You might want to ask the guys who beat them at Bocce; not once, but twice!) We went on to Hilton Head and enjoyed several days with friends we met on our trip to France, and then on to Myrtle Beach to spend two weeks with friends from Manchester. On the way home, we had an overnight with **Joe ('49)** and **Ellie Hamilton Perseille** in Lake Anna, VA. That was a great visit and we enjoyed a boat ride around Lake Anna with Joe at the helm.

Gloria Bridgham Lovejoy writes: "**Elwood** (Class of '54) and I had a wonderful summer. We camped, visited New Hampshire and western parts of Maine and Downeast. We celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary on Mount Desert Island. We enjoyed a wonderful evening at Walter and Kay Mooer's home just before Christmas, and it was so nice to see **Gloria Beattie McNichol** and **Joyce Beattie Williams '49** there. Keep smiling.

Walter and I attended his 55th MCI reunion and had a great time at the activities. Hard to believe that our 55th will soon be upon us! We hosted the sixth annual pool party for MCI classmates this summer and were really happy to see **Marilyn Withee Gray** and **Ed Jones** show up after many, many years away. We have had several lunch gatherings during the past year which is always fun! There were twenty-five at the November gathering at the

Lobster Trap in Winslow. That's not bad for grads of 52 years - plus! So wonderful to have **Nadine Whitaker Cooper** join us twice this year!

Walter and I are still very involved with church activities and I'm still painting and snapping pictures. We've chosen not to go south this winter as we are trying to make plans to attend one of my former student's wedding in Maui in July.

With great passion, your class agent, Catherine Doyle Mooers

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Class of '55

Leona (Cross) Lovely writes: "I don't hear from very many of my classmates, except **Jean (Priscilla) Spencer Grant** and **Ethel Rowe Green**. Priscilla's husband passed away recently. I also hear from **Mary Tarr Butler**, Class of '57. I'm still working at San Antonio Shoe in Pittsfield. I can't afford to retire, although I'm old enough! I enjoyed the 50th reunion of my class last summer. Saw quite a few people I remember.

I received a new address for **Jean Grant**. She now lives in Brooklin and has 8 grandchildren. She does private duty, helping people at home."

Leona's e-mail address is lovelyleona1937@yahoo.com.

Class of '59

A mini-reunion was held in January at the Wyndam Buttes Resort in Tempe, AZ. In attendance was **Nancy Ross Cameron (59)**, **Donna Richardson Glenn (59)** and **Sophia Kellis (59)**. Donna was able to come back to Maine with her husband Gerald this past summer. She spent a good month with her sisters, mother and friends.

Another mini-reunion was held at **Nancy Ross Cameron's** home on Damariscotta Lake with **Martha Menendez Mourkas**, **Donna Richardson**

Glenn and Mary Lou Tompkins Pray. Everyone agreed that our years at MCI were some of the best years of our lives.

Submitted by: Nancy Ross Cameron, Class Agent

Rochid "Rocky" Elias was featured in an article in the Morning Sentinel this fall, in honor of 40 years of teaching mathematics at University of Maine at Augusta. A registered pilot with his own float plane, Elias owns a camp in Canada that he flies to each summer.

Class of '60

Leonard Nemon writes that he is still teaching high school in Chelsea, MA after 33 years. "Perhaps this year I will be able to visit MCI," he said.

Class of '61

From **Linda Mercier Marson**, Class Agent: "2006 is here, and it will be 45 years for the Class of '61. Your Class Agent is looking for volunteers, suggestions and ideas for our 45th. Please contact me with your ideas. On September 30th, after 20 years of State service, your class agent retired. Brian and I are joining the ranks of the snowbirds and heading south for two months."

Terry Chadbourne dropped me a line saying he is looking forward to our 45th. Terry and his wife Lois are enjoying retirement and spending time with the grandchildren. Terry enjoys playing golf and recommends retirement.

