

ALUMNUS

Spring 2004



Reunion CLASS of '54

HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Auction

Annual Auction 2004

Each year, MCI's Annual Auction raises funds to benefit the school's athletic and music programs. This year's event on Saturday, May 8, 2004, features a Hooray for Hollywood and the Huskies theme. Every dollar raised by MCI's Annual Auction directly benefits student programs. The Silent Auction component of the Annual Auction offers alumni/ae around the world the opportunity to bid on extraordinary items. 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 7, 2004. If you are unable to attend the Annual Auction, you will be contacted by telephone if yours is the highest bid on an item. The Auction Committee will arrange shipment to you.

LIVE AUCTION



WINTER CARNIVAL PAINTING by DAVID SILSBY '49

Offered in the live bidding auction on May 8th, this painting of an MCI scene just may be Silsby's best ever. The old Founders Hall building is perfectly captured in snow by the Class of 2004. Vividly colored and meticulously rendered, this painting will evoke memories in all alumni/ae who ever packed and carved a snow sculpture at Winter Carnival.

Value of the MCI Winter Carnival painting: \$1,000.00 Minimum Bid: \$400.00

SILENT BID ITEM 1



WEYMOUTH HALL PAINTING by DAVID SILSBY '49

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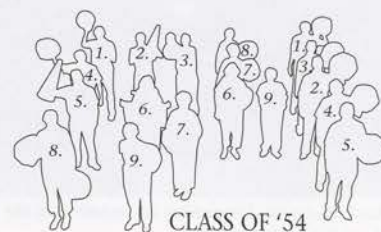
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9. Bette Bagley



CLASS OF '54

Receptions, Reunions, Reconnecting With Visits

By Douglas C. Cummings, Head of School



Smiles abound at The Beach Club reception in Santa Monica. Standing are: Gregg Patterson '69, Craig Farkos, Laura Norris '92, Doug and Lori Cummings, Elaine Patterson, Marilyn Nash '60. Seated are: Tom Millett '48, his wife Jane, Erik Updyke '77, Phil Buker '52, Elena and Frank Edson Buker '53.

During the past eighteen years, one of the fondest memories I have of my job here at MCI has been the opportunity to meet so many alums who share a deep passion about their experiences at MCI, as well as dreams for our school's future growth. There is a common thread that weaves from one generation to the next; their time at MCI and the extremely supportive encouragement they received from the faculty at the school when they were students. It seems to make little difference whether it's reminiscences of classmates from 1930, 1950, 1980 or 2000; the names abound of current and former faculty and the warm, caring guidance, motivation and support they provided. Meeting and coming to know so many alumni/ae across our country and the world has made my work as Head of Maine Central Institute so enjoyable.

Only ten years ago, the extent of our alumni work consisted of the annual August reunion on campus followed by the spring reunion in St. Petersburg, Florida. When the Board of Trustees made the decision to move forward with The Campaign for MCI to enhance the school's endowment, increase our campus technology and construct the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math and Science Center, my travel and time away from campus increased exponentially. Despite not wanting to be away from the school as much as I have been, I have found there is tremendous support for the school throughout the country from alums who desire to see the school flourish to an even greater degree for generations to come.

I am grateful to have come to know alumni/ae in every corner of the country. My wife, Lori, and I have met people in

many places that have resulted in a significant growth in the number of informal gatherings and planned receptions, as well as personal visits. We recognize we have only scratched the surface to reconnect with as many members of our alumni/ae body as possible. Now we are doing receptions in the Naples/Marco Island area, thanks to Bob and Rae Jean Knowles and Roger and Lydia Percival, and some years in the Pompano Beach area, thanks to Arlene Beardsley. The reunion in St. Petersburg has grown over the years and we have made many personal visits to other alums in Florida when we are on our annual spring visit.

At the beginning of The Campaign for MCI, I made my first trip to the West Coast after being encouraged to travel there to visit the many alumni/ae. Thanks to the warm hospitality of Gregg Patterson '69, we have held a reception at The Beach Club in Santa Monica, California since 2000. From that evolved a reception at the homes of both Connie Mercier Curtola '67 and Judy Mercier Vacchina '62 in the greater San Francisco/Oakland area. The past two years Roy Milke '70 and his wife Anne have hosted a reception in Phoenix, Arizona. We have also had the good fortune of being reacquainted with a number of alums in the greater Chicago area as a stop over point on the way the West Coast.

Last year we were fortunate to host a reception at the Rockefeller Center in New York City, sponsored by our food service provider, FLIK, and another reception in Washington, DC. Both of these special events will occur this spring as well.

Each fall there is a large reception held in the greater Portland, Maine, thanks to the efforts of Dominick Gacetta '48.



Rob Hatch, Aaron Neron and Tom Pike, all members of the Class of 1986, at the Boston reception.



Lorenzo Thomson '88, Chris McGeary and Suzanne Kohler '77 enjoyed the party at the Belvidere.



Hostess Cilla Savage was delighted to win an MCI hat!

Most recently, in March Lori and I were excited to be a part of a reception in Boston, Massachusetts, hosted by Michael Savage '62 and his wife, Cilla.

All of this has demonstrated a wonderful sense of passion about the future of our school and its existence when alums were here. Our "work" has been to reconnect with as many people as possible who have shared the common experience of MCI and who continue to be excited about the future of their alma mater.

I am grateful to have had these opportunities to connect with MCI alumni/ae as the school's head and my wife Lori shares my enthusiasm. Even though we will be formally leaving MCI this spring, I think it is without question that we will consider ourselves to be a part of the MCI family for the rest of our lives. We certainly intend to continue to be a part of the process of reconnecting as many people as we possibly can with this wonderful institution. To those who have been so kind to spend time with Lori and me over the past 18 years, thank you very much, and to those with whom we have not yet had contact, Lori and I will keep trying, as will our new head of school Joanne Szadkowski.

Again, to all that have been a part of this extensive travel experience for Lori and me, thank you very much for your wonderful hospitality. We certainly will not loose track or contact with you as time continues on. Even though our involvement at the school will be very different starting July 1, 2004, our connection to the school will remain strong and our passion for its alumni/ae body and to the further growth of the school will continue to be a critical part of our everyday thoughts. ■



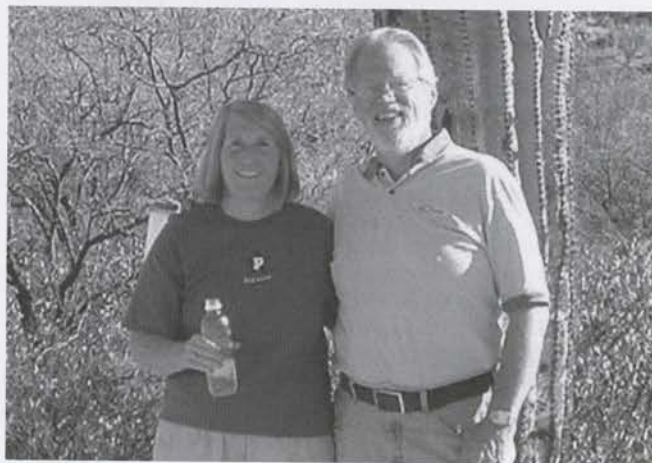
Nelson Tibbets '30 and Doug in Seattle



Roy '70 and Anne Milke in Phoenix



Nancy Sinclair Wilson '52 with Doug at the Milke Reception



Carlene Cianchette Carlson '64 and her husband J.C. in Tucson



Mike Savage '62 welcomes Sue Smith England '73, Lori Doug Cummings and David England '70 to the reception.



Sue and David England chatted with Megan Cianchette '95 and Joe Hallee '51 and his wife Kathleen.



Part of the crowd at the Boston reception.

Joanne Szadkowski Is Appointed Maine Central Institute's New Head Of School



Michael Hodgins '86, President of the Board of Trustees, announced in mid-December that Joanne Szadkowski had been appointed the twenty-seventh Head of Maine Central Institute. "I am pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees met this morning and unanimously approved the recommendation of the Search Committee that Joanne Szadkowski be named Head of School effective July 1, 2004. I have spoken with Joanne and she has accepted the endorsement and is enthusiastic about the possibilities that lie ahead.

"As many of you know from meeting Joanne on her two visits to campus, her energy and excitement about the character of our school and the challenges that lie ahead are infectious. The response from those who met her and had an opportunity to learn about her experience and vision was overwhelming. It is clear that her reception into the MCI community will be with enthusiastic support, which will truly enhance her ability to help lead this school forward. Her experience with boarding students and other independent schools will be a tremendous asset as we move forward with the great work outlined in our Strategic Plan, without losing the commitment we have to serving our local students, and the possibility of enhancing the opportunities for our community as a whole.

Ms. Szadkowski, a native of Ohio, has been an independent school teacher, coach and administrator for the past twenty-three years. Most recently she was School Director of Rocky Mountain Academy in Idaho after serving as Interim Head of School, Head of the Upper School and Curriculum Coordinator of Evansville Day School.

Joanne began her career with independent schools as a teacher, coach, and dorm assistant at The Andrews School in Willoughby, Ohio, where she served for 17 years. Affectionately nicknamed "Ski" by colleagues and students alike, her leadership abilities surfaced early on as she was quickly promoted to positions of Athletic Director, Chair of Physical Education and Health, and Dean of Students of the large girls' boarding/day school. As Dean, Ms. Szadkowski was a primary contact with the school's large international population, where she focused on the students' successful integration into the school and greater community. She is certified in "World of Difference" training to develop tolerance in our multicultural society. Further, she holds certification in Crisis Prevention and Intervention and Community Intervention Training to combat chemical and substance abuse. Joanne has also been actively involved in NAIS (National As-



White water rafting with students in Costa Rica.

sociation of Independent Schools) and is a graduate of their New Head's Institute, class of 2000.

In her letter to the Search Committee, Ms. Szadkowski described herself as "an independent school loyalist who is grounded in my conviction to regard all issues of diversity with great import. I am known to be a leader and spokesperson for the acceptance of all people and would welcome the support of a school community committed to helping challenge and change the injustices of our society. I am also an outdoorswoman and environmentalist and have a strong conviction on the importance of building stewardship for our natural environment."

As a testament to her passion for other cultures and experiential education, she continuously seeks out new and life-changing experiences. In college, she spent an academic term abroad in rural Ireland, where she lived with local people while researching the history of Irish women and receiving advanced training in equestrienne studies. She has been on safari in Kenya and Tanzania, trekked across the wilderness of Alaska's Denali National Park, backpacked across the Grand Canyon and sea kayaked in the San Juan Islands and British Columbia. A great outdoorswoman, she has climbed in the Rocky Mountains, the Tetons, the Cascades and the White and Green Mountains of New England. She has led student groups to Costa Rica, the Hopi and Navaho reservations, the Gullah community of Sapelo Island and to the Dominican Republic. The focus of these student adventures was a combination of outdoor experiential learning, cul-

tural immersion and community service and the result, she feels, increased the participants' cultural sensitivity, dedication to the philosophy of community service and enhanced positive attitudes toward themselves and others.

She is an accomplished equestrienne and she adores her Gordon Setter mix dog Moose, who has been attending school daily with Joanne since puppyhood.

Current Head of School Doug Cummings stated, "Lori and I are both truly pleased and excited about the Board of Trustees' selection of Joanne.



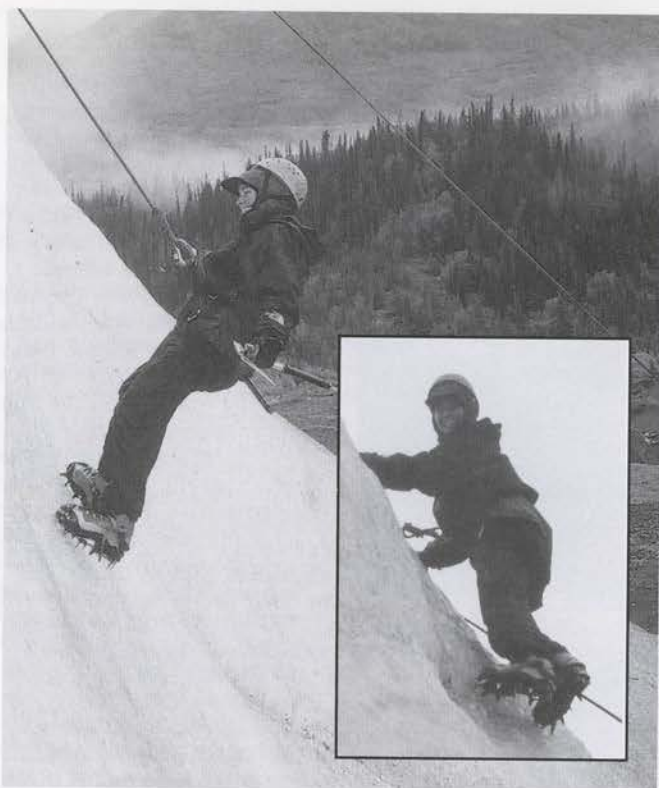
Dr. Michael Thompson, noted author, with Ms. Szadkowski at a conference. Dr. Thompson will speak at her Investiture in September.

She brings a wealth of energy to our students and staff. Her experiences in independent education will be invaluable to us as we go about the implementation plan that has evolved from our strategic direction. From our time with her during the interview process it seems she has the perfect skill set for the tasks ahead for her. MCI will not miss a beat as it continues on its course of outstanding service to every student who attends and will attend in the future. It is a proud day for Lori and me. We have tried to give the school our best every day for the past eighteen years. We are excited to hand the baton to Joanne on July 1, 2004."

A cum laude graduate of Lake Erie College, Ms. Szadkowski received the college's Jane White Lincoln Award, the premier scholar/athlete award, based on scholarship, character and athletic ability. Ms. Szadkowski was awarded her Master of Arts Degree from Kent State University where she was a summa cum laude graduate in 1986. Additionally, she was awarded a full scholarship for study at The Klingenstein Institute at Columbia University in New York.

In college, Ms. Szadkowski played varsity volleyball, basketball and softball, held an office in student government and found the time to be a competitive rider. She was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. At Andrews she coached for many years and was named Coach of the Year by Ohio's *The News Herald*.

Ms. Szadkowski credits much of her accomplishments to the values instilled in her by her family and former teachers and coaches. She is very proud of her Polish heritage and says she gathers strength from the stories of the challenges faced and overcome by her grandparents and parents. Joanne has a



Ice climbing an Alaskan glacier.

strong focus on high academic standards, as well as the benefits of extra-curricular involvement for high school students. She herself participated in theatre, chorus, marching band, concert band, and three varsity sports. "The team-building and discipline gained through these activities have carried me through many difficult situations as a school administrator. Through group participation, one learns humility, loyalty, selflessness, dedication, and the concept of giving to something greater than you."

After receiving the call from Board President Mike Hodgins, Ms. Szadkowski said, "I have never felt so instantly connected to a school and its people as I have at MCI. I felt as though I had known these people before, their warmth, sincerity and generosity of spirit made it so easy to share their dreams for MCI.

Everyone, students, staff, faculty, administrators, parents, alumni/ae, board members, community members, and friends of the school were so genuinely concerned and invested in this process that I couldn't help but become excited at the possibilities for this wonderful school. I am honored and humbled by this appointment and accept it with great enthusiasm and commitment. As I stated in my interview—I'm looking for a place to call home with a school family to love and grow, and I believe that is what I've found at MCI."

The entire Maine Central Institute community is grateful to the Search and Advisory Committees for their endless hours of dedicated work and their selection of the most outstanding candidate, Joanne Szadkowski who is MCI's first female head of school. ■

For a more complete article about Joanne Szadkowski, please visit the Website: www.mci-school.org

By Carolyn J. Smith, Director of Development



Western riding in Idaho.



Talking with Masai warriors in their African village.

From the New Head of School Joanne Szadkowski



Ms. Szadkowski was photographed during her December interview on campus.

To my new school family,

I am both thrilled and humbled to be asked to be MCI's new Head of School. I cannot tell you how much I wish I were in your presence right now so you could see and feel my excitement, commitment and warmth toward all of you. I sit here at my computer with my MCI coffee mug nearby just so I can have something tangible from MCI to hold. For now, I must be content to share a few words with you until we meet again...

First, to Mr. Doug Cummings, you have helped create a school with a wonderful presence and a positive view of the future. Your hard work and loyalty to MCI will be an inspiration to me as I enter this role. You and your family have given pieces of your hearts that will remain forever in the memories of MCI and the community. I look to you for guidance and support as we plan together for the future of MCI. Mr. Cummings, I have a favorite verse that will be hung on the wall in the head's office upon my arrival, and I thought it might be appropriate to share it with you as it has meaning for any leader...

*"What I came to do cannot be done,
What I must do cannot be stopped,
Some work, some love, begins with me...
Other's work, other's love, continues in me...
But nothing ends with me—
Nothing I love ends with me..."*

*Read by Board President Michael Hodgins '86 to the assembled school community on Thursday, December 18, 2003;
Ms. Szadkowski was on the West Coast and unable to deliver her message herself.*

Just as the work and love of former heads continued with you, my promise to you is that your work and your love for MCI will continue with me.

To the Advisory Committee, Search Committee, and Board of Trustees—you have an impressive amount of dedication and energy for your school. I was awed by your thoroughness and your passion for MCI and its future success. I so look forward to working with you in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and enhancing the already wonderful programs at MCI.

To all staff, administration and faculty—I'm usually a pretty verbal person, but your sincerity, warmth, and overwhelming support have nearly left me speechless...your openness and genuine concerns for the MCI family allowed me to take risks from the beginning and make me proud to be chosen as your "servant leader." Together we will serve MCI, and, if I have anything to say about it, we will serve from a base of honesty, humor, trust, and love for our work. Work is our love made visible, and I can think of no greater task for our love than the MCI family.

Finally, to the students and families of MCI—I saved you for last for you are indeed most important. Make no mistake, you are the reason that the adults around you do what they do. You are the reason I have been going to school everyday for the last 23 years. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed visiting you in the classrooms and the impromptu conversations I had with many of you. I hope I didn't cause too much disturbance in the classes, as I am famous for doing... you haven't met my dog "Moose" yet, but he loves school and young people as much as I do. I want to be a part of your lives, not just as your head of school, but as a mentor and person who cares about who you are—your dreams, your challenges, your suggestions for how to make your school the best it can be. I charge you with ownership in your school and request your input as to how I can better serve you and your families. I want my office and home to be a friendly place for you to visit, where you feel welcome and respected for your uniqueness and individuality. I wish to laugh and joke with you and to be invited into conversation, as well, as sometimes leadership can be a lonely place. Your energy is the life of this school and you will be empowered to create positive changes for MCI. I look forward to getting to know you and sharing in your love and vision for your school. I wish everyone at MCI a joyous holiday season and I am eagerly awaiting my next visit.



Joanne Szadkowski and Moose

*With much warmth and good wishes
Joanne Szadkowski*

Class Notes

Class of 1930

Notes from **Nelson Tibbetts '30**: We have arrived at a time when activity is limited mostly to thinking and remembering. News of those who were a part of our distant past is mostly sad. But in a time of sadness, there is also a cause for celebration — the celebration of survival. As of January 4, 2004 we are the survivors of MCI's class of 1930: **Pauline Mahoney Door**, **Zelma Homstead Harris**, **Floyd Humphrey**, **Joseph Madden** (Ziggy Modzeleski), **Avis Burgess Tedesco**, **Eleanor Toothaker**, and I, **Nelson Tibbetts**. Horray for us! I enjoyed **Doug and Lori Cummings'** visit with me in my home very much. Perhaps some of that enjoyment was because I was doing most of the talking. Having lived alone for some thirty years, during which I have had few visitors, I have quite a store of unused verbiage. On January 13th, I dipped liberally into that store! **Doug and Lori** are good listeners. Example of coming full circle: Just before I sat down to type this letter, I said goodnight by phone to **Ruth**, who entered my life at MCI over 74 years ago. **Wallace Harris** died on October 24th. **Wally** and I had rooms in the same dormitory suite in West Alumni Hall. I liked his sense of humor and he was part of what made that school year of 1929-1930 very special in my life. I thought that I got to know **Wally** pretty well, but I had no inkling that he would later enter the ministry, and no idea that he had any special interest in **Eunice Reed** of MCI's Class of 1932, whom he later married. **Jon Lewis**, son of **Lois Folsom Lewis**, wrote that **Lois** passed away on Christmas morning after an ongoing illness.

Class of 1939

Notes from **Ervena F. Belcher '39**: This year marks our 65 years for our Class of '39. **Maynard Ames** and **Charlotte** had invited us to spend the afternoon at their home in Pittsfield after the noon banquet. **Rita Bouchard Norton** is still living in



Royce Rich '43 and Odette on their wedding day; April 8th, 1946 in Versailles, France

Pineville, Louisiana and isn't traveling as much. She may just come for our 65th reunion. She recently helped her daughter do an art show in Tapestry. **Glenn Cookson's** number had changed even though he still lives in Acushnet, Mass., but through the help of **Novella Rogers** and **Charlotte Ames**, I finally talked to him. He feels pretty well and I will remind him dates of the reunion. **Eleanor Davis Perkins** is in Warren, Maine and hopes to come to MCI reunion with her daughter. **Carl Estes** just had two operations on his legs and doesn't walk too much, but sounds good on the telephone.

Stan Fletcher and wife **Faith** will be at the reunion. **Stan** had just had a leg operation, but says he and **Faith** are well. **Harold Harding** and his wife are both doing well. He still plants his garden and has his golf games. They plan to come to Reunion. **Etta Harmon** lives in Torrance, California, a retired registered nurse. She was in her hometown of Thorndike, Maine recently visiting her sister (Class of '32). Therefore, she doesn't plan to come for the reunion. **Gordon Hollis's** number was changed, but I finally got him on the phone. He lives in Saco, Maine, and plans to come to reunion. **Betty Knight Webber** is doing fine. She will be with us at Reunion. **Walter Sherman** is in the "Prettiest Town in Maine — Wiscasset" and plans to come to Reunion. I talked with **Dot (Mrs. Ray) Whitney**, and I'm sure they will be at Reunion. **Evelyn Jamieson** died in November 2003. I often talked to her, as she lived not too far away from me. I will get in touch with all of you and others in the late spring.

Class of 1943

Royce Rich wrote on July 11, 2002: "I have just returned from Arlington National Cemetery, where I visited the grave of my dear wife, **Odette Jeanne Rich**. I visit her every day. I weep although I know that in due time I will be joining her in the same gravesite. **Odette** was not supposed to die first, but her long (1985-2003) battle with



Odette Jeanne Rich and her husband Royce.

breast cancer finally prevailed. She died at home on July 5, 2003 in the early hours.

My niece, **Brenda (Rich) Doncet**, Class of '67 can tell you about the public **Odette** — I will try to describe the private ... but then again, the public **Odette** is the private **Odette**. She was just a joy to be around. She was always interesting, always sociable, would talk for hours about anything — the old days, the old country, the activities of the Officers Wives Club — any subject... school teaching (French) she had stories, and stories, etc. But I digress... I really don't know the exact first time I met **Odette**. I knew that I had been in a war. She entered after — after the hospital, after the convalescence, after the hospital train trip, after the convalescent leave in Switzerland... and after all the lectures by the shrinks, lectures "not to kill" but to shave and shine your shoes and eat again with a fork, spoon and knife. **Odette** was life after dying! She lead me back to the living... she gave me life — a long happy life, two daughters, and a lifetime of memories. She was **Mademoiselle Odette Jeanne Motes**, of 74 rue d'Anjou, Versailles, France."



Irene Furbush '44 at the Boston party.

Class of 1946

Start the Presses!! At long last — 1946 speaks — This is it!! By **Donna Hodgins Graham**, Agent. I want to thank the Alumni/ae and Development Office for the printed Roll Call of 2003. Excellent! Now to the class faithful attending Reunion 2003: **Basil Heffren** and **Jackie**, **Joyce Almonte Wyman** and **Stan Wyman**, **Jeannette Webb Fitts**, **Eileen Getchell Gage**, myself. With us at Table '39-'42: **Irene Furbush Dudley '44**, **Ken Cianchette '42**, and Prize Winner **Eleanor A. Toothaker '30**. We were all pleased with the special attention she received. Didn't pick up any "repeatable" news — but there was steady gab. In the past, my threat was, "send me some news, or you hear what I'm doing!" My problem is, I'm not doing anything! I didn't go on the last 3 concert tours to So. Korea, Viet Nam and So. Africa. This summer it was to be Morocco, but there was unrest, so from all over NH, went with the NH Friendship Chorus to Brazil.

There you have it! Congratulations to the Class of 1953.

Class of 1948

Celebrating our 55th anniversary in August was a real special event. **Arey Bryant** was up early to welcome us to a well supplied buffet table, plus beverages to our liking at 10.00 AM. Thanks, **Arey**, for your hospitality and treats at your home. It was delicious!!! The noontime alumni/ae banquet on the campus in a beautifully decorated tent was a pleasure also. One was pleased to see so many classes represented. It was fun seeing other acquaintances of the past. Some classmates were happy to tour the **Chuck & Helen Cianchette** Math and Science Center which they had not seen. They were amazed at the size and beauty of the building. **Arey** continued to entertain his classmates for the afternoon. Happy to see **Tom and Jane Millett** who came from Calif. Sorry some of you who wished to attend were unable to make it. We thought of you. Local gals had lunches during the spring and summer at the Putter. These get-togethers are fun. **Ruth Percival Parkhurst** was in town from Florida and joined us. **P'nut Fowler's** cute granddaughter **Wendy**, from Oregon joined us once again as she did last summer. We since have heard she had a little baby girl in Dec. We are pleased to congratulate **Wendy** and **GREAT grandmother**, **P'nut. Eleanor Varney**, **Rosalie Shaw '42**, **Sarah Chipman '53**, **Gloria McNichol '53**, **Ted Bryant '48**, and wife **Shirley**, **Robert Beattie '48**, also made appearances!! Fun times. (That 1953 class celebrating their 50th was something to behold!! What spirit enthusiasm, and attendance!!) **Alice Shaw Patterson** has been on the Alumni/ae Board for 10 years. It includes many meetings and other MCI activities. Last one heard about was baking platters of home made cookies for the MCI Alumnae Sledding party. The platters came home empty!! We are proud of you, **Alice**, for your interest on our behalf.

The area alumni/ae enjoyed their van rides to Portland to meet with the Portland area alumni/ae. Great time was had by both groups via the reports. I was so sorry I couldn't go with you all!! Don't forget any of you 48'ers in the area, call and you can lunch and laugh too!! Best to you all. **Elizabeth**

Class of 1951

Alice Ross '51 writes: I received a newsletter from **Robert Vance**. He writes that his wife had a bad accident this last November and was hospitalized with back and neck injuries. **Bob** is tutoring students on the internet every Wednesday in Spanish, English, and U.S. history, most of them home

schoolers. Last fall, Bob taught a semester of world religion at Northlake Community College. He also sent news about his children and what they have been doing in their lives. Last September, Sally C. Dwinell, Maxine Y. Groton, Marilyn P. Sirois, Larry Springer and I attended, with many other alums, the get-together in southern Maine for the fall reunion. The reunion is held the second Monday in September. Would like to see more of you at the gathering. Sally received word from **Betty Sullivan Elholm** that she and her husband are out in Arizona, their winter home, and the two of them are doing well for now. Betty and John returned to Maine for awhile in December, when her mother passed away. I received word in December that I have a new grandson, which makes 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. I am enjoying the remainder of the winter here in Florida. I returned to Maine for the holidays with my family. Sally and Kevin are enjoying the winter here in Florida. I see Sally every day and we chat over the "good old days". Sally received a nice note from **Heather R. Read**. She is having more problems with her back. Her address is 4928 Thebes Way, Oceanside, CA 92056-7442. She also received cards from **Beverly** and **Dick Berry** and **Reajean Lester** at Christmas. My address is 47 Merrimac St., Pittsfield, ME 04967 (Florida address October — April is 38616 White Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33542). Sally Dwinell's address is 264 Grove St., Newport, ME 04953 and October — April is 38619 White Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33542. Come on classmates — send us some news of what is happening in your lives!!

Class of 1952

Greetings from the Class of '52! Got a nice note from **Glenys Hill Gifford** in which she described a community birthday calendar from 1941. Does anyone remember those? **Vi Foster** wrote that she and Glenys got together for lunch in March. Although retired, Vi keeps busy and still visits hospitals and nursing homes. **Rodney Russell** wrote that he is tutoring his nephew in Latin and Western Abnaki. He even included an Abnaki Christmas greeting. How do you pronounce it, Rodney? Looks pretty complicated. His family are all doing well. They traveled to Virginia and North Carolina last fall and found it a very interesting part of the country. **Adrien Fournier** had an exciting 2003. He married last August, and he and his wife have a trip planned to Cancun, Mexico in March. He also wrote that he was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Adrien, **Don** and **Pat Whitten** are enjoying their new home. They keep busy with

Pantry, which supplies food to about 225 families. She said it is rewarding and makes them aware of the good fortune they enjoy. Our condolences to **Sandra Humphrey Carson** who lost both her mother and stepfather in 2003. **Louise Fidler** (Eurania Kellis) and I got together last spring for coffee. She was visiting her sister Sophie who lives in Mesa, Arizona. I hope we can do it again this year. It was wonderful seeing her. She enjoys her grandchildren's activities and is active in her church and choir as well as working in a CPA accounting firm. Busy gal! **Bev Breau** wrote that she was sorry to have missed the reunion last year but hopes to make it in 2004. We too have had a busy year with our usual activities and volunteering. We enjoyed a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji last spring. I'd highly recommend it — fun friendly people and lots of interesting areas to explore! Let's stay in touch. If you come to Arizona, please give us a call. We'd love to see you. **Nancy Sinclair Wilson** 13627 Gardenview Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375 RHWNSW@MSN.com

Class of 1953

From **Sarah Chipman** — Those of us who were able to attend the reunion last August are still reveling in our memories of that wonderful day. August 2nd was filled with excitement and joy from the activities in Parks Gym in the morning, to the beautiful luncheon on campus at noon, and finally to our own party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in the late afternoon and evening. It was an absolutely perfect day, and one we will long remember. The Reunion was successful because so many of you contributed to the day in various ways. We should really proud that after fifty years, we can still work together to achieve a common goal. Hats off to the CLASS OF '53! However, the class is indebted to Carlene Engstrom, Carolyn Smith and Sharon Savasuk at Cianchette House for their special efforts in making our reunion memorable. These ladies assisted the reunion committee throughout the year and worked very hard for all of us. Thanks to each of you! Once again, kudos go to **Kaye Mooers**, who spearheaded the reunion committee and who spent immeasurable hours making the plans come to fruition. She also hand painted a reunion pin for each class member. We all thank you, Kaye. Although he could not attend, our senior class president, **John Hartlieb** wanted to be a part of the celebration. To do so, he provided champagne so that we could toast the occasion in style. Here's to you, Jack! Thanks also to **Ellie Perseille**, who created beautiful silk corsages for all of the women in the class. Much work

and much appreciated, Ellie! We shared the day with former faculty. **Richard Blanchard** and his wife came from Winthrop for our private party. We were all delighted to see him, and he had a wonderful time visiting with former students. We were also pleased to have **Persis Smith**, widow of our class advisor Rod Smith, with us and to have a letter from **Beverly Cushman Pratt**, our other advisor. All of them remember MCI and our class with great fondness. With his usual thoughtfulness, **Phil Buker** presented Mr. Blanchard, Mrs. Smith, and Kay Mooers with lovely gifts. Thank you, Phil! We were pleased that Headmaster and Mrs. Cummings and Director of Development Carolyn Smith took the time to join us at the class party. In order to make the reunion particularly special, Phil Buker requested that we have a flag flown over the Capitol in Washington on August 2nd to honor the class. MCI made the arrangements through Senator Snowe's office, and the flag was flown and later given to the class. Since neither the school nor Phil could use the flag, we drew a name from the contributors to the reunion fund. **Leland Brown** was extremely pleased to be the fortunate recipient. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$500 to MCI. We did so by purchasing a brick to honor our class and our 50th Reunion. Please take time to see this memento in the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math and Science Center. The class was also able to send a photo to each class member receiving his/her coffee mug from Headmaster Cummings at the luncheon and to mail the class reunion yearbook to those who could not attend and whose addresses were current. The Alumni Office and **Gloria Beattie McNichol** mailed each attendee a group photo. We also thank **Walter Mooers '50** and **Alvah Wyman '52** for helping with the registration at our party. Great job, guys! Although this column is the "swan song" of our 50th reunion, we should now look ahead and focus on the **55th in 2008!** Let's all plan to be there!

Class of 1955

Leona Lovely, Class Agent '55, writes, "I have an e-mail address now. I guess people are too busy to write letters, so maybe they will write to me this way: lovelyleona37@yahoo.com I am sad to report the passing of **Mervin Eric Sobey** on October 20, 2003. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lorraine, and a daughter.

Class of 1957

Justine Estes Marks '57 responded to the postcard sent by the Alumni/ae Office, "The maple trees are planted in the shape of an 'M'." [Editor's Note: Actually, the trees spell MCI", but

Justine qualified.] "For my Manson Essay in 1956, which, incidentally, I won that year, I wrote about our school, "MCI Through the Years", and I mentioned this fact in the essay. Now I hope to win a clock." (She did). "What a great school, and what great memories — it gave me the basis for a great life."