Mary Burke Turner and husband John summer at their cottage in Newport and winter in Florida. Both Mary and John keep busy and are enjoying their retirement.

Gina Cregnole Crangle has had a busy year recovering from hip and knee surgery. She and Bill have also been busy with family and friends.

I saw **Sally Bradford Withee** in Newport between Christmas and New Year. She missed our 40th reunion but is looking forward to our 45th.

Class of '63

Bob Smith wrote: I played for coach John Dana's golf team from 1960-1963. My interest in golf has continued through the years. I won the 2003 Match Play club championship at Indian Tree Golf Club in Arvada, Colorado. It was my 7th match play championship through the years to go with 3 stroke play championships.

Class of '64

Pat Elkins Pratt celebrated her birthday this year with a new sporty car from her husband, Billy. **Jim Scribner** of Whistler plans on being in Maine this summer. Was traveling to Florida and Louisiana in October. Is waiting for the 2010 Winter Olympics to come to his neck of the woods. **Georgie Brown Farrin** and husband Ron are busy with their super great-grandchildren. **George Kennedy** sent a sad note of his wife Lisa passing in 2005. **Joan VanDerveer Gould** is working as an R.N. in NH and has the cutest grandsons (I've seen pictures!) **Ted Grant** is still in Florida boating around. In the "Proud Grandparent Department", **Carole Daily Vigue** and husband, **Pete '65**, **Richard Howe**, busy volunteer driver for KV-Cap and very proud of his daughter Courtney, a student at MCI. Saw **Jane Woodcock Woodruff** ... one busy lady with all her grandchildren. **Eddy Toulouse** ... was that you in the Johnny's Seed picture? **Dot (Dorothy) Creasy Ackerman** and **Donna Brooks Rolfe** are both still hard at work, taking time out to be "Red Hatters". Any other Red Hatters out there beside Dot, Donna and yours truly? **Ronald Cookson** is waiting for spring and returning to his grange activities, in the meantime working on car repairing. Last year, I was honored as the first recipient of the Joyce Packard Community Spirit Award for commitment to my town. Also helped 149 area children have a happier Christmas, plus waiting for

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spring to come and start the children's garden program, not bored, happy and busy still working as an RNC. Heard from **Ralph and Roberta Damren** ... a sweet Christmas card with a "go huskies!" inside. **Barbara Vigue Day**

Ken Stockwell wrote: "It hardly seems possible we are moving toward #45 from MCI. I have only been in Pittsfield once since 1964 – that was back in 1989 on my way back home from Baxter Park. I must say things were a lot different from what I remembered. I retired from teaching at Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans, VT in 1999 and now work part time for the Dept. of Homeland Security. When I turned 60, I had to retire from the National Guard after a total of 23 years. Who would have thought 45 years ago we'd all be thinking retirement and "old age". I'm still married to my wife of 37 years – have two children, Karen & Kevin and a granddaughter - 18 months old. A group of us camp together and also take winter trips. I often wonder whatever happened to Larry Roberts (my roommate) Jim Flynn, Mark Johnson. I have read about Ted Grant and a few others."

Joe Barnes is married to **Karoldene Martin Barnes '65**. He says he is happy traveling, hunting and fishing. Retired from Northwest Airlines, his interests are hobby farming, recreational flying, and reading. He and Karoldene have a Brittany Spaniel, Millie.

Tom Pickford is retiring from teaching at Berlin Junior High School after 38 years in June 2006. Married for 39 years with 2 children, his interests are Nascar, baseball and basketball, and camping. He says "I owe my career to MCI".

Larry Guptill is happy doing things with his family and Shitsu, Pebbles. He drives a truck for Caswell's Liquidation. Married for 43 years with 2 children and 4 grandchildren, and he loves to travel. Had a great time on a recent Disney

Cruise. He also enjoys reading and playing games on the computer.

Charles Rae Philbrick is happy traveling, snowmobiling, and riding his ATV. He is close to retiring from Springfield Terminal Railroad. Married for 38 years, he has 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Rodney Small has retired (twice!), and now does PI work, and still is a hunting/fishing guide. He is happy finishing up little jobs at the house, and enjoys anything outside. He has been remarried for a year, and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He has built a new home in Alaska. He wishes his class had a list of e-mails. His is fishingfools@Alaska.net.

Linda Tozier Dean works at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor as U.S./M.T. She graduated from Beal College in May '05 with an Associate Degree in Medical Assisting and acquired National Certification in June '05 – now CMA. She has been remarried for 11 years; has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 3 step-children, 7 step-grandchildren, and 1 step-great-grandchild! Her pets are Miss Keli (Sheltie) and Miss Kitty (a Golden Tabby Cat).

Class of '65

Del (Bunny) Soule reports that he and his wife Karen live just outside of Columbia, South Carolina. After graduation from MCI in 1965 and a very short and unproductive stay at Husson College in Bangor, he joined the Air Force and saw duty in Texas and Viet Nam. After the Air Force he went back to college and graduated with a degree in business from Michigan State University. A commission in the Army followed and he went on to earn a Masters of Administration Degree from Central Michigan University. Del retired from the Army in 1992. He and Karen pursue a number of interests including travel and in December 2005 spent 10 days traversing the Mexican

Rivera. They also are attempting to section-hike the entire Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. They started at the very beginning at Springer Mountain, GA and do several sections each year. At their current rate they should finish about the time Del turns 85! In their day-to-day lives Karen (a civilian) serves as the Public Affairs Officer at Ft. Jackson, SC, while Del enjoys selling real estate in the greater Columbia area. Del's email address is:

Del@DelSoule.com

Hi everyone! **Charlene Buzzell Lowe** here. I had a wonderful time at the reunion. It was so good to see everyone and catch up. And we made a lot of noise at the luncheon. I am very excited to take on the challenge, along with Dick Gould and Gale Pomeroy Russell, as class co-agent. I have two great sons, Jeffrey and Ryan, and I spend a lot of time with my four grandchildren ranging in age from 17 years to 21 months. I am an Employee Benefits Account Manager with TD Banknorth Insurance Agency, Inc. in So. Portland and two years ago I received my Professional in Human Resources (PHR) designation from the Society for Human Resource Management. I live in Westbrook with my cat, Zoe, and in my spare time I enjoy gardening, reading and interior decorating. My email address is cblowe413@aol.com and please keep in touch.

Dick, Charlene and Gale, thanks for taking on the role of class agents for the Class of '65. **Carole (Daily) '64** and I have been married now for over 36 years and still reside in Pittsfield. I have been employed by Cianbro for 36 years. We have two great children – Andi and Michelle, both MCI grads, and both have married MCI grads – Emily (Melvin) and Michael Hodgins, current Chairman of the Board of Trustees at MCI. We have four grandchildren and we have the good fortune of spending a great deal of time with our

family. Carole and I are both very involved within the community. Business keeps me extremely active and requires a tremendous amount of travel throughout the 15 state regions, in which Cianbro now operates.

Best regards, **Pete Vigue**
Congratulations to Pete, who on September 15, 2005 was honored with the Robert R. Masterton Award for Economic Development by the Portland, Maine Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Al Whiting reports: "I now live in Kennebec with my wife of 33 years, Stephanie. We have been living back in Maine since 1988. I graduated from Husson College in 1970. In 1973 I became a CPA in Massachusetts and have worked in several industries and companies as a financial officer and at times as an independent consultant, mostly in Massachusetts or New Hampshire.

Since 2001 I have been the Chief Financial Officer of Wright-Ryan Construction in Portland. In 2004 I passed the first certification examination conducted by the newly-formed Institute of Construction Industry Financial Professionals and became accredited as a Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP)."