Class of 1958

Dr. Roger Goodson '58 responded to our questionnaire with the following information. He has the following degrees: B.S. U.S.M, MA, UConn, Ed.D. Harvard U. Has been a management and organizational development specialist/consultant for thirty years. Have taught adjunct at: Lesley College Grad. School, University of San Francisco, U-CAL (Berkeley, St. Mary's College of CA.. Tenured Faculty at Southern New Hampshire University, Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU, Belmont, CA.) Former, Chair of Business Program at NDNU, Dean of School of Business and Management. Reside in Moraga, CA (SF Bay Area) Married to Laura Jean Horan, of Warminster, PA. Congratulations, and good to hear from you. The year 2003 has come and gone and class of "58" enjoyed a great 45th Reunion. Classmates who hadn't seen one another in as many years got reacquainted. The campus atmosphere was electric and the excitement and food and the treatment by the staff was first rate. **Arline Belanger Madore** came in from Tucson, AZ. with her husband, she would have won the prize for the one who came the farthest from our class. My wife and I made it up from VA. and Maine was well represented. **Jerry and Sally Withee**, **Tony Vicnaire**, **Doris Pierce Boutelle**, "Reene" **Dutill Young**, **Lorraine McLaggan Bouffard**, **Gloria Sedgwick Huff** and her husband. We all expressed an air of excitement as we look forward to our 50th Reunion. I have talked with **Fred Pinkham**, who's now in Grambrills, Md. Fred is working as a CPA, is married to the same woman since 1965, has two children and four grandchildren. My wife and I got to attend the wedding of **Ora Cropley** and **Tori [Vickie Tweedie]**, they now live in Mechanicsburg, Pa. While in Pittsfield for the reunion, I was able to visit with Tony Vicnaire's mom, she still lives in the same house on Grove Hill I used to visit when I was a kid. It was good to see her and reconnect. Arline's mom lives only a few minutes from campus and my wife and I got to visit with her, what a joy to see she is just as bubbly as I remember. We caught up with **Walter and Janet Philbrick** and had a good visit, Walter is retired now and moved back to Palmyra. **Gloria Sedwick Huff** and her husband **Ralph** wanted the class to know they're doing well. They're operating the Huff Forest

Products business in Pittsfield. Their two sons, Ralph Jr. and Blain, help with the operation of it. They live in Burnham, Me. and just celebrated their 45th anniversary. They have four grandchildren who keep them busy. **Jerry and Sally Withee** are enjoying life and you might see them in a town near you soon. Jerry said they have crossed the country three times on motorcycle. The day after the reunion, I passed them on 95 headed south. We were both going to Va. I talked to **Jolene Tompkins Smith**, she's in Bonita Springs, Florida, right around the block from where my wife has relatives. I've made arrangements to see them when we visit at Christmas time. Since I was asked to be the class agent I've had a lot of fun reconnecting with classmates, so let me hear from you. Drop me an e-mail and just say "Hi." **Roy Pomeroy** Hertzler4@juno.com

Class of 1959

Thomas R. Finson '59 wrote, "Still remember the great year that I had at M.C.I. One that will be with me for the rest of my life. Keep up the great work you are doing."

Sophia Kellis '59 sent this note in regard to "Tookie" Russell: "Tookie was a great coach and is a wonderful person. I had the honor of being the first recipient of the Malaka Russell Field Hockey Trophy in 1959, and have fond memories of my four years at MCI, especially the sports. I support women's sports wholeheartedly. I currently am captain of a women's tennis team and still love the competition of sports. Rock on, MCI!"

Class of 1962

Judie Mercier Vacchina writes to us from Pleasanton, California where she is President/ Owner of Amazatto Food, manufacturing gourmet pastas, sauces, pesto and other Italian specialty foods. Amazatto is a national company with distribution in all fifty states. They manufacture fifty-one of the private label pastas for the US food service market nationally; products for DOT foods; and many other chain accounts across the USA. Their Maine office is located in Pittsfield in the old Lancey Street School. Two of her sisters work with her in the Maine office. Judie stated that her love for food started very young, working for her parents at George's Restaurant. Most of you, at one time or other, probably have eaten their products as they are in most of the upscale white table cloth restaurants and major hotels. She spends her time divided between California, Maine, Florida, and Italy. Her husband is Italian (Leonardo) and is a trial lawyer practicing in San Francisco. She has three grown children; two daughters and one son. She also has two granddaughters (9) & (7) years of age and

one grandson (3). She spends most of her spare time traveling, sailing, and skiing with their family.

Jean Stackhouse Carnes sent a brief note that she has been married to David Carnes for the past 38 years and is currently living in Groton, MA. She is employed on a per diem basis for eight hours per week, at the Apple Valley Nursing Center in Ayer, which is just enough to stay current in her nursing skills. Her husband is a retired school teacher. Her children are Melissa (37), who was an accountant and now a homemaker and is married to Joe Bosia. They currently reside in Westford where they have 8 year old Evan and 5 year old Joell. Melinda, her daughter who is 33 and her husband, Rob Ajemian (both lawyers), were married last year and live in Melrose. Her son Dave is 32 and a computer application manager. His wife, Oksana, and he live in Winchester, MA with their 2 year old daughter Sash. They just returned from a vacation in Russia at Oksana's summer home. Until 2000, Jean says that she was a Gerontological Clinical Specialist/ Nurse Practitioner at the Winchester Hospital in MA. She retired and subsequently developed debilitating arthritis in her back. She had corrective surgery at Mass General Hosp. in Boston right after the 9/11 incident. At the time of the 40th Reunion she was having surgery again for complications. Although it has been a long recovery, she says that she is fortunate and all the surgery has been worth it. Jean explains they live in the country where there are no traffic lights (as yet) and are in good health, taking yoga and swimming at the nearby Groton School. She says that she is a lifetime member of Weight Watchers; enjoys making bread with her bread machine; and loves to knit and sew, making clothes for her family. She is currently involved in a 350th birthday quilt for her town, making a block representing an antique homestead. **Reverend Peter Kemper**, who was at the First Baptist church in Pittsfield in 1962, and his wife came from Ohio to perform the wedding of their son 3 years ago. They did a lot of visiting and reminiscing. The Reverend is currently working part-time at a church in Ohio. Jean also writes that **Ralph McMann**, who used to be her neighbor, passed away. **Madelyn Kenniston Given** tells us that she is a retired teacher and master teacher, currently writing and giving motivational presentations. Her children are Michael Given (33), who teaches English to Spanish businessmen and diplomats in Madrid, Spain. Her daughter, Heather Given Bell, (33) is married and a marketing manager for a major US corporation in the Boston area. She has one grandchild, Morgan Elizabeth Bell (3

months). This past summer she returned from a climb on Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain in North America. With their small expedition they encountered white-outs, blizzard conditions, avalanches, deep crevasses and weakened snow bridges. They climbed roped-in during the entire ascent over a three week period. She says the scenery was magnificent. From there they flew onto the Kahitna Glacier at 7200 feet, between many high peaks in a tiny plane, with only two climbers on each trip. They were held up at high camp for days in a bad storm with fuel and food dwindling. Each carried 65 pound packs and each pulled a sled with group supplies. Ascending the Head Wall and the cold above 20,000 feet were tough to encounter but the experience was another lifetime achievement. She states that only 7% of the climbers were women! She finishes her letter by saying that her greatest pleasure is being a grandmother! **Dale O. Reynolds, Jr.** wrote to say he is married to Donna and that they reside in Redwood City, CA. He is self-employed with one child, Mark, (28), who is married to Nicole. He writes that on balance, life has been very good. He has been married for almost 37 years to a wonderful woman and is blessed to have a wonderful daughter-in-law for 3 years. He has been in and out of the corporate environment in the commercial fleet leasing business, Stockbridge Leasing Company, which is an automobile sales and leasing business, which was doing very well prior to the Internet. They catered to the professional person who appreciated a professional, competitive, no-nonsense approach to acquiring a vehicle. They have a condominium at Lake Tahoe in California and are into snow skiing, water skiing and boating. They purchased a boat in Italy last year and had her shipped to CA in a 40' container. The boat is a 1969 RIVA Ariston, which is one of 24 that were built in 1969. They just got back from Lake Tahoe and the Wooden Boat Show where she took a 1st place, as she did last year. 2003 has not been a good year medically. Dale writes that he tore his medial meniscus in his left knee and appears to have done the same to his right knee. **Dan Brooks** writes that he is currently living in Burnham, Maine and self-employed as an auctioneer. He has two children, Kim Shorey (35), who is a teacher at MCI, and Shane Brooks (33). In addition, Shane has presented him with two grandchildren, Ryon (10) and Adam (8). Dan states that he has been in the auction business for the past 33 years and is still going strong. **Carol Rodgers Good** tell us that she is living in Belfast, Maine after spending 30 years as a social worker and an associate professor of social

work at Eastern Kentucky University in Kentucky. She says that she retired in 1996, moving back to Maine, doing volunteer work for organizations and working part time at a dental office. During the summer months she works part time at an art gallery. She is on the Board of Trustees at MCI and enjoys being connected with the school. With her three dogs and her daily schedule she says that she didn't expect retirement to be so busy! **Donna Brooks Rolfe '64** wrote to say that her husband **LeForest Rolfe**, Class of 1962 passed away on June 10, 1999. She has two children, **Kevin Rolfe** (35), who graduated from MCI class of 1986 and **Valerie Rolfe Tuttle**, (32), who also graduated from MCI, class of 1989. Donna has two grandchildren, Nicole Tuttle (16) and Tyler Rolfe (10). **Robert Bois** writes us from Saco, Maine to tell us that he and his wife, **Dorothy**, who also graduated with us in the class of 1962 have two children, Christopher (33), and Michael (32). In addition, they have two grandchildren, Ryleigh (3) and Joshua (3). Robert says that after working for 40 years in the retail business he has semi-retired and now works as a driver for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in South Portland, Maine. **Roderick Badger** writes that he is living in Hartland, Maine and is employed as a material handling technician for The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. He has two children, Charlotte Small (38), who lives in Nashville, Tenn. and Theresa Keifer (35), who is living in Ft. Meade, Florida. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1962 and worked on the Atlas and Titan missiles. From 1969 to 1979 he was with Dexter Shoe and from 1979 to 1981 he was with the Army Reserves. In 1981 he went back to Dexter Shoe until its closing in 2001. **Robert Ward** sent a brief note to say that he and his wife Meredith are living in Madison, Maine where he is the owner of a hardware store and wood millworks business. He and his wife have three children, Karen (38), Bethany (34), and Peter (31) along with one grandchild, Spencer (22 months). He has been at the same profession for the past 35 years but does find time for flying, camping, motor biking, golf, and what ever else strikes his fancy.

Dick Morrison writes that he and his wife, Terry, are living in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where he is currently teaching health and physical education at the Boothbay Region High School. They have two children, Erik (25) and Alexa (16). Dick explains that he has been in the Boothbay Region for the past 30 years, teaching in area schools for 13 of those years. He retired from teaching for 10 years and worked in hotel management for most of those years. He returned to teaching just last

year. He goes on to explain that he has coached high school track for the past 20 years, accumulating two girls' state championships in outdoor track. His wife, Meredith, has been teaching at Edgcomb School for 30 years. Their son graduated from Tufts University two years ago and their daughter, Alexa, is a junior at Boothbay Region High School, where she enjoys soccer, basketball and track. **Lee Wilbur** and his wife Arletta live in South West Harbor, Maine, where he says that he is now retiring from 30 years of boat building at Wilbur Yachts. He built 30 foot to 61 foot pleasure and commercial boats for the likes of Woods Hole Oceanographic; New Hampshire Water Quality; Billy Joel; Jack Schneider, ex-president of CBS; Elizabeth Noyce, etc. He still enjoys skiing, painting, camping, hunting, fishing, and still finds time to write a column each month for *Fisherman's Voice*, which he shares with friends. If you get the chance, ask him about his blue cheese butter sauce... sounded very tasty. And last, but not least, we heard from **Henry Hinman, Jr.** who writes us from far away Sarasota, Florida. Actually, Henry's wife Ellen wrote to say that they live in an airport community where they have an airplane in a hangar next to the house and all of the streets are taxi ways. It is a relatively rural community where they can find deer and turkeys in the back yard. They spend much of the summer at their camp on Embden Pond, in Maine. They have owned the camp for more than thirty years and appreciate it more each summer. They also have a motor home and have discovered "off road" fun in the South West. This probably tells you that Henry is pretty much retired from Forest Products, although he reminds the boys that it still says "Dad" over the door. Grand-children are just as much fun as everybody said they would be and they are having fun with all four of theirs; Henry IV, Alexander, Emily Cait, and John (Jack) William.

Class of 1964

From **Barbara Day**, Class Agent: I want to thank any of you for either writing or talking with me about our upcoming 40th class reunion. That's right folks - it's (this) August 6th, 7th, 8th, so if you're math impaired, here's how it works - just subtract 1964 from 2004, and bingo! The answer is 40. To date, one major plan is a class party by the pool, on Saturday, August 7th at the home of the "host and hostess of the mostest", **Ron and Georgie Brown Farrin** at 9 Birchwood Terrace in good ole' downtown Pittsfield. And yes, we will have signs up for the directionally challenged. Ron and Georgie do have a wonderful get-together and in the past, everyone who has attended were

certainly glad they did. We hope everyone will want to attend the banquet in the tent at MCI at noon first, have our class picture taken, and then we'll migrate over to Ron and Georgie's. Some other suggestions are a dance at the golf course, bowling, a breakfast and coffee meeting where we can pass around pictures. Check around for your school pictures and other school items, and bring them along (for show and tell). Remember, I've got two tapes of our graduation, one from **Joe Cirillo's** mother and one from my Aunt Fay, and boy do we all look young and clueless! I'm having a hard time envisioning what warm unfrozen pool water might look like, here in central Maine in January, since my outdoor thermometer is reading minus 22°. So, besides seeing you all again, I guess that's why August and the 40th is looking better and better. Remember, our goal of 40 for 40. We can do it - just show up and the goal is met - sounds pretty simple, right? Here's a bit of class news: (P.S. if there's boo-boo's blame me, okay). Here goes: **James "Jim" Flynn** of Oakton, VA is planning on attending his first reunion (how excellent!). Jim's summer address is P.O. Box Monson, ME 04464. He is retired from the U.S. Secret Service after 23 years. So Jim ought to have a story or two or not. Jim's looking forward to seeing everyone again, especially the gang from Rowe Hall. Jim's married, has a daughter, Kelly and grandchildren Fly (3) and Aidan (1) Crici. **Jonathan C. Ford "Jon"** lives in Eddington, ME, is married and has retired after 30 years from Huber Resource Corp. He presently is working for Sen. Susan Collins. His hobby is flying (another first timer for Reunion - how excellent!). So folks, it's never and not too late to come and check out all the fun of seeing the gang again. **Patricia (Pat) Elkins Pratt** and her husband Billy have moved to Ocala, Florida this past year. Pat is planning to attend. She and Billy have a son Jeff and a granddaughter Megan, age 11, who in a photo I saw looked just like Betty - so in other words, a cute young lady. Pat and Billy are enjoying exploring Florida and boating. Speaking of Florida, **Jeff Hathorn** is planning to attend Reunion. He and his wife have two sons, Jeffrey (23) is a U.S. Navy Pilot and Cameron (18) is a UFLA freshman, of whom they are very proud. Jeff is still flying across the Atlantic to Europe. Jeff says when he's flying back from Europe on his way back to Philly, PA he always points out MCI as he is flying over Maine. So, I guess if you're out at night looking skyward and hear a plane, wave - it might be Jeff.

Speaking of the high sea and Florida, our old pal **Ted Grant** from the sunshine state is planning to attend. He's

been here for the 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, and now he's going to add the 40th. Ted has returned from traveling around the world and is now sailing out of Florida. Can't wait to hear all about Ted's newest sailing adventures.