Harlan Tilton wrote the following: "I went into the Army with my step-brother **Gary Buker** and life long friend **Sherwood Brooks** in Sept. of '65. As you probably know, they are both deceased. We went through basic training together. Sherwood and I spent our advanced training together and were transferred to Ft. Campbell, KY where we readied ourselves as a company unit to go to Viet Nam. Sherwood spent his year there and came home. I got reassignment orders at the end of my first year so I volunteered to stay for another six months. I was a cook. Well I never did get hit with a round from an AK47 but I did get hit by cupid's arrow. I met and fell

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head over heels in love with a beautiful Vietnamese girl during that six months, so I decided to stay another six months during which time I had asked her to become my POW. We were married in Feb of '68.

Thanh Thi and I will celebrate our 35th anniversary in April of next year and since then we have had three wonderful children that I am so very proud of. Our first Robert, was born in Viet Nam. Mary, our second, was born in Skowhegan in 1972, and our youngest Kathleen (who we lost from complications of a bone marrow transplant to cure Leukemia in June of 2001) was born here in California in 1974. We have two grandchildren.

I retired from the retail meat industry in October of last year having put in my thirty years and managing for one of the largest retailers in the country for about sixteen years. I am thoroughly enjoying my retirement and realize now that this is the first job I should have taken.

My wife and I enjoy going back to Viet Nam a couple of times a year and visiting with her family. We have bought a piece of property over there and will probably build a house this year or next.

I sure would like to hear from you. Our home address is: Harlan Tilton, 911 Wainfleet Ct., Antioch, CA 94509-4747

If you know where **Ernest Philbrick** is today please give him both my e-mail and home addresses. I have heard that he also served in Viet Nam. We were quite close in high school and it is a shame that we have not stayed in touch."

Pam Houston Brooks '65 wrote: "The mention of being 'the loudest class at the Alumni luncheon' brought back some memories of our 10th reunion (I think) when a staid old gent got on his feet and proceeded to give us hell for being rude and loud at the Alumni supper. Here we are 30 years later, still loud!! Hopefully, we will

continue the legacy at our 50th! Looks to me like we, as a class, always find something in life to be happy about. That's a good thing!

I am still auctioning, working 5/6 days a week and holding a sale every Sunday. Both my children, Kim '86 and Shane '88 work part time at our sales. Ron and I still live in Plymouth and stay busy chasing our 5 grandchildren and their sports and hobbies. My email is hb@uninets.net

Pauline Dyer Morse lives in Dublin. Georgia and has two children - a married son who teaches English in Japan, and a daughter who has a Doctorate in physical therapy and lives in California.

Greg Boetsch regretfully was not going to be able to attend the reunion, as he was on his way to Sturgis, So. Dakota, on his motorcycle. A nice note from **Betty Goding Williams**. I believe she and her husband operate a landscaping business, and between all the bad storms in the previous season and those which were predicated for this year, they did not dare leave Florida. She lives in Boynton Beach, Fla. and her e-mail is: DW870@aol.com.

John Harrigan writes: "My year at MCI was not a happy one. I missed my home and family (and girlfriend) terribly. But Mort and Lib Remick took me under their wing and gave me many a break from dorm and dining hall life, and I still draw on the biology I learned from Mr. Haseltine. He was a strict taskmaster but a fine teacher.

After I left MCI I enrolled at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, from which I dropped out two-thirds of the way through my first year. Since that time I have worked at a furniture factory and a lumber mill, and have become a writer. Along this trail I worked for various newspapers and magazines and have bought, sold, and closed down

three newspapers and a web-press printing plant, in that order. I am now blessedly out of ownership and management and get to do the fun stuff, which is writing, which is an absolute passion, and I even get paid for it. In my slack time, which I never seem to be aware of, I am an active farmer on two farms, comprising around 450 acres and specializing in sheep, chickens and the occasional beef and pigs.

I sold my third and final newspaper to my elder daughter Karen several years ago, but still maintain an office there, where I write an outdoor column for the statewide New Hampshire Sunday News and a totally separate column. I also do occasional magazine pieces and essays. I was a regular on New Hampshire Public Television for quite awhile."

Greg Boetsch wrote: "Maine Maritime Academy/ Peter Vigue & Sherm Stanley; - Sailed as 2nd mate until 1981; - Naval Reserve until 1996; - Logging business to present; - Linconville Selectman - 9 years; -Waldo County Commissioner to present; -Two sons (one in Army in Iraq) one in Pennsylvania; - One granddaughter - Madison; -Did not win the lottery, but did just buy my wife diamonds ... finally!; - Yes, Class of '65 really was "something!"

Class of '66

Greetings from sunny Tucson! As I sit and write these notes I'm hoping that you all are aware of the fact that this summer marks our 40th reunion year. If you've been thinking that one of these years you'd like to journey back to Pittsfield and take a look at your old stomping ground, I encourage you to make this the summer. Many of us may not be around by our 45th or 50th, and I personally would like to see 40 of us return for our 40th.

I got a call from my friend **Rex Fowler '66** telling me that his group Aztec Two Step was

going to Pittsfield during Alumni Weekend '05 to do a benefit concert for the town library which is being refurbished. He wondered if my old singing chums **Linda Abbott Leighton '66** and **Kathy Sweet Waugh '66**, named "The Chansonettes" by **Ted Burgoyne** back in grade school, would be interested in putting together a few songs and maybe do back-up on a couple of their songs. Sounded like fun to me!

During the course of the weekend I saw from our class, in addition to those mentioned above, **Norby Young '66** (Norby is now on MCI's Board of Trustees), **Susan Barrett Friend '66**, **Tom and Judy Hobbs Webster '66**, **Fay Bickford '66** and **Vicki Boetsch Harriman, '66**. (I sure hope I haven't forgotten anyone!) I had a great chance to visit with Vicki as we rode back Camden-way together. I learned that she has been fighting lymphoma and is currently in remission. Good for you, Vicki - and I hope to see you again soon! Fay was working at the banquet (she works at MCI in the dining room) serving us that delicious fare.

One final word, I just wanted to mention that Carolyn Smith, who had been Director of Development at MCI for the past several years, has left MCI to work at The Hyde School in Bath, closer to her home in Cumberland. Carolyn, I shall miss you dearly, and I thank you for all the wonderful things you did for MCI during your brief stay with us. You added class and glam abundant!

Anna Maria Parker '66,
Class Agent

Class of '70

John Gormely wrote in an e-mail to **Roy Milke** and **David England**: "I am in the Air National Guard and am stationed in Kirkuk, Iraq at this time. When not serving our country, I work for the U.S.

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Postal service at the Distribution Facility in Bangor/Hampden. I am a Building Maintenance Mechanic. I have married twice: first one for 19+ years and four gorgeous girls, second marriage going on three years and two step-sons, and of course the best wife in the world. We live in Holden, just outside of Brewer, in our new home that I built last year."

Class of '74

Vera Lloyd Bryant, Class Agent, writes: "I live in Pittsfield with my husband, **Kevin Bryant**, Class of '75 and my children Maggie 13 and Douglas 11. I work at Cianbro Corporation as the Manager of Application Services in the IT Department. I have been with Cianbro for 18 years. My job involves some travel, and that allows me to get out and see other places. I enjoy the travel, but it really makes me appreciate the life we have in Central Maine."

Karen Cianchette Carville lives in Augusta with husband Doug, and sons Chris and Brian. Chris is a freshman at Stonehill College in Easton, MA and Brian is a freshman at Cony playing basketball. Karen works in the Special Ed program in Augusta at a local elementary school. Doug is the principal at Winslow H.S. and really likes his job and the people there. Their lives pretty much revolve around gyms and ball fields. They spend time at camp in Newport in the summer when they can.

Sue MacDonald Rawcliffe lives in Portland with her husband Jerry and Daughter Darby, 13. She is working full time and spending much of her free time attending her daughter's soccer games.