Another traveling man is **Maurice "Mo" Atwater, Jr.** - here, there and everywhere. Presently Mo went from Florida to Denver, CO. Mo is planning to be here for reunion and he is a true believer, we can and will have 40 for 40, so don't be surprised if you receive a call from him asking if you will be pool-side. **Marlene Hunt Ward** writes, yes, count her in and there. She has gotten married in 2002 and graduated from college (Go Girl!). Marlene welcomes new grandchildren to her family, Hunter (6), Lilly (2) and Katelin (1 mo). Marlene's son is now 35. She is still working hard at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. **Rita Flood Bubar** hopes to be attending. Rita is still hard at work at Cianbro in Pittsfield. Rita and her husband Ed have a camp up on Moose Pond. **Rodney Small** is up in Anchorage, Alaska and he and Shelly aren't planning to attend. He has 2 children, Lindsay and Brad and is a grandparent to Daigon. Rodney has retired after 23 years from the Maine Warden Service. So, next time you're up in Alaska, stop by 17300 Golden View Drive and Check out Rodney and Shelly's sporting camps. **Rosalie Small O'Shea**, Rodney's twin sister, is down under in Queensland, Australia last we heard, living with her family. **Charles "Charlie" and Rae Philbrick** are planning to attend. The Philbricks have two sons and are grandparents to Brian, Jr. (9) and Bradley (6). Charlie is still working at the Springfield Terminal Railway plus along with Rae is kept pretty busy running their business in Pittsfield. **Linda Eastman** and her husband Philip Hanley were back here in Maine this past November from South San Francisco, CA. The traveling couple were doing just that—traveling. Linda has received an associate degree of science in Library Technology, plus her fellow Hotties Buddies of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer did complete their 39.3 miles stroll this past summer. Linda should be proud of that walk. Hopefully, she'll be here walking around come reunion time. Linda and Philip are grandparents to Darrica, 13 years and Warren, 11 years. Linda retired after 31 years in nursing. **Judith "Judy" Smith Chapman** writes from S. Glastonbury, CT. She is planning to attend. Judy is a proud grandmother of Ryan age 3-1/2, with three more grandbabies in waiting. Ryan had a new brother in January and her daughter is having twins in April. Judy's son Stephen (32) lives in Florida with his wife, Kerry. Her daughter Kristen and husband live in New York City and

son Scott is in Nashville, TN. Judy is hard at work as a secretary to the assistant principal. A note from **Joseph "Joe" Barnes** and his wife of 34 years, Karoldene, who are planning on being here. Joe has retired after 25 years of flying the friendly skies for NW Airlines, plus 13 years in general aviation. The Barnes' are enjoying retirement. Joe still is fishing, hunting and training Brittany Spaniels plus hobby farming. Again another yes is **Richard Howe** of the Troy Road in Detroit, ME. Richard proudly showed me a picture of his daughter Courtney age 14 and son Brandon (24) and grandson Tracey, (2). Richard was making plans to head to Hommasassa, FL this winter, which is a smart move. So, Richard, where's my postcard? Joan "**Joanie**" **VanDerveer Gould** is another yes; she had been living out in Colorado for 3 years and now has landed back east in Concord, NH. Joanie's busy with her nursing career, but finds time to spend with her children, John and Denise and her 2 grandsons (her pride and joy). We might add John Robert age 3 and Kari Thomas. I've seen pictures, and Joanie's right - the little guys are some cute! **Ralph Damren**, this past summer, was indeed into the Hall of Fame for his extraordinary contributions to MCI. Ralph has been the president since 1991 of the MCI Alumni/ae Association's Executive Board, plus has served the past ten years as a trustee, so plan on seeing Ralph and Roberta poolside. **Carole Daily Vigue** and husband **Peter '65** are also proud parents and grand-parents. Their daughter, Michelle Vigue Hodgins '91 is on the MCI Alumni Association Executive Board. So when you see Carole and Pete at the reunion, mention the word grandchildren and check out some more cute grandchildren pictures. **Jane Woodcock Woodruff** and husband Don have 6 grandchildren and when they're not hard at work with customizing furniture, they are enjoying sailing. So if she's not out to sea this summer, maybe we'll see Jane sailing around by Georgie's pool. **Carol Gould** is one busy lady from South Paris, ME. Carol has retired from the state, but she is on the go, and busier than ever. She's hoping to be in town for the reunion weekend; ask her about racing and her other interests - she's fun to talk with. **Jim "Scrib" Scribner**, our friend to the far north is another "yes". Jim travels from Whistler, P. Canada. Scrib has retired from the British Columbian EMS after 20 years, or 7,300 days, but who's counting? Oh yes, "Scrib", do bring the smoked salmon along for a poolside treat; if not, I can pick up a can of no name brand tuna, so it's up to you. So it's a vote (if possible) "have salmon will travel". Scrib has been busy building a suite

onto his house, sailing around in his 23-foot Boston Whaler and is on the 2010 winter Olympic's local advisory committee, and still is out skiing those mountains. **Dorothy Creasy Ackerman** moved to St. Albans, ME and she has 2 sons Tom and Warren and two talented granddaughters, Sarah (10) and Lynn Dee Ann (7), who sing and dance. I know this for a fact, because the girls are my great nieces. Dot has got herself a Boston terrier, Alison, with different colored eyes. Saw **Ronald Cookson** recently, and he is also planning to be at reunion. **Donna Brooks Rolfe** is planning on seeing you all there. Last time I talked to Donna, she was still hard at work at Edwards Systems Technology in Pittsfield. She has 2 children, and again another very proud grandmother. **Michael "Mike" Dyer** is another "Yes — I'll be there". Mike has retired after 37 years from the Post Office and the military service. Give that man a medal! **Ron and Georgie Brown Farrin** have 2 daughters and from what Georgie tells me, some of the cutest grandchildren around.

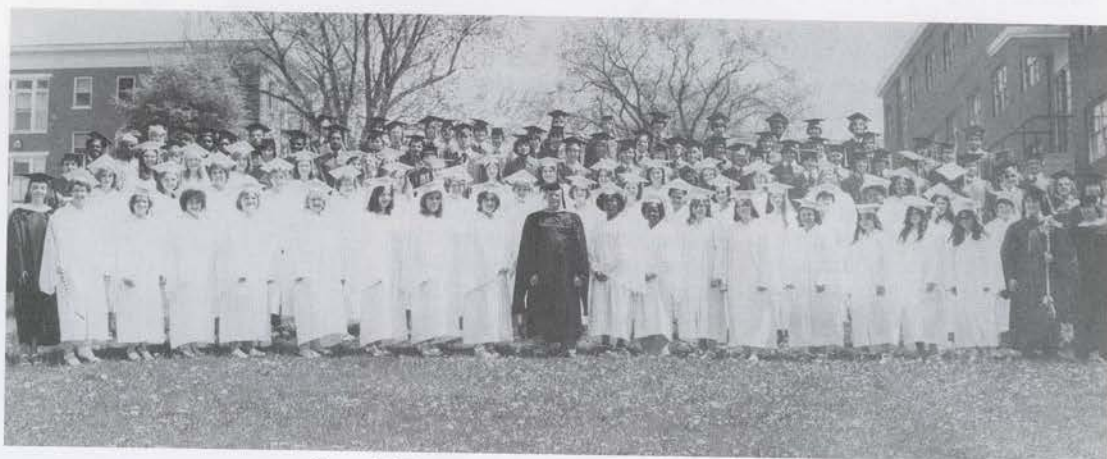
So, if I forgot or overlooked anyone, you would like to let yours truly know if you can attend, please drop me a note or call. I heard **Carolyn Dutil Belanger** is on the "see you there list", right? What about the rest of you? Any ideas for what you'd like to see or do at our 40th? You'll note that **Leon Southard** still entertains for the Florida Reunion. Hope those of you in the area have a chance to see him. See — it's almost painless — here I go: Since last I saw most of you, I've changed jobs. Now working in Newport at NOE as an RNC. Have belonged to the Hartland and St. Albans EMS since 1991 with my proudest moment this year, helping gather Christmas gifts for 120 local children. My daughter Lori '86 was married this summer to Dan McCaw, also an MCI alumnus. And my new son-in-law is in the Maine National Guard out of Bangor. I'm still doing my community children free gardening program (this is my 4th year). Last year had 98 children, and this year hope to have even more this spring. The little gardeners come in the spring and plant, back in the fall to get their veggies. I plant peanuts and cotton plus over 100 different types of plants. And this October, my son Mike and his wife Rachel Wiles Day '95 helped me build a 16'x24' greenhouse, so that makes me a happy Class Agent. **Barbara Vigue Day**

Class of 1965

A. Scott Dean '65 writes that he is semi-retired and living "in exile" in Connecticut.

Class of 1967

We were sorry to hear of the passing of **Dominic "Nick" Susi**.



Class of 1979 with Headmaster Harry True, front and center!

Class of 1971

Rodney Leighton writes that it would be nice to get in touch with some of his classmates.

Class of 1972

Dr. David Austin received a Volunteer of the Year award from Home Care Alliance of Maine this fall. The award, which recognizes his work as a hospice volunteer, was presented at the Blaine House Tea for Home Care and Hospice Month, in Augusta. David said that while he was teaching English at MCI, he helped care for his stepfather through a terminal illness, and later, a family friend. He found these caregiving experiences rewarding. This, and his love of being a student led him to medical school at the University of Vermont, where he received his medical degree in 1985. Congratulations, David! Very inspiring.

Class of 1973

Farmington Town Manager Richard Davis, earned his master's degree in public administration and was selected by faculty at the University of Maine's Department of Public Administration to receive the outstanding student award. He received his degree in a ceremony May 17 at the University of Maine at Augusta where he was presented with the Barrie E. Blunt Outstanding Student Memorial Award. The recipient is recommended by an advisor and chosen on the basis of all-around success in the field and grades. Davis graduated with a 3.92 grade point average. Congratulations!

Class of 1975

Karen Wagner '75 was appointed Director of Academic and Career Planning, see article page 28.

Class of 1976

Scot Kelley '76 writes that he graduated from Fairhaven College in 1995, and has been living in Japan ever since. His wife Miako and he run a small English school and practice permaculture as much as possible.

Class of 1983

This is just a quick note to fill everyone in on the past 12 months. As you all know, August 3rd, 2003 we celebrated our 20th High School Reunion. I want to thank all those who participated in this milestone event. Those in attendance for the afternoon session were: **Elaine (Sherwood) Woodworth, Gail (Hart) Boulter**, who made the trip all the way from Sunny Florida, **Rodney Bane & family, Mark Cooper & family, Edward Porter, Jean (Cianchette) Bradshaw, Brad King, Jack Mosher, Kristen (Briggs) Penney** and her husband **Dale, Diane (Penney) Barrett, Anita (Dunton) Wright, Steve Buxton**, with a surprise visit from both **Duane Morin and Polly Bertrand**. It was wonderful seeing everyone, most we hadn't seen in well, 20 years. Forgive me if I've left anyone out. And, I apologize for not getting a group shot, but I can tell you that everyone looked terrific. I heard from a few other classmates who had hoped to attend but were, sadly, unable to make it. Special thanks to **Helen Steele and Annette (Folsom) Watrous**, who were not able to attend the event, but were instrumental in helping plan the day, and also to **Ed Porter**, who provided us with the big grill, the chairs and tables. Early evening, the class met again at Jean's house where refreshments were served and a class picture was taken of all who attended there. We then made our way up to the J.W. Parks Course/The Putter, which is run by one of our own, **Dawn Kitchen Dugas**, to visit with more friends, those from other classes and to listen to the live entertainment. Again, I want to thank all who attended and made it such a memorable occasion and looking forward to seeing everyone at our 25th. Suggestions are welcome and it's never too soon to start planning. Wishing everyone a wonderful year full of success and good health, **Charice Sullivan**. From **Jack Mosher**—Good afternoon!! The purpose of my corre-

spondence is to wish Doug a heartfelt congratulations for his 18 years of service to "Dear old MCI" and to the Pittsfield community. Surely, he can look back on the success of the school and his definitive role in its development as the hallmark of a career in professional education. I am proud of the example he set as both head of the school and as a community leader.

I am a soldier serving in the remote mountains of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I currently serve as Deputy Commander and Echo Team Chief for Task Force Mountain, operating throughout Afghanistan. I have enclosed some pictures to share with Doug, or if you deem appropriate, you have my permission to print or forward them to my classmates as they are unclassified. By way of a description: (1) climbing with my team to an observation post just east of the Hindu Kush Mountain Range or the "Roof of the World," (2) standing at the famous Salang Pass (13,000 feet elevation) on patrol; (3) planning our medical evacuation plan in Mazar-e-Sharif with Special Forces doctor and team mate LTC Leon Ensalada (right). I have been deployed since September and will remain here until the fall of next year. My wife Carol and our two boys, Harrison (4) and Nathaniel (2) keep our home in Vassalboro, ME. I am a 1983 graduate of MCI where I was Junior and Senior Class President, Varsity Football and Wrestler and Masters Cup recipient. I returned to MCI in 1993-1995 where I taught English before returning to military service in 1996. MCI has long been a part of my family as my father graduated in 1957 as a post graduate and taught mathematics and coached baseball from 1964 to 1989. My four brothers and sisters, and most of my cousins, nieces and nephews also attended and/or graduated from MCI. I am a member of the Heritage Club and a proud alumni of our wonderful institution. I regard my success

as a professional educator and soldier to the invaluable instruction I received as a student at MCI and celebrate its history and continuing record of success. Please give my regards to my classmates and to Mr. Bessey, with whom I studied and taught. Best always, Jack Mosher '83. Shelly (Farrington) O'Donnell '83 writes that she graduated Magna Cum Laude from DeVry University with a BS in Computer Information Systems in October 2002. Congratulations, Shelly!

Class of 1986

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, one of the few Master of Wine Tasting students in Japan, just sat her exam. "The M.W. is like being in a triathlon. You have to be in tip-top health. Your nose and palate has to be at its optimum. You need a healthy diet and exercise." To keep her palate focused, Perrotti-Brown did her blind tasting at Tokyo's decFive, which carries 400 wines by the glass. Despite chugging vitamins, during tasting exams, her gums would bleed from the wine's high acidity. She emphasizes the importance of being mentally prepared. "Your essays must be backed up with structure, theory and opinions," she says. "You have to be one step above a fact-finder." According to her, wine trade experience is the best teacher. "You have to touch base with reality — marketing, sales and winemaking," she explains.

Her hometown of Detroit, Maine, population 500, was short on wine experience. A program abroad from Maine's Colby College led Perrotti-Brown to study playwriting in England. There she began working for Pimlico Wine Vaults. "I ate, lived and slept wine." Studying at the Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET) she passed their arduous two-year diploma course. Brokering fine wines at wine merchants Corney & Barrow, which was established in 1865, was followed by joining Thierry's Wine Services. "It was really interesting as I was used to the fine wine trade and now I was taking buyers to the Loire and the south of France, speaking really bad French, while finding commercial blends at five francs a bottle," she says. Her 1 year stint in exclusive wine sales marketing at Paragon Vintners Limited, co-owned by Baron Philippe de Rothschild, ended with her British husband's transfer to Tokyo.

Perrotti-Brown recommends wine as a globetrotting career for women. Yet being a wine woman is not easy. "You have to work doubly hard," she says matter-of-factly. "When I would visit male clients they seemed surprised. They were used to male bonding..." Chuckling, she noted, "However, it worked to my advantage as I wasn't just another male face."

Class of 1988

Congratulations to **Holly Stevens Davis**, who was inducted into the Kennebec Valley Sports Hall of Fame at the Augusta Civic Center. Awards were presented to "teams or individuals who have raised the hopes and aspirations of young athletes in the Kennebec Valley through hard work and dedication to their sport." Holly was a star softball player at Cony High School and MCI, as well as St. Joseph's College where she pitched two perfect games. She also played for Portland's Big League World Series team that won the national championship. Holly is currently the Hall-Dale High School softball coach, and as a pitching coach, has tutored many of central Maine's top pitchers.

Class of 1989

Heather (McLeod) Tessman sent the following e-mail to the Alumni/ae Office: "I was surprised to see my name on the lost alumni/ae list, considering my mom had owned her business in town for 15 years. Nonetheless, I am alive and well. I am living with my husband, Paul, and my 2 year old son, Jared, in Bristol, CT. I am working doing case management and client outreach at a mental health and substance abuse facility/ We are hoping to make it to my 15 year reunion next year. I was in town in July for the Egg Festival and got to see a few people. I would love to hear how others are doing. hptessman@yahoo.com."

Class of 1990

Congratulations to **Peter Witham**, whose band "Spookie Daly Pride" was invited to play in an ESPN Super Bowl party. Peter has played lead guitar with the Boston-based band for three years. In 2002, the band played in 177 shows. It once shared the stage with Bob Dylan. Their latest CD is "Marshmallow Pie".

Class of 1991

The following was sent to us by **Rosalie Williams**, a very proud mother-in-law: **Nichole Tracy Williams** recently earned her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Toronto. At convocation Nichole was presented the Pamela Cowie Generosity of Spirit Award that is given in the name of a woman who by her very presence inspires others to be the best they can. Pamela Cowie Gray is a woman whose indomitable infectious spirit is so willingly shared with others to give help and hope. She is a woman whose health makes her every breath a struggle yet who gives unselfishly of herself to everyone, always. The recipient of this award is to be chosen by his or her classmates as the student who best exemplifies these qualities. It is this "spirit" that makes a good therapist. This year, Nichole Williams was



Nichole Williams

nominated by her classmates for this award. The following are some examples of comments made by Nichole's classmates: Nichole's faith in all people and willingness to share of herself brought out the best in all of us throughout our program. Nichole's kindness and generosity have been illustrated throughout the two year program. She always has a kind word for everyone; she has a calm presence and exemplifies a calm, accepting spirit.