Vicki Craig lives in Millstone NJ with her husband Ray and their 3 children Gwendolyn 14, Meredith 12 and Craig 10. She is a pediatric physician and works for the medical school in NJ and in the Pediatric Critical Care Unit at the Children's Hospital.

Syrena Thompson

Gatewood writes: "I have retired from US Public Health Service. My husband, Rick and I have built a new house in Belfast. Our daughter, Eileen, graduated from St. John's College in Annapolis, MD last May. She is embarking on another undergraduate degree in Astronautical Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ starting in January. It will be nice to leave our nomadic life behind. Thirty years of being stationed all over the country is long enough! I certainly hope to reacquaint myself with folks I used to know in school. Our new address will be: 6 Hassell Drive, Belfast, ME 04915 (207) 338-3228."

Class of '75

Official Notes 30th Reunion summed up by Kevin Bryant
Hello MCI family and friends. We of the MCI class of 1975 celebrated our 30th reunion at the Pinnacle Lodge. We had a good group again this year. As usual all the women were still beautiful and all the men were looking sharp. I've emailed many of you regularly and try to pass on all notes to all the class mates that I have email addresses for.

I get email jokes from **Delmas Morrison** nearly daily and look forward to any that you might want to pass on. Delmas lives in North Carolina and works at Camp LeJeune. He is recently divorced and has two 20-something daughters.

Mike Susi sent me quite a history of his life that would make a heck of a movie. I believe he'll make a million dollars just on the book deal.

Bruce and Kristy are still madly in love after 30 years of marital bliss and have 3 daughters. Bruce also helped rebuild homes and lives in New Orleans.

Ron Lovely passed away Jan. 1st, 2006 of cancer. Please remember him in your prayers. He was always a good guy to me and I enjoyed his humor.

Karen Reynolds Wagner

wrote: "In the past year I sold my house on N. Main, packed up and moved across the tracks to the other side of town. I did this for love, two boys, a dog and a man - typical story. It's worked out pretty well so far, and if it doesn't, it has all the elements of a good country song."

Richard Berry lives in Plant City, Florida. He got into the group picture we took at the MCI festivities on the front campus.

David Ross still lives in town and I usually see him out and about. Hey Dave when are we gonna go skiing?

Dan Cropley and his wife Virginia and stepson Roberto, live in Odenton, Maryland. Dan's son Jason is 28 years old and lives in southern California.

Lenny Hooker wrote: "1975 was a tremendous year for me. I have so many memorable experiences that bring joy quite often. I have yet to experience any place like Pittsfield. Give my fellow classmates my regards!"

Shelaine Wooster Buxton has moved out of the back woods of Hudson into Bangor. From our perspective here in Pittsfield, she's now one of "them big city gals".

I, Kevin Bryant will turn 50 years old in September. Many of you will soon follow. Some will have beaten me to this mark. I look forward to another 50 years. That means only 10 more reunions, so make sure you make the next one.

Class of '81

Michelle McCaw writes: "Since it's been 24 years, I would like to hear from anyone in our class and what you are up to!"

Class of '82

Congratulations to **Troy Frost**, who married Staphanie Joslyn on October 15, 2005. Troy works at Good Will-Hinckley, and his wife works at a law firm in Augusta.

Class of '84

Lisa Rowe Genet writes: "I have lived in Naples, Florida since 1989. My husband, John and I have been married for 4 years and own a land development company that has been building homes in southwest Florida for the past 9 years. We have a daughter, Hanna Rae who is 3 and an infant son, John Joseph II. We like to spend our time by the pool or beach and enjoy traveling."

Class of '87

More congratulations to **Jonathan E. Humphrey**, who married Erica Nardi May 27, 2005. Jonathan is employed by the Drazan Corporation in NJ and manages the company's northern Maine operations. He is also a freelance journalist. His wife is employed by Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield.

Class of '88

Congratulations to **Nicole Degifico**, who was featured in a newspaper article in March for her work as owner/director of Busy Bee Child Development Center, South Portland.

Class of '90

The Alumni/ae Office received a note from Kirk Alford informing us of the death of **Scott Kirkland Alford**. He was on the basketball team under coach Max Good. Our sympathies to Mr. Alford.

Class of '92

Hey guys- Can you believe our 15 year reunion is just around the corner? What is going on in your life? I am living in California and recently passed the CFP exam, still at Smith Barney. Email me or call me and let me know what is going on with you...800-362-6992 or laura.m.norris@smithbarney.com

I do know a little bit about a few people... **Maureen McGivern** is getting married in

class Notes

March, **Kathryn Wright Lee** is married and having a baby soon, **Jethro Ferguson** is married and has an adorable baby girl. My parents live in Pittsfield now, so they hear about lots of our friends. Mom saw **Jeremy Hamlin** in the store recently and he is getting married. Did you know **Vaughn Woodruff** has traveled the world and is converting cars into using all natural fuel substitutes? Are there any volunteers to help with the planning for the 15 year reunion? Last time **Adam Friend** and I did the organizing and we could use more help for this one. Adam has a beautiful family and still lives in the area. **Andrea Wright** is coming to California next week on business and we will do some catching up. Shout out to **Aaron Cianchette**. I miss you! **Cali, Jamie, Dup... Amy, Kim, Nikki...** Let's all get back in touch. Your friend,

Your Agent... Class of 1992 rocks, **Laura Norris**

Class of '96

Chisako Nasuno (Kondo) wrote: "I had a baby boy April 5, 2005." Congratulations!

Class of '97

Congratulations to **Alycia**

A. Kerr Allen, who married Jason Allen (MCI teacher) on July 3, 2005. Alycia is on the Alumni/ae Association Executive Board. A new baby boy Allen will be joining the happy family this June!



Alycia Kerr Allen '97 and Jason Allen.

Class of '99

Sam Marzenell lives on

an island called Boca Grande just south of Sarasota. He works at Coral Creek Golf Club and loves it!

Nancy Cavanaugh attends Norges Handelshøyskole in Bergen, Norway. She is obtaining her Master's Degree in International Business. It is a two year program, and afterwards she plans to work in Paris, France for a French

corporation in the International Finance division.

Katie Baker plays professional field hockey in The Netherlands. She resides in Bergschenhoek, The Netherlands, and she is an asset to the field

hockey team. Katie shines on the field and in her new culture, where she has adapted gracefully.

Tustomua Suda is working in an IT consulting firm and enjoying the job. He resides in Japan now and misses the USA!

Sean McGivern moved to New Jersey and is working as a Crane Tech Foreman for a prominent construction company in the area.

Class of '03

Linda Dunphy writes that she is employed at GE Security. Her future plans are to take a C.N.A. course. When asked how MCI changed her life, she writes: "I learned that if I want something, that I have to work for it, nothing comes easy".

In Memoriam

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

Pauline Mahoney Dorr '30
Nelson (Henry) Tibbetts '30
Ethel Dunton '36
Dr. John H. Cole '40
Donald Susi '40
Margie Lander Belanger '43
Roy H. "Joe" Dyke '48
Joan Coffin Benoit '50
J. E. McCann '50
Janet Susi Valente '52
Kevin R. Markee '74
Ronald D. Lovely '75
Andrew Cline '06
James Lovely '06
Edward Malcolm
Joseph Schissler
Richard Frank Susi

Joseph Ralph Schissler passed away December 11, 2005.

An MCI Trustee Emeritus, Schissler was born in Southington, Conn., the son of Enos and Anna (Panella) Schissler. He moved to Detroit at the age of 15. He served as a rural letter carrier delivering mail from the Detroit, Albion and Pittsfield post offices until he retired in 1987. He served as state president of the Rural Letter Carriers of Maine, and was chairman of the School Administrative District Board of Directors. Schissler also served on the Seabiscow Valley Hospital board for 12 years.