Class of 1993

Stacey (Trautz) Watson '93 writes "I have been living in Florida for 5 years now and enjoy the sunshine. I obtained my Title Insurance License and am Assistant Manager of a national title insurance company. My husband, Eric, and I have become foster parents and so far have had 3 children in addition to the two of our own. We have been foster parents for about a year. I am disappointed I could not get up there for the 10 year reunion last August."

Danielle (Mitchell) Metz '93 also sent us an e-mail: "I found my name on the list for lost alumni and wanted to let you know that I am alive and well, living in New York for now. I will be leaving here in two years, as I am still in the military. Thank you for the super web site that is posted for our benefit to get information in reference to reunions and fellow alumni/ae."

Class of 1994

Lorri (Brown) Mealey '94 writes, "I have been living in Farmington since graduating from the University of Maine Farmington in 1999. I am married with three children, Hailey (7), Adam (5), and Jake (20 mos.). My husband Rick and I own a restaurant in Wilton, Maine, called The Boiler Room. I am currently teaching world history to freshmen at Hall-Dale High School in Farmingdale."

Class of 1995

Brenda Reid '95 writes, "Hey everyone! It's been a while. I noticed I am

on the Lost Alumni/ae list. Although some days I do feel lost, here I be! I am currently living in Auburn, ME, and I was reflecting on the ole alma mater, and then it dawned on me that ten years is just around the corner. My how time flies when we are living pay check to pay check paying for student loans! Anyway, just thought I would drop a quick note of "Hi!" and let everyone know that I truly am not lost. Hope everyone is doing well!"

Class of 1997

Congratulations to **Dave Heaton**, whose photo is on the front cover of The Citadel 2003-2004 Catalog. The photo was taken in 2000 when he was Summerall Guard Commander.



Dave Heaton '97 on the cover of The Citadel's program.

Class of 1999

Khano Smith signed a professional soccer contract with the Carolina Dynamos of Greensboro. His first professional game was April 25, 2003. Dynamo's head coach Joe Brown, said "Khano's pedigree and background are what attracted us to him. He was a top player in his league. We're going to be his first step into the pros because he has the attributes, size, speed and skills to make it at the next level. We are looking forward to having him on our team."

Class of 2003

Mike Broccio '03, "MCI was a great opportunity to meet people from over the U.S. and the world. I have some outstanding teachers and students that I will keep in touch with for the rest of my life. MCI was a lot of fun and as the President of the Class of 2003, I strongly advise students to attend Maine Central Institute for a real life experience. Good luck to the class of '03 and the other classes as well."

Skip Ettinger '63 ~ A Man of Action and Conviction

By Lori Cummings and Carolyn Smith



There aren't too many of our alumni/ae who have been featured in TV Guide. Skip Ettinger, Class of 63, was during the height of the Vietnam War and by a famous female war correspondent, Liz Trotta. The April 19, 1969 edition of the little magazine that graced the tops of TV across the country featured an article by Ms. Trotta, who had gone 'in-country' with a cameraman and the troops. When her group reached the assigned platoon, "we began filming a wiry blond soldier leading a local peasant, a suspected Vietcong, whose hands were tied behind his back. The blond was a "pathfinder" or scout, the man who picks the jungle trails, an expert at survival and detection of the enemy. His name was Skip and this was his fourth tour in Vietnam. He instructed us to stick with him and his prisoner as we began the long trek through the jungle...the water...the leeches....the land minds...the makeshift bamboo bridges....the heat...the gunfire."

Skip commented that the top brass and NBC dropped Liz on a dangerous re-supply mission with no warning and he was to keep her safe. They were ambushed twice as they made their way through the jungle and they escaped by hiding in trenches. When they emerged, they were covered with leeches. He had and still has deep feelings about the need to protect this civilian woman on their trek through enemy territory; during their journey they forged a true and lasting friendship. In 1991, Liz Trotta hosted a talk show with the NY Bureau Chief of the Washington Times and featured Skip as a guest on their program.

Pearle C. Ettinger Jr. was born in Pittsfield and soon earned the nickname Skip. At MCI he was on the Rifle Team, played undergraduate basketball for four years, baseball for two and cross country his senior year. He also tried football in eleventh grade; after the first play in his first game, he decided that was it. He loved his teachers, especially Rod Smith, Dean Shields, Peg Witham, Al Card, Norby Young and Dana Sweet. He also loved Coach Tookie Russell. He did so well in cross country that he earned an athletic scholarship to Northeastern but a fire Christmas Day 1962 devastated his family. His sister and his brother's fiancée were both killed in the blaze and he decided to go into the Army, just to get away from it all.

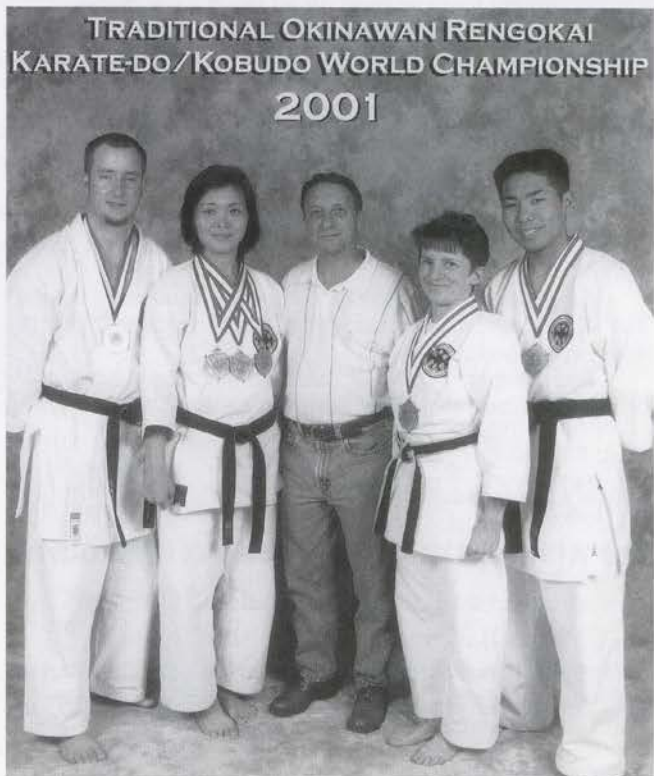
He was in the army for just about one year when he became enamored of the Army's special units so he took a short discharge and re-enlisted in the U. S. Army Special Forces. He completed five tours of duty in Vietnam between 1964 and 1972 and he won the Presidential Unit Citation for his part in that war. The Citation was presented to the Studies and Observation Group, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, for Extraordinary Heroism in Military Operations Against an Armed Enemy, 24 January 1964 to 30 April 1972; it further stated that

the group was cited for "great combat achievement and unwavering fidelity while executing unheralded secret missions deep behind enemy lines across Southeast Asia." He is a highly decorated military hero who was awarded the nation's second highest honor, the Soldiers Medal for Heroism.

He sadly reminisced about the reception that Vietnam vets faced upon returning to "their country" and he felt so strongly that he wrote a terse letter to President Nixon and sent all his many medals to him. Skip did receive a letter back and his medals. He still felt so strongly that he left the US in 1972 and spent several years in Okinawa studying Isshin-ryo karate under Tatsuo Shimabukuro, the founder of that style of martial arts.

He married a wonderful and gracious Korean woman, Sung Hee, with whom he has two children and three grandchildren. Still associated with a special forces unit, Skip still does some work for the government although semi-retired. He now teaches karate; he is a master instructor whose students have won numerous world championships, as well as many individual championships. He had first begun his martial arts studies while stationed in Okinawa in 1963 with the US Army 1st Special Forces Group. He trained for three years under Tatsuo Shimabukuro before leaving for Vietnam. He has his karate studio/school in Fort Lewis, Washington and he keeps up with his students by running seven miles four times each week.

He and Sung Hee loved coming back to Pittsfield and MCI for his 40th reunion last summer. Skip was particularly impressed with the ESL program and the international population. He looks forward to his next visit. ■



A Tribute to a Terrific Teacher: Norval "Bud" Lewis

Norval "Bud" Lewis passed away January 12, 2004 following a long illness. His late wife was Martha "Pat" Pattison Lewis.

For twenty years, Mr. Lewis was a force to be reckoned with at MCI. Well-educated, he received his BA in English from Bowdoin and his Masters in English from the University of New Hampshire where he taught from 1947 to 1953 before coming to MCI where he taught from 1953 to 1978, when the yearbook was dedicated to him. Bud eventually became Chair of the English Department and provided strong leadership. During his teaching years Bud was the advisor to the Reloading Club, a support group for the Rifle Team. He then worked in the Alumni Office for several more years before retiring from MCI.

Trustee Norby Young '65, whose father Norbert W. Young Sr. was a friend and associate of Bud's, traveled from Connecticut to speak at his memorial service. He had contacted Bud's twin daughters May Lewis Holden and Marie Lewis Armistead, members of his graduating class and close personal friends, to thank them for the opportunity to speak at the service in Pittsfield. "Bud was like so many remarkable people that came to Pittsfield in the 40's and 50's. They came to commit to roles of teaching at Maine Central Institute. But for all of them, it became more than just a job and they each became key influences in the lives and futures of so many of us - their students. They came with their families, as well. May and Marie, we also share a common bond - that of being children of teachers - to say that this was a unique situation is an understatement!"

Bud Lewis's legacy is perpetuated with his impact on so many of us students in the 60's and 70's and beyond. He stretched us and exposed us, here in a small town, in the middle of Maine, to the world outside. He drove a remarkable organization called Humanities Colloquium that gathered us together after hours - often in the new library - to explore literature, art, and key social issues. He led this in a way that made each of us feel that our ideas and thoughts meant something. And he even allowed us to enjoy debate over coffee - a radical idea in the early 60's!

After leaving MCI, I was able to make a deeper connection with Bud, and Pat, because as a young architect we exchanged notes and ideas as they planned their energy-efficient homestead in Palmyra. My wife Christine and I enjoyed visits, albeit infrequent, over the ensuing years. It was then that he demanded we call him Bud!

Know this, May and Marie; Bud Lewis had as much to do with my own development as any other single person, and for that I am eternally grateful!"

Ron Bessey '62, Co-Chair of the Humanities Department, commented, "Bud was a mentor to both students and faculty. He helped establish a strong English curriculum at MCI."

Karen Wagner, Director of Academics and Career Planning and 1975 graduate remembers, "Bud Lewis was my English teacher for two



years in the mid-1970's. He inspired me to express my thoughts through journaling. He told me I was smart and talented and made me believe it! He shared his sandwiches of whole grain bread with strange fillings that I politely ate, and later in life, I came to realize these had been good for me.

After I graduated, I visited with him occasionally when I returned to Pittsfield to see my family, after he had stopped teaching, when he was working in the Alumni Office. I enjoyed seeing the beautiful home he and Pat built in Palmyra, and I admired their simple and deliberate way of life, the care lavished on horses, trees, gardens and fields and especially on each other. After I returned to Maine to live, he would speed by my house in his Subaru, waving and beeping, usually on his way to drive someone to a medical appointment. I always enjoyed our conversations and Bud seemed pleased that I had become a responsible adult!

I feel so lucky to have had influential guides in my life and to have found so many of them right here at MCI: Peter Bradshaw, John Dana, Ron Bessey, John Slagle and Bud Lewis. I'm not sure I truly and fully appreciated my good fortune when I was a high school student. I do now and I hope I did then, in a way that let each of them know that their efforts made a difference."

Bud Lewis was a decorated veteran of World War II, a member of the Army Air Corps who served in Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland. Recipient of the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with four Battle Stars and the Good Conduct Medal, he was discharged honorably in 1945.

A great volunteer, he was on the Board of Trustees at Sebastcook Hospital in Pittsfield, board member of the Pittsfield Public Library and a member of the Hartland/St. Albans Lion's Club. An avid reader, Bud also enjoyed hunting, fishing and farming. ■



In Memoriam

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

Beatrice Frederick '25
Wallace H. Harris '30
Stella Chadbourne '34
Evelyn Jamieson '39

Robert Pooler '40
Alice Jenness '51
Charles J. Ochmanski '51
Brian L. Cowan '56

Sheilya Speigel '57
Charles F. Baxter '58
Bruce S. Small '68
Trevor J. Galvin '01

Quinta C. Buker
Norval C. Lewis
Grace Shatney

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.

Is MCI In Your Will?

Help MCI Fund Its Future..... Join the Heritage Club

The Heritage Club was created to honor those alumni/ae and friends who have made bequests of planned gift commitments to Maine Central Institute. Heritage Club members include those who have made direct provisions to MCI in their wills, who have named MCI as beneficiary of life insurance policies or who have included MCI in a charitable trust.

MCI Heritage Club members include:

Helen Cianchette '48
Ralph Damren '64
Susan Smith England '73
Michael Fendler '70
Gary Fitts '69
David Higgins '51
Buddy Ingraham '75
Marie Dodge Joy '36
Jeremy Lord '62
John R. Mosher '83
Gregg Newhouse '81
Gregg Patterson '69
Roger Percival '45
Michael Savage '62
Carl R. Wright '43

New Alumni/ae Directory Planned

*By Carlene Engstrom,
Director of Alumni/ae Affairs*

MCI has selected University Publishing Corporation as the publisher of the 2005 revised and updated Alumni/ae Directory. Located in Bloomington, Indiana, UPC specializes in the publication of secondary school, college and professional school directories nationwide. UPC's unique method will allow MCI to provide an attractive and accurate directory to all participating alumni/ae at no cost to the school. The directory project will be funded entirely by your voluntary contributions, with a share of the profits going to MCI.

Watch the mail for more information. Your participation will be simply a matter of completing and returning an information card. **Everyone who returns the information card will receive a directory.** You will also receive a request for a contribution specifically to support the directory project. Please do not confuse this with your MCI Annual Fund contribution. Your enthusiastic response is crucial to the success of the project. Distribution of this new directory is scheduled for early 2005.

Soft canvas MCI folding chairs are available for purchase.

Please contact the Alumni/ae and Development Office for more information.



19th Annual Alumni/ae Open Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 21, 2004

This golf tournament is the MCI Alumni/ae Association's biggest fund-raiser of the year.

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What MCI Means to Us... That's Why We've Been So Generous...

Paul Pietranico '88



"My family moved from New York City to Pittsfield when I was four. Being raised in rural Maine can be an extremely isolated experience. MCI offered something that neighboring schools could not; I am very grateful for the opportunities that MCI gave me. My father was instrumental in fostering my desire to learn as were my teachers, people like Wayne Stilphen, John Slagle and Rosalie Williams. All my teachers nurtured me and stretched my mind by encouraging me to develop my ideas and then expand upon them. I was active in soccer, skiing, drama, math team, science Olympiad team and tennis. Looking back, I know that if MCI had not been a part of my growing up, I am quite sure I would have taken a different 'road' in my life."

"I am now Director of Quantitative Investment Research for Charles Schwab in San Francisco and married with a 2-1/2 year old son. It takes some time to reflect; being away from Pittsfield, meeting others who attended large urban schools and talking about my own past experiences has helped me realize how fortunate I was to have had such support at home and at school, two very important aspects of a teen's life."

Dr. John Cole '40



"Well, I wasn't doing too well in school in South Paris and I really wanted to go to Bates. When I applied there, Dean Harry Rowe told me I'd better go to MCI and get my act together. So I applied and off I went to Pittsfield! At first, I'd hitchhike home to South Paris, but then I got to liking MCI. I hadn't been doing very well in English, but my lady teacher (I don't remember her name) really helped me and I started making B's. We had fun at MCI; how well I remember someone's (mine) pajamas going up and down the flagpole!"

"Mr. Stanley saved me and gave me confidence that I could be a good student. After I graduated, I did go to Bates until 1942. I was then off to World War II, where I repaired equipment high in the air on board the Liberators (B-14s) and the awesome Flying Fortresses (B-17s). I returned to Bates, met Dottie, married her and then went on to med school. I grew to truly love MCI while I was there, and I still do. And that's why I've been a donor every year for over fifty years!"

Cheryl Pareson Austin '82



"It's great to be able to tell people that I graduated from MCI. It's a well-known school with a great reputation. I have such wonderful memories of the school, the town, the people, the friends and the sports! Nancy Bertrand Shorey and Beth Staples were my closest friends; our class was small with only 94 in it, and we were all very close. We respected the rules and got along together. We had attended Warsaw for ninth grade; I still have the greatest respect for Peter Snow."

"We were so glad to get to MCI. The teachers were marvelous. Rosalie Williams had the biggest impact on me, but others who meant so much to me were David Mosher, John Dana, John Slagle, Frank Haseltine and Mrs. Cregnoles."

"I continue to be generous in my giving to MCI because I love seeing how the school has maintained itself and its traditions. I was sad to see the dress code change so much, though. Guys looked good in the ties."

Cheryl has been associated with Mary Kay Cosmetics for eighteen years, and she currently has twenty little piano students as well. She also keeps busy being a mom to her two young children.

Christopher Crowley '70



"I attended MCI for two years. I truly appreciated my education because MCI opened doors for me that were tremendously important to my development. In Worcester's huge classes I wasn't doing well. I came to MCI and gained a great perspective as I flourished in the attention provided by small classes and a caring faculty. I became grounded and who I am now was formed then. MCI's foundation became the building blocks for my life and my future."

"I've continued my love of skiing and in fact am still racing. My siblings and I own Wachusett Ski Area and we're there early Saturday, wanting to be first on the hill. I remember the snows of Pittsfield quite well; we used to jump off the roof of Alumni Hall into deep piles. (Editor's note: Current students - don't try this now!)"

"My brother and I own Polar Beverage in Worcester, it's a great company that has been nearly doubling every four years. It's been in our family since 1961 and we now have 1000 employees. Each year, children of our employees submit scholarship essays and a number receive company-supported scholarships to college."

Chris and his wife Elizabeth have three daughters; they live in Southborough.

Bob Menucci '64



"I came to MCI to play PG football at Mr. Howard Niblock's suggestion. As the principal at Winchester High, he knew my twin brother and I needed a year to grow up, so I came to MCI and my brother went to Bridgeton. I was close to Joe Mooney, Paul Garabedian, Frank Haseltine and Richard Clarke."

"MCI had a huge impact on my life. I learned how to study and make my time count. I was the only kid in Weymouth that year who made the Dean's List for one semester. My teachers were wonderful. I especially remember Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Sinclair, and of course Mr. Stanley. The older masters were mature in how they handled us and we reacted well. However, I do remember a kid's bedding rolled up and stuffed into a tiny closet before bed check. No one could figure how it all got in there."

"After I graduated, I attended Colorado State for two years. After the National Guard, I went to Husson and now I'm an executive in the furniture industry. I live close to Pike School in Andover, Mass."



HIGHLIGHTS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & FRIENDS

SPRING 2004



The freshmen's Hungry, Hungry Hippos tied for First Place.

Board Games

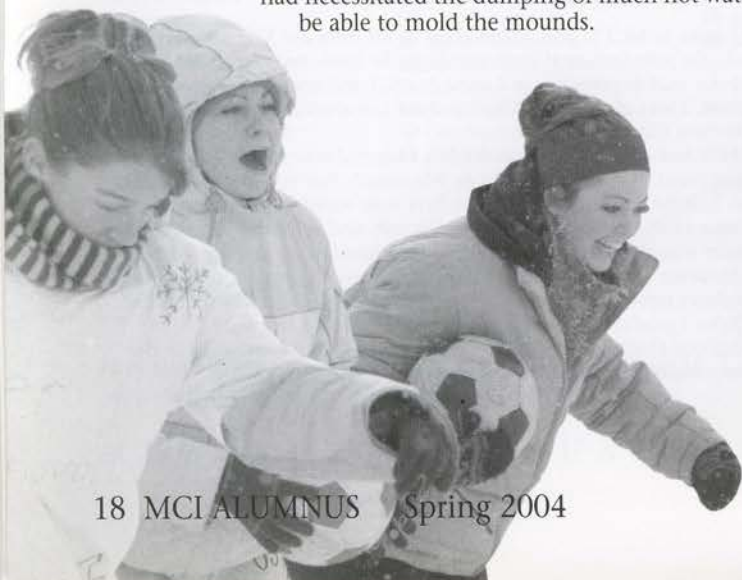
It wasn't your usual Winter Carnival this year. It couldn't be, with a minus 42 degree wind chill factor. So Thursday and Friday were regular school days, with volleyball and basketball in Parks Gym Friday evening.

Saturday again dawned crystal clear, frigid, with bright sunlight glittering on the snow. Bitter winds swept across the Bou-telle Savage Lawn. Yet, despite the frosty air, many turned out for Saturday's sculpting, for the softball-in-the-snow contest on the front lawn and to decorate Parks Gym for the Sno-Ball that night.

Although there wasn't deep snow cover, Cianbro Corporation once again made sculpting possible by delivering four huge mounds of crusty snow to the traditional building sites across from Weymouth, Founders and Parks. Students had been told they could only work on snow sculptures if they were warmly dressed for the deep chill. By 10:30 in the morning, huge bon-fires roared and members of the four classes were working hard to craft sculptures that illustrated this year's theme - Board Games. By 2:30, when the horrendous cold brought work to a halt, mysterious shapes had been roughly crafted, cheeks were very rosy and fingers were nearly frozen, for the crusty snow had necessitated the dumping of much hot water to be able to mold the mounds.



By 8:00 pm, hundreds of students, dressed in gorgeous gowns and dapper formal wear, including several in white top hats and tails, began arriving. The front lobby represented *Candy Land* and the disk jockeys were surrounded by huge black and white dice and over-sized Monopoly money. The rear corner featured ladders large and small and two sliding boards, all strung with tiny white lights for Chutes and Ladders. Round tables set in a giant X were set with bright linens and centered with colorful balloons and boxes of board games such as *Checkers*, *Candy Land* and *Memory*.



All lined up for Bombardment!



The seniors recreated Founders Hall down to the last detail.



Shovels aren't always just for shoveling. Sno-Ball King David Chale and Queen Beverly Jensen with their court.



The dais on which the King and Queen were crowned and the wall behind were covered with twelve inch vinyl black and white squares – a proper game board for royalty. A great rainbow of red balloons soared overhead and large black and white papier mache chess pieces flanked the old wooden thrones.

Thirteen royal candidates were local day students and six were residential students from around the world. Senior royalty included Megan Ferland, Sierra Hendricks, Beverly Jensen from Canada and Alexis Swan from Bermuda and Stuart Allen, Joey Bell, David Chale and Jason Hall. Juniors were Sarah Frost, Ann Durham from New York, Chang Kim from Korea and Jeremy West. Megan Holt, Aiko Kato from Japan and Tyler Judkins represented the sophomores. Tenth grader Corey Fitzpatrick was also selected, but he and his family moved away over Christmas. Ninth graders were Jasmine Garrow, Laura Williams, Mo Oh from Korea and Travis Saucier. The royal candidates walked regally to the dais anxiously awaiting the magic moment...who would dance as King and Queen? Mr. Ed Miller, Winter Carnival commander extraordinaire, paused suspensefully and then named Beverly Jensen and David Chale as 2004's royal couple.

Monday was positively balmy at 10 degrees but even so, the boys' usual bare and painted chests were warmly covered this year. Mr. Miller, high atop his lofty ladder, fired the first starting gun shot and the contest was on. The teams slipped and slid through the icy snow as they tugged back and forth. Bombardment was wild and wonderful too and the snow sculpting resumed in earnest. Some of the mounds became the freshmen's fabulous four hippy *Hungry, Hungry Hippos*, another mound emerged as the junior's *Jumanji*, particularly remarkable because the real game's game board was perfectly painted in red and yellow directional arrows on the snow surrounding the heads of the elephant, alligator, dog and rhinoceros. These two clever snow sculptures tied for first place. The seniors created an amazing duplicate of Founders Hall, complete with black fire escapes and a terrific bell tower, for their *MCI Version of Monopoly* and received third place. The sophomore crew placed an incredibly close fourth.



Many at the prom really got into playing the games of their childhood.

Their *Chutes and Ladders* complex was complete with an interactive chute right through the center of their sculpture. It was actually very difficult to judge the winning pieces because, as one judge exclaimed, "They each deserve first place!"

Tuesday morning, the entire student body heard the Winter Carnival competition results. The Class of 2005, which sported bright red clothing at most events, had won with 173 points; seniors were close behind with 164.5, ninth graders had total score of 146 and the sophomores scored 98.5 points. At Thursday's Morning Meeting, students and teachers got to see the Power Point presentation of the Winter Carnival events; usually the Power Point presentation is only shown at the Sno-Ball. Several students and faculty members commented they thought it was wonderful that everyone could see the pictorial review of the many events. A number of students commented they thought even more students would be encouraged to participate in Winter Carnival 2005. ■

By CJS



The juniors were really excited when they won Bombardment!



Jumanji, by the Class of 2005, tied for First Place.



The Sophomores created Chutes and Ladders.

Student Activities and Honors



Sarah Frost '05 and Ellen Wagner '06 cuddled with Pookie (James Morel, Math Teacher).



Staff member K.J. Flewelling is in charge of MCI's on-campus television station. Alex Downs '05 is one of the many cameramen who film virtually everything that happens on campus.



Deb Susi is about to be honored by some of her many drama students.



Sophomores Troy Richardson and Dustin Sposato were really prize speakers.

Student Council

Student Council members read the daily announcements at every Morning Meeting and plan and host the Campus Coffees held about once every six weeks. Campus Coffees always feature something fun – skits, hilarious competitions and tributes to faculty or staff members. This December's Campus Coffee featured a terrific salute to Lori Cummings to thank her for her eighteen years of dedicated service to the kids of MCI. Council members presented her with a beautiful holiday bouquet. (See following article, Page 22.)

A major fund raiser for Student Council this fall was for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The hospital sponsors the fundraiser called *Trivia Champions*. Each Student Council put together a team of five trivia players in MCI's version of this event. Each team has a certain number of days to raise donations. The four teams raising the most money earned the right to compete in the Trivia Championship. The competing teams met in Student Council Advisor Tanya Kingsbury's room where they were served pizza and soda and had forty minutes to answer as many of the three hundred Trivia questions as possible. The winning team of juniors had 161 correct answers: Amy Reid headed the team of Laura DiPasquale, Phil Hendricks, Chelsea Neath and Caleb Landry. In second place, with a score of 145, was the senior team led by Mike Adams and Matt Welch.

All the profits from the sale of the candy-grams sold by Student Council members was donated to the Pittsfield Community Christmas Project, as was the money from Dress Down Day tickets. It has become a tradition for the members of Student Council to bake cookies for the Christmas Campus Coffee, an extended, special Morning Meeting for the whole school. A Council member said, "We save money by making our own cookies and then we donate what we've saved to the Community Christmas Project." Also, during the coffee and cookie time, many students and staff had pictures taken with Santa (Music Department Chair Dean Neal) or his elf Pookie (math instructor James Morel). Student Council charged \$3 per picture and all the money was donated to the Community Christmas Project. Through these Campus Coffee endeavors, \$353.00 in cash was raised. Earlier, students had raised over \$400 in product and money that was split between the Community Christmas Project and the Shaw House in Bangor.

Debra Susi Is Honored

At a February Morning Meeting, Student Council recognized Debra Susi for her outstanding contributions to the students, school and community. She has been MCI's drama director for seven years and is also an allied arts teacher at Warsaw Middle School.

The citation read: "Deb has gone out of her way to incorporate and mesh all different kinds of students into one club. In our next competition play, the three lead roles will be played by a football player, a ballet dancer and a residential student from Khazakhstan. Deb puts in countless hours running rehearsals, building set pieces and making costumes. She is a good person, one who you know you can talk to. Deb has put on all sorts of shows: musicals, comedies, dramas and social issue plays. She has taken the competition team to regional and state levels, which explains some of the banners you see in our gymnasium, along with other awards for sets, costumes, music and ensemble work. Deb, you reach everyone that you meet and you affect our lives positively. On behalf of the school, the Student Council thanks you for everything you do.

Sophomore Prize Speaking

Nine students presented wonderfully rehearsed and humorous readings for this year's Sophomore Prize Speaking evening. Heather Lausier, Andrew Ferland, Kim Gerry, Liz Perkins, Spencer Fitts, Theresa Sowa, Daniella Lowe, Troy Richardson and Dustin Sposato were the participants. **Troy and Dustin** were the winners. Troy's rendition of George Carlin's "Airline Announcements", delivered with dry sarcasm, was so very funny. Teacher Steve Peterson commented, "Troy's success is quite simple. He begins by picking a piece that fits his witty personality. He understands his audience and he understands the subtleties necessary to delivery a humorous piece. Dustin was an easy kid to coach. He memorized a long piece, "The Polar Express", almost overnight. With his boyish delivery Dustin brought the audience back to that magical time in childhood when believing in Santa Claus and the power of Christmas was so easy."

Key Club

Since mid-September, a dedicated group of Key Club students have volunteered countless hours in the Alumni/ae and Development Office, making phone calls to alumni/ae and friends of MCI to raise money for Annual Fund. Last year these students raised \$30,468 by year's end. This year they have already surpassed that amount and their total raised for Annual Fund 2004 was, by March 1, \$34,878.38.

This fall Key Club, which is a student organization sponsored by Kiwanis International, held a previously unscheduled blood drive for the Bangor area Red Cross because blood supplies were very low in Maine. Before Thanksgiving club members raised \$150 to buy turkeys for the Food Kitchen. Many of the Key Club's volunteer activities centered on the Christmas holiday. They held a Dress Down Day to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for those in the Plymouth Group Home. Students collected personal items for homeless teenagers at the Shaw House in Bangor in a joint venture with Student Council. Key Clubbers sang carols at a local nursing home and then had a pizza party with local Kiwanis members at the Pinnacle.

All during November and December, Key Club committees were planning how to decorate the Sno-Ball in early January so that the décor reflected Winter Carnival's theme: Board Games. Senior Tyler Richardson, a talented carpenter and set designer for MCI's drama department, created huge chess pieces of papier mache.

Future Problem Solvers

Last year's Future Problem Solvers team of Alex Cunningham, Marc Turner, Josh Leong and Michael Dunsmore won first place and the Maine State Championship over five other senior teams at the state FPS state meet. The topic, DNA identification, was a difficult one. On October 30, the team unfurled their third state championship banner in Wright Gym. They hope to be able to unfurl another in 2004.

They went on to the international competition in June at the University of Connecticut, where they competed against teams from Australia, Korea, New Zealand and all over the United States. The topic was worldwide communication. The Future Problem Solvers advisors are Anne Miller and Deb Rozeboom.

Academic Honors

Alex G. Cunningham '04 was named a National Merit Commended Scholar. There are about 34,000 Commended Scholars who place in the top five percent of the one million students who take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. "Recognition of academically talented students and of the key role played by school in their development is essential to our national educational excellence. The young people who are Commended Scholars have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program," commented a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Emily Wagner '04 was presented the 2003-2004 Phi Beta Kappa Association of Maine Academic Achievement Award. The citation read, "The Phi Beta Kappa Association of Maine bestows this award upon the graduating senior who is going on to higher education and who has demonstrated intellectual curiosity and achievement in and beyond the classroom. By this award, the Association recognizes intellectual achievement and distinction among secondary students in Maine and thereby seeks to foster a greater commitment to the study of the liberal arts."

All-Academic Athletes

Athletes recognized as all-academic players must be seniors and must have a GPA of 90 or higher. Golfer Matt Welch, field hockey player Emily Wagner and soccer players Kristen Hume, Jae Myong, Thuy Giang Au and David Chale all earned this prestigious honor this fall. Winter Academic All-stars are Mike Adams for basketball, skier David Chale and cheerleaders Nicole Monk and Crystal Wescott.

Math Team

After three meets this winter the Math Team was ranked 10th out of 22 teams in their league and 38th out of 123 teams in the state. Five MCI students are ranked in the top 100 math competitors in the Eastern Maine League: Ling Tang, Sooji Lee, Alex Cunningham, Don Lee and Thuy Au Giang. ■

By CJS



Key Club callers; front row: Laura Williams '07, Amy Reid '05, Dustin Sposato '06; back row: Troy Richards '06 and Jenna McCarthy '07

Maine Central Institute sincerely thanks the members of the 2002-2003 Key Club who raised \$30,468.00 for Annual Giving.	
Especially commended for raising \$22,374.00 are:	Commended for raising \$8,094.00 are:
Ashley Holt '03 ~ \$4,905.00	Andrew Badeen '05
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Joseph Bell '04 ~ \$3,245.00	Bonnie Collier '03
Kendall Bailey '04 ~ \$3,142.50	Kim Geary '06
Amanda Palumbo '04 ~ \$2,030.00	Bret Laster-Lofus '04
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Last year's Key Club fund-raising volunteers are honored on a granite plaque in Founders Hall.

MCI Residential Students Go Ice Fishing...Brrr!



Student Council Honors Lori Cummings



Mrs. Cummings, who has operated the Bookstore for several years, is a super saleswoman. She convinced former trustee Peter Williams to buy one of the MCI throws.

Let's talk about graduation — You do the stage decorations and help with the preparation for awards and scholarships; you proof-read pages of text and coordinate the graduation brunch, the events for senior chapel and caps and gowns.

In past years you organized all of the sit-down dinners for our campus residents. You have chaperoned music group trips, you have cared for people who've been hurt and taken them to the hospital.

You have donated your interior decorating talents and many woman-hours to make our campus look nice: you decorated and helped paint all the offices in Weymouth Hall, you added your touch to the redecorating of the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Center, you painted the offices in Founders Hall and at the Cianchette House.

On Memorial Day and Labor Day you welcome students and staff to your camp at Sebec Lake.

You graciously open your home to the MCI community, welcoming us to Student Leader brunches, trustee dinners and receptions, Christmas gatherings and much more. And, you've done thoughtful, personal favors for students and staff that are too many to mention here.

Christmas is a time for giving but you must think it's Christmas all year long because you give of your time, your resources and of yourself as a person all year long and for more than 17 years! The Student Council, on behalf of the entire MCI community, wants to give you this centerpiece and a GIANT thank you that is well overdue. THANK YOU so very much for what you do and for who you are." ■

Members of Student Council asked Lori Cummings, wife of Head of School Doug Cummings, to come forward during the Christmas Campus Coffee at Morning Meeting. The following citation was read and Lori was then presented with a holiday floral arrangement.

"We all know that Santa has a list of who's been naughty and nice and it's a long list of good little girls and boys. But Santa's list isn't as long as the list of special things a certain someone has done for this school! And, this certain someone does so many things that not all of us even know about. She's a behind the scenes kind of lady, but we want to put her up front and center stage right now. Well, Mrs. Cummings, you've been a good girl most of the time, haven't you? Let us read a partial list of all the things you've done for us. It's a long list, so you might want to sit down.

You travel coast-to-coast to attend alumni functions. You are out selling school-related items at reunions, homecomings and at the Holiday Craft Fair. You sub as our school nurse, even at the last minute, and help give flu shots every year. We see you at countless games, concerts and competitions. You put in about a trillion hours each year for the auction that is so important in helping to raise money for our arts and sports programs.

You have dressed up and put up with "crazy" music when you have chaperoned every Sno-Ball since 1986 and you show up to help out with the decorating even without being asked.

You've volunteered hour upon hour all over campus, including working for a year at the bookstore for no pay. You have served on task forces and strategic planning committees. Right now, you fill up your few free minutes helping Mr. Lavallee-Davidson in the technology department and by entering important data into the computer system. You monitor Honors Study Hall in addition to your work in the bookstore.

You help the MCI community to reach out to those in need, organizing Breast Cancer awareness activities and fundraising. Your own generosity cannot go unmentioned. Just about everybody — well everybody now — knows that if there's a fund-raiser, or if someone's selling something or needs to be sponsored for a whatever-a-thon, Mrs. Cummings is an easy target!



Students of the Month

SEPTEMBER



Jessica Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Baker of Pittsfield, was selected The September Student of the Month from the class of 2007 because she is someone who is nice to others, keeps a very positive attitude and sets a good example for others. A hard worker in her classes, she has also been an active contributor in Key Club and Student Council already this year.



Cody Hart, son of Ms. Jennifer Hart of Hartland and Mr. Ashley Hart of St. Albans, is an athlete who participated in football and basketball last year. This Sophomore Student of the Month is also a hard working student who earns highest honors. This year he has given a great deal of time and energy to the TV studio, helping others with their projects and staying after school frequently to edit and make the TV station a quality endeavor.



Anthony Tansino, son of Ms. Elizabeth Bemasemi of Pittsfield, an active member of the Class of 2005 is Junior Student of the Month. Anthony is described by classmates as a friendly and outgoing person and a hardworking and goal-oriented student. Other juniors especially appreciated his enthusiasm and key role in helping them to win Homecoming this year.



Kristen Hume, daughter of Mrs. Marcia Hohn of Pittsfield and Mr. Dale Hume of Dalton, Massachusetts, is the Senior Student of the Month chosen because she is independent and outspoken, self-motivated and diligent. In addition, Kristen is a young person who sets high standards for work and personal conduct and who expects and encourages the same from teammates and classmates. She is a fourth year member of the soccer team and has played softball each year at MCI. Her personal qualities, involvement and honor roll status led to her induction into National Honor Society.

OCTOBER



Moon Taek Oh, son of Mr. Seok-Chul Oh of Seoul, Korea, is the Freshman Student of the Month. Moon is an excellent and conscientious student who is a cheerful and friendly person. Always ready to help classmates, he is respectful when doing so. Although new to the English language, he does not let this slow him down in any way or prevent this fine athlete from playing soccer.



Therese Trask, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Trask of Newport, is the Sophomore Student of the Month. She is motivated to do well, she sets and meets high goals for work and is involved in her classes. People enjoy working with Therese because she is positive and upbeat. She's been involved with KV Honors Band for two years and she even finds time for an after-school job.



Adam Catalina, son of Ellen Catalina of Pittsfield, is described as funny, hardworking, respectful, creative and very involved with class activities. Junior Student of Month, Adam is a good student and a very busy person, participating in golf, basketball, baseball, Key Club, Peer Leaders and drama. He, too, somehow finds time for an after school job.



Mike Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Adams of Pittsfield, is the Senior Student of the Month for October. He has a positive attitude, and an easy-going nature. In previous years he participated in golf, basketball and baseball; this fall he played football. A strong student, he is an officer of NHA and a fourth year member of Student Council. Last year he was treasurer of Student Council; this year he is president.

NOVEMBER



Kendra Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Nash of Pittsfield, is Freshman Student of the Month for November. A genuinely nice person who offers solutions in a pleasant manner, Kendra is a hard worker who is involved in the Jazz II program. She has also worked hard on Student Council and volunteered her time the Saturday after Thanksgiving to collect donations for those in need.



Josh Glidden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Glidden of Pittsfield, is the Sophomore Student of the month. He is easy to get along with and works well with his teammates on the soccer, basketball and track teams. A strong student, he has also made a commitment to be involved by serving for a second year on Student Council.



Jessica Millett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Millett of Pittsfield, is the Class of 2005 Student of the Month. She is friendly, very hardworking and very active in her classes. She's also involved as a member of Bigs and Littles, soccer, rifle team, track, KV Chorus and activities at her church.



Brandi Schissler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schissler of Detroit, is the senior chosen for November's Student of the Month. She is an intelligent and hardworking person who takes on a leadership role in activities and she works to solve conflicts constructively. She is involved in the fine arts program, fencing and tennis.

The Sound, Not of a Car, But Of An Endearing Little Bird ~ Honk!



The musical tale of the Ugly Duckling, proudly produced by MCI Drama, deftly directed by the dynamic Debra Susi and perfectly performed by what seemed like a cast of thousands was a smash hit in November. Mrs. Susi's productions are always impressive; this one was phenomenal.

Sophomore Dustin Sposato was simply monumental as Ugly; he was, at various times, visibly conflicted and vulnerable, confused, yearning, clever, courageous, elated. Dustin is a considerable actor with a fabulous tenor voice and an exuberant stage presence. His transformation from Ugly to svelte swan was masterful. In the role of his mother, Kate Zarolinski was poignant and perfect. Her gorgeous voice blended so well with Dustin's, particularly in the duet *Hold Your Head Up High*. Father Tyler Richardson, another truly gifted soloist, sang his role with bravado and oozed superficial sophistication whenever he was on stage.

Craig Gibson, a very French cat complete with thick accent, black pencil moustache and Apache black and white striped jersey, was crafty and conniving and totally delightful as he tried to capture little lost Ugly for his dinner pot. Craig's duet with freshman Jenna McCarthy was stunning. Jenna, the very essence of a vamp, pouted prettily as she tried to lure, into her lair, the callous cat.

A recurring motif was gossipy Maureen the Moorhen, well-portrayed by Cierra Barker. Engaging were the little fish, complete with fluttering facial gills (their hands) and the bouncy, boisterous froglets. Graylag, Matt Welch's hilarious uniformed Gander, Dott, his long suffering mate (Emily Wagner) and their gaggle of ungainly geese were terrific, too, in their number *The Wild Goose Chase* (now, what else would they sing?)

Perhaps the very funniest and most memorable character was the self-effacing Bullfrog, with his elegant long legs, shiny big warts and absolutely adorable rendition of *Somebody's Gonna Love Yah*, *Warts and All*, which Troy Richardson sang with elan and flair to reassure lonely, lost little Ugly. The audience was convulsed with laughter as he fancifully frog-leaped across the set.

Of course, the cameo appearance of Peter Snow, local teacher and the Music Director's husband, was simply unforgettable. All done up in red and black hunter's garb, Mr. Snow was a quintessential nightmare as he stalked the little ugly duckling with gravelly voice, threateningly hunched shoulders and the wildest of gleams in his predator's eye!

Everyone in the large 36-member cast was a star; group numbers, like the almost operatic *A Poultry Tale*, were superbly sung and artfully acted. Music Director Linda Snow must be commended for the outstanding musical performances. The nine-person Pit Band, under the direction of Dean Neal, was just dandy. Costuming ranged from the 1920's to the 1980's with the various 'birds' flaunting feathered concoctions to suggest their fowlness.

The set was particularly noteworthy. A giant golden nest was filled with four white, break-away eggs out of which tumbled four darling little ducklingsand an enormous brown.. thing... out of which stumbled this large brown...thing. Of course, story-book savvy as we all are, we in the audience knew this ..thing.. was no duckling but a baby swan who calls out, not "Quack", but a loud, raucous "Honk!"

The rest of the set involved revolving barns-into-houses interiors, lots of barnyard white fences and a truly enormous easy chair in which perched the strange friendship of Queenie the cat (Jenna McCarthy) and Lowbutt the chicken (Rachel Blais). Senior Tyler Richardson was again responsible for construction of the complex set and lighting and sound design.

Theatre, it is said, requires the "willing suspension of disbelief" so that an audience member can enter into the fantasy world being portrayed on the stage. Although MCI Drama does not have a stage or show lighting or a proscenium arch or even a curtain, Deb Susi's performers successfully transported us to various locations within the Duckyard of this musical that has been a popular hit in England and Australia for years. *Honk's* message is acceptance of each other's differences and the celebration of diversity and tolerance. As this charming musical play played out, the audience found itself believing, earnestly, wistfully and willingly, in the premise of this play and its magical, musical message. ■



By Carolyn J. Smith

Magnificent Music at MCI: Regional Judges Are "Speechless"

The two December Concerts were marvelous examples of what students, well-directed, well-taught and well-motivated, can accomplish in performance.

The Jazz Concert on November 20 celebrated National Jazz Week and featured guest artist John Cooper, a professor of music at the College of the Atlantic who was in residence at MCI for three days. A fabulous saxophonist, Mr. Cooper sat in with the MCI II Ensemble, that meets very early each Wednesday morning. The group played with a good, strong, balanced and confident sound and reminded listeners of long-ago swing bands. Vocal Jazz Ensemble performed three stunning numbers, *Up Jump Spring*, the hauntingly lovely *Once Upon a Dream* and *Song for the Traveler*; the close harmony of the last song, in a minor key, was slightly dissonant and edgy with a dark quality. The Instrumental Jazz Ensemble was superb. Spencer Fitts was awesome in *You Don't Know What Love Is*, a wonderful old song. *Bunch of Blues* and *When Johnny Comes Swinging Home* were both terrific. Professor Cooper treated the audience to a gorgeous saxophone solo *There Will Never Be Another You*.

The highlight of MCI's Concert Choir's performance on December 17 was the *First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon*, arranged by Michael Clawson that featured boarding students Soo Ji Lee and Shawn Ha playing a wondrous flute duet accompanied by pianist Casey Hwang Bo. Directed by vivacious Choral Director Linda Snow, the Pachelbel's Canon was simply glorious. Many of the 68 singers wore fanciful holiday headgear that bobbed along as they finished their part of the concert with *Baby, It's Cold Outside*.

The 70-member Concert Band, conducted by Dean Neal, played the *Chorale and Shaker Dance II* by Zdechlik stunningly well. The large band is quite orchestral in sound, and the true, clear notes of the brass were beautifully balanced by the winds and percussion.

The December 17 Concert also featured performances by Warsaw Middle School Concert Band, conducted by Marisa Weinstein, and Chorus, directed by John Kollman. At the festive evening's end, the middle school and MCI bands combined to do a Christmas Sing Along, led a tad reluctantly by Head of School Doug Cummings and SAD #53 Superintendent Mike Gallagher; they both were excellent actually!

In October, music students auditioned for the Kennebec Valley Music educators Association Honors Band Chorus. Selected for the K.V. Senior Band were Seth Carron, David Chale, Alex Cunningham, Spencer Fitts, Kim Gerry, Josh Knowles, Nicole Monk, Fred Nash, Troy Richardson, Tyler Richardson, Sarah Snow, Dustin Sposato, Therese Trask, Emily Wagner and Tara Weeman. Stuart Allen, Jessica Baker, Kyle Dennis, Craig Gibson, Jessica Millett and Kate Zarolinski were chosen for Senior Chorus honors.

Also in October, musicians auditioned for All State Jazz Ensembles. Selected for All State Jazz Choir were Troy and Tyler Richardson and Kate Zarolinski.

This was Tyler's and Kate's third year of being selected for the top vocal jazz ensemble in Maine. It is very significant that MCI placed three out of a total of 24 jazz singers in the All-State Jazz Chorus that performed in mid-January in Lewiston.

Senior Tyler Richardson was awarded the Silver Medal at the Music Theatre Olympiad at the New England Theatre Conference in Rhode Island. Forty students competed; Tyler had the second highest score for his renditions of *Music of the Night* from *Phantom of the Opera* and *This is the Moment* from *Jeckyll and Hyde*.

At the regional jazz competitions in February, Vocal Jazz, Jazz Combo and Jazz Band each received 1 ratings: Soloists David Chale, Tyler Richardson, Emily Wagner, Spencer Fitts

and Kate Zarolinski each received commendations from the judges who said they were left speechless by the performance.

Vocal and Instrumental Jazz Ensembles performed at the Berklee Music Festival at the Hynes Center in Boston on March 6. The Concert Band, Concert Choir, Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Ensembles will all travel to the Williamsburg, Virginia Music Festival on April 23. The more than 100 MCI music students will spend the previous day sightseeing in Washington, D.C.

Students from all over the state auditioned for All State Band, Orchestra and Choir. Kate Zarolinski was chosen for All State Choir and David Chale was selected for All State Band. The All State Concert will be held at the Maine Center for the Arts on May 21.

It's all pretty breath-taking... no wonder those judges were speechless. ■



The Nutcracker



To the glorious music of Tchaikovsky, the Bossov Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker* sparkled on not one but two stages this winter season. In addition to the fabulous annual productions at the Waterville Opera House in December, the large cast and crew, the fantasy costumes, the huge platter tutus all moved to Bangor to the John Bapst Auditorium in Bangor for four performances in late November.

Every year the Bossov Ballet Theatre corps de ballet increases and the costumes become more opulent and elegant. Andrei Bossov himself danced the roles of Dr. Stalbaum and the Mouse King. With elegance and grace he partnered Mrs. Stalbaum in the courtly dance in the first act. Ann Durham and Stacey O'Donal alternated in the roles of Mrs. Stalbaum and the lovely Queen Sugar Plum. Wonderful in the shared roles of puppet master Drosselmeyer and ruler of the Kingdom of Sweets, King Cake, were Michael Dunsmore and Calder Taylor.

The Nutcracker had a younger, more child-like look this year with principal dancers in the early teens. Meli deBethune and Anna Marie Cowan alternated in the role of Marie, and Zeven Ashton danced the dual part of the Nutcracker and the Prince.

The wondrous Christmas tree rose to lofty heights, the toys come alive, the giant and feisty mice filled the hall and a fierce battle ensued. All the sweets, Chocolate from Spain, Coffee from Arabia, Tea from China, Roast Sugar from Russia and Marzipan from France and the Candy Canes all danced deliciously and delightfully. The Snowflakes swirled, the Angels were ethereally lovely and the Cavalry and Soldiers were martial and marvelous.

The Nutcracker was an exciting and elegant production that played to enthusiastic audiences. Andrei Bossov is an extremely talented and seasoned choreographer and a magnificent performer.

This year the Bossov Ballet Theatre will be mounting four productions at the Bangor Opera House. In late March Cinderella will be performed, Sheherazade will be danced in May, the 2004 Summer Intensive ballet camp will present its production of Esmeralda and on November 27th, The Nutcracker will again appear. Of course, productions at the Waterville Opera House will continue.

Students from all over the United States and the world may study ballet under Andrei Bossov and Natalya Getman on the beautiful MCI campus while receiving an accredited college preparatory education. ■

By CJS



Ann Durham and Andrei Bossov, dancing as Mrs. Anna Dr. Stalbaum, were elegantly costumed and bewigged.



Meli deBethune and Zeven Ashton were enchantingly youthful and charming as Marie and the Prince.



Mitch Piltch '04



On the very coldest night in January, when the wind chill lowered the temperature to below -40 degrees, the atmosphere in the Merrill Merchants Bank lobby in Pittsfield was warm with artistry, color and excitement about the many pieces of student artwork on display. Teacher Sarah Sorg and her talented young artists greeted visitors as they arrived; however, the usual crowds didn't arrive that evening due to the horrendous weather. Those who did brave the frigid winds were treated to a wonderful art experience. The exhibit was well-attended during the following business day at the bank and many viewers commented on the beautiful pieces on display.

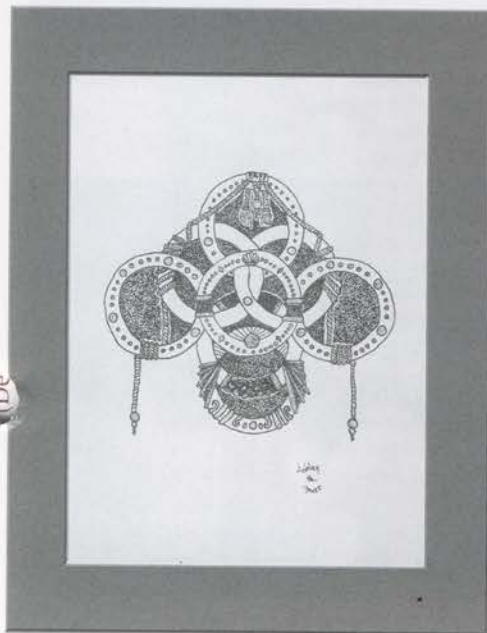
A number of the works on exhibit have been selected for the Art in the Heart and the University of Maine Museum of Art's Bangor Mall Art Show and Traveling Exhibit. This special program that celebrates the artistic endeavors of Maine students has a 30-year tradition of excellence. From March 7 through Sunday, March 21, the talented students of 42 area art teachers had their works on display.

MCI's art students will be working with Mrs. Sorg and Kim Brooks Shorey '83, who is an MCI English teacher, to construct huge shadow boxes and painted backdrops for living tableaux that depict famous movies from the 1930's to 2004. Assembled along one side of Wright Gym, the movie "sets" will enhance the décor of the annual auction, "Hooray for Hollywood!" Authentic period costumes will be worn by MCI music students and athletes and the shadow box backdrops will enhance the scenes from the various movies. *Lord of the Rings*, *Gone With the Wind*, *Harry Potter* and *Singing in the Rain* have all been mentioned as possibilities! ■

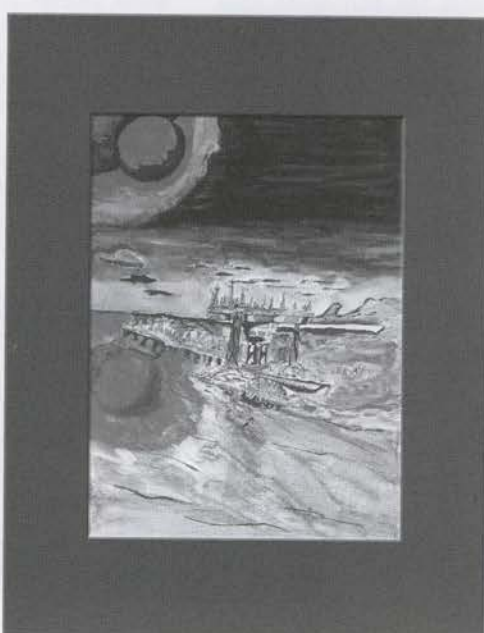
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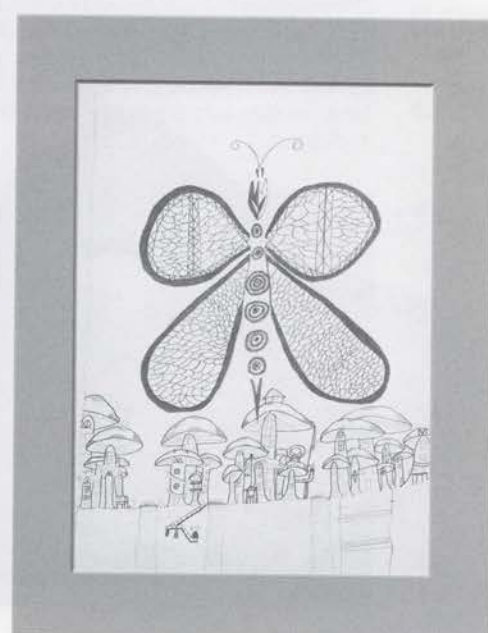
Savannah Settles '05



Ashley Herr '05



Demetre Ferris '06



Joe Elston '05

MCI's New Director of Academic and Career Planning



Karen Wagner, an outstanding member of MCI's Class of 1975, assumed her new duties as Director of Academic and Career Planning at her alma mater in September. Academic Dean James Hornor commented that, "Karen brings a tremendous level of expertise to our school. She is, already, an extremely valuable member of our academic office team where her duties include supervision of the Registrar and the other Academic Counselor. Karen oversees the entire academic program for all students."

Karen is a cum laude graduate of Middlebury College, where she was a Charles A. Dana Scholar. Her concentrations of study included German, history and teacher education.

For almost twelve years Karen was Director of the Women's Crisis Services of the Monadnock Region, based in Keene, New Hampshire. She was a lecturer at Keene State College, where she taught *Systems of Human Services Organizations* in the college's Masters of Human Services Program. She also taught reading skills to children in grades K-8 as a Title I Instructor in Marlborough, New Hampshire.

Karen relocated to Nokomis Regional High School in Newport, Maine where she held several positions, including the supervision of the Jobs for Maine's Graduates and Senior School to Work Programs, YouthBuild teacher and Freshman Transition/Alternative Education Tutor. Most recently she was the Director of Continuing Education, Graduate Studies and Career Services at Thomas College in Waterville.

Mother of two daughters at MCI, Emily '04 and Ellen '06, Karen is an extremely active volunteer. She is a member of MCI's Alumni/ae Association Executive Committee and the school's Field Hockey and Music Boosters. She belongs to the Mid-Maine United Way's Community Solutions Committee and the Maine Women's Lobby Board of Directors and Legislative Committee.

Karen completed the National Career Development Facilitator certification Program in December. She has presented numerous courses and workshops in the areas of management and supervision, board development, long-range planning, fundraising and grant writing, administrative leadership, sexual harassment and diversity, in addition to community workshops and professional training in the areas of career planning and job search skills, community networking and organizing, recruitment and supervision of volunteers, organizational development for non-profits, domestic violence and sexual assault awareness. Karen has brought a diverse and accomplished background to the Academic Office team; everyone enthusiastically welcomed her back to MCI. ■

By CJS

The Aomori Exchange



Amanda Palumbo '04 and her new friend.

For a number of years MCI has had an Exchange program with students from Aomori, Japan that was interrupted for the past two years by the tragedy of September 11. This fall the exchange resumed with 39 enchanting young Japanese students, almost all of whom were female this trip, traveling to Pittsfield to stay with local host families for several days; next year, in mid-November, MCI students will make the journey to Japan. Organizing the exchange each year is Debra Hannigan of SAD 53 who coordinates the particulars with MCI's Julie Treadwell and Kelli Frost.

The Japanese visited classes, spent time with their host families, toured the area and had a farewell breakfast with their host families accompanying them before boarding the bus back to Boston.

This is a wonderful experience for everyone concerned. Bonding, despite language barriers, is rapid and close if the tears shed by American and Japanese students and the host families during the poignant goodbyes are any indication. Japanese chapterone Taiko Ito wrote, "It was our great pleasure to resume our exchange program. You and your staff kindly spared us much time before and during our stay. We enjoyed the last beautiful days before the arrival of winter and we are enjoying the trip for the second time looking at the pictures we took in America. Mr. Yamaguchi alone took 470 photographs which are covering the walls of his classroom. It seems our students enjoyed home-staying above all and obviously that experience has brought about change for them. Some say they want to study English harder, others want to study more about Japan. Though the trip is short, it works as a good educational situation. We cannot thank you enough for the warm reception our students received."

The warmth went both ways. ■

By CJS

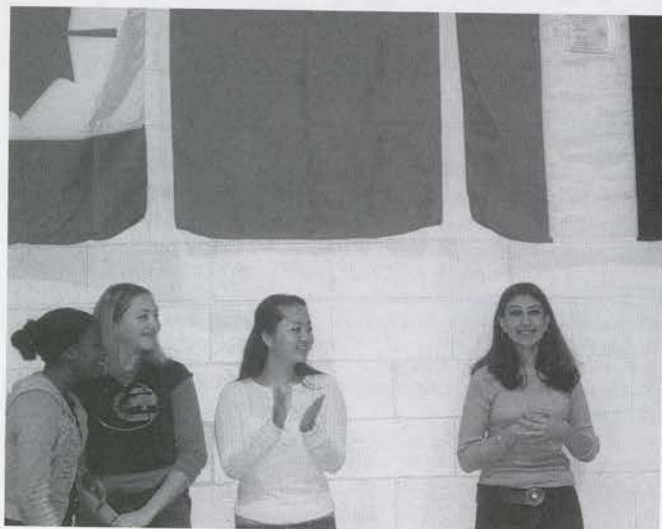


Many goodbyes were very tearful.



Mike Adams '04 and his family bonded with several of the charming visitors from Japan.

Learning About the Cultural Heritage of Others



Girls from Canada, China and Egypt were thrilled to claim their national flags.

Maine Central Institute is a school rich with diversity, unusually so for a small town in Central Maine. Students and staff from the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, China, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Khazakhstan, Korea, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Russia, Senegal, Taiwan, Viet Nam, study and work together with those born in the United States, including those from the Native America Nations. As each group walked to the end of Wright Gym, the music of the national anthem of their home country resounded; there was an almost Olympic Game sense to the proud procession. Groups assembled under the flags of their countries as the ties were tugged to loosen the colorful silks that fluttered brilliantly in a long line.

On October 9th, ten student groups performed for the assembled school community. The Chorus sang "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" to begin the program. Korean instrumentalists Soo-Ji Lee, Casey Hwang-bo, Eun-Sun Lee and Eun-A Choi played Czerny's "Weiner Marsch". Beverly Jensen of Canada and American students Stacey O'Donal and Samantha Bryant danced to a tune from Chicago. Forrest Peterson and Phil Hendricks played a guitar ensemble, "20th of Maine" with their fathers Steve and Phil, Sr. Amanda Lu from China played "Lyphard Melody" and Jae Myong, David Chale and Troy Richardson did two numbers. Jae returned to accompany Heather Logiodice who sang "One Ray of Sunlight." Especially charming



Jackie Huang and Sarah Snow

and engaging were Kevin Yu, James Tseng, Tom Chung, Ben Hsu and Jackie Huang, who performed stylized dance routines with an Asian flavor to a medley of popular songs. Mike Godfrey and Anthony Tansino performed "Total Eclipse of the Heart" and Tyler and Troy Richardson, Taylor Dyer, David Chale and Brett Laster-Loftus finished the program.

Masters of Ceremony for the meaningful event were Eugenia Azhigulova of Khazakhstan, Julia Gunther of Germany and Declan Galvin of Maine. ■



Soo-Ji Lee, Eun-Sun Lee and Eun A Choi



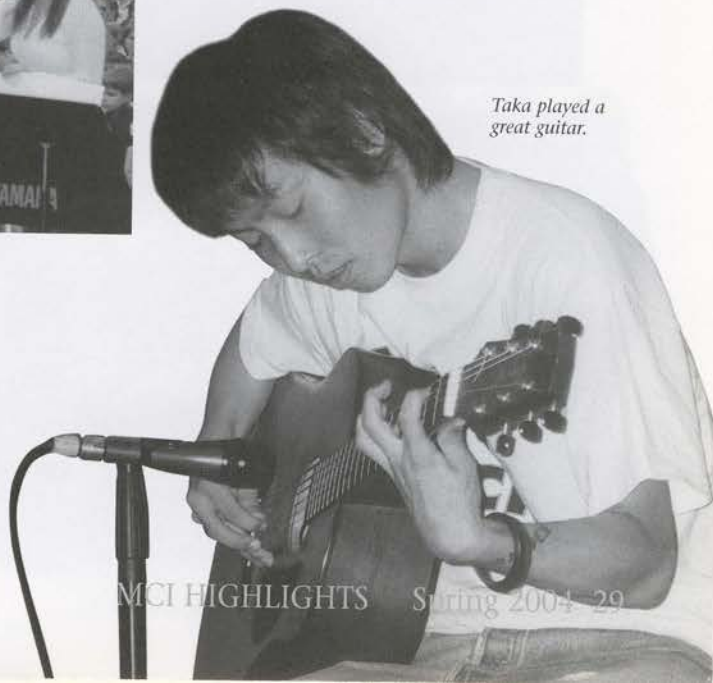
Heather Logiodice and Jae Myong

Ms. Catalina and James Tseng



Amanda Lu

Taka played a great guitar.



Fall Athletic



FALL CHEERING 2003

Coach: Crystal King

Awards: Spirit Award—*Adrienne Nayock*

About the team... With a squad of 10, the cheering team worked very hard supporting our athletic teams and coordinating homecoming and pep rally activities.

GOLF 2003

Coach: Mike Dugas and Paul Greco

Record: 5 wins, 4 losses

Awards: Most Valuable Player—*Matt Huff*; Most Valuable Player—*Justin Adam*; Coaches Award—*Ryan Kennedy*; 8th in State Individuals—*Justin Adam*; KVAC All Academic Team—*Matt Welch*

About the team... This year's team had a large number tryout with 13 participating on the team. It was a building year for the team, but with a large number of senior players coming up for the fall, both coaches are anxious for the next season.



FIELD HOCKEY 2003

Coaches: Varsity Coach - Julie Treadwell, Assistant Coach - Cheryl Breslin

Record: 5 wins, 9 losses

Awards: Heart Award—*Ashley Currier*; Most Improved Player—*Laura DiPasquale*;

Coaches Award—*Nicole Hubbard*; KVAC All Academic Team—*Emily Wagner*

About the team... With a roster of 21 and a third of the girls being first-year participants, this year's field hockey team played only varsity. The team worked very hard against experienced KVAC teams. Making improvements everyday, they look forward to next fall.

FOOTBALL 2003

Coaches: Head Coach - Tom Bertrand, JV Coach - Jason Allen

Assistant Coaches - Ed Miller & Bob Bussell

Volunteer Assistants: Ben Hall and Fred Sprague

Record: 6 wins and 4 losses

Awards: Most Improved Player—*Joey Bell*; Coaches Award—*Marc York*; Leadership Award—*Ryan Bennett*; Outstanding Offensive Player—*Johnathon Smith*; Outstanding Defensive Player—*Stuart Allen*; Iron Man Awards—*Marc York* and *Mike Adams*; LTC All Academic Team—*Kevin Williams, Mike Adams, Casey Nash, Fred Nash*; LTC 1st Team Offense—*Joey Bell* and *Johnathon Smith*; LTC 1st Team Defense—*Johnathon Smith*; LTC 2nd Team Offense—*Stuart Allen, Jake Lasselle* and *Jason Hall*; LTC 2nd Team Defense—*Ryan Bennett* and *Phil Hendricks*

About the Team... A senior laden playoff team had an exciting season again this year and Coach Tom Bertrand was named Central Maine Coach of the Year by the Morning Sentinel. With a solid core coaching staff and playing a full JV schedule for the first time in many years, hopes to bring stability for this program are high.



Highlights

by Julie Treadwell, Athletic Director

BOYS SOCCER 2003

Coaches: Varsity Coach Scott Varney, JV Coach Kim Shorey

Record: 1 wins, 12 losses, 1 tie

Awards: Most Improved Player—*Chang-Gyu Kim*; Most Improved Player—*Andrew deBethune*; Coaches Award—*David Chale*

About the team.... With a large number of participants and still a young team, Coaches Varney and Shorey are enthusiastic about next season with the team, as they have worked very hard together building their skills.

GIRLS SOCCER 2003

Coaches: Varsity Coach Felipe Arias

Record: 3 wins, 11 losses

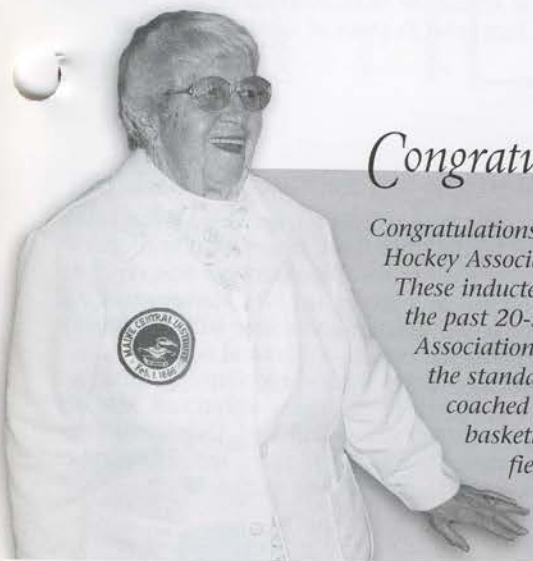
Awards: Most Valuable Player—*Kasey Dodge*; Most Improved Player—*Chelsea Neath*; Coaches Award—*Kristen Hume*; KVAC All Academic—*Thuy-Giang Au, Kristen Hume, Jae-Hyun Myong*

About the team.... Still