Danny Rumph '02 passed away in 2005 after collapsing during a pickup basketball game in his hometown of Philadelphia.

While playing for the MCI

postgraduate basketball program in 2001-02 under coach Karl Henrikson, Rumph averaged 18 points, seven assists and a pair of steals. He was selected MVP of the MCI Invitational after leading MCI to the title with only one turnover in the two games. He led MCI to win the St. Francis Xavier Tournament in Nova Scotia, scoring 25 points in the championship game win.

Mary Estelle Habenicht passed away in April of 2003.

Born in Bangor in 1902, Habenicht was the daughter of the late Frederick and Mary Ellen (Spratt) Baumann. She was a violin teacher at MCI from 1923 through 1947. She also taught music at Colby College for seven years.

Henry "Nelson" Tibbetts '30 passed away unexpectedly of heart failure in January near his home in Seatac, Washington.

For many years, Nelson stayed in touch with his MCI classmates through his regular "MCI Newsletter", filled with his thoughts, cartoons and other bits of information.

Nelson looked back on his days at MCI with fondness often, and said, "No memories are more important than those of my two years at MCI, where events and circumstances set the course for the rest of my life."

The Alumni/ae Affairs Office tries its very best to accurately record the names of alumni/ae and friends who have passed away. Please contact the Alumni/ae Affairs Office about the deaths of alumni/ae or friends of MCI, particularly those which occur outside our local news area.

Across The Miles



From left: Roy Milke '70, Patrick Jordan '82, Anna Maria Parker '66, Joanne Szadkowski, Sophia Kellis '59, Richard Allen '61 and Nancy Sinclair Wilson '52.



Joanne Szadkowski and Bob Kinney '35.

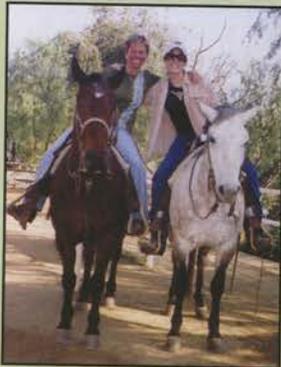


From left: Margee Kinney, Joanne Szadkowski, Bob Kinney '35.

A trip by MCI's Head of School Joanne Szadkowski to Arizona in February featured traveling to Phoenix, where she found time to visit with Bob '35 and Margee Kinney. Later, Joanne traveled to Scottsdale, for a gathering at the home of Roy '70 and Ann Milke. After a great time there, some of the group went on to dinner in town.



From left: Sophia Kellis '59, Joanne Szadkowski, Nancy Sinclair Wilson '52.



Joanne Szadkowski, Laura Norris '92.



From left: Gregg Patterson '69, Joanne Szadkowski, Elaine Patterson.

MCI's Head of School Joanne Szadkowski took a trip to California in January, stopping in various places to visit with alumni/ae. She began her trip in Northern California, where she met up with Connie Mercier Curtola '67. Traveling down to the southern part of the state, Joanne went horseback riding with Laura Norris '92. Gregg '69 and Elaine Patterson hosted a reception for California alumni/ae at The Beach Club in Santa Monica.



From left: (back) Laura Norris '92, Edson Buker '52, Joanne Szadkowski, Gregg Patterson '69, Phil Buker '53, Jane Millett; (front) Elena Buker, Marilyn Nash '60, Elaine Patterson, Tom Millett '48.



Connie Mercier Curtola '67, Joanne Szadkowski.

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Saturday, August 5th, and Sunday, August 6th

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- 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, The Ella Powell Room; open to all class agents and interested alumni/ae
- 12:00 Noon **Reunion Luncheon- MCI 140th Birthday Celebration underneath the Tent on the Boutelle Savage Lawn.** \$15 per person in advance – come dressed as you are...or were!
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Leon Southard '64 will begin performing at 6:00 p.m. A "DJ" will also provide entertainment later in the evening.
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May 6

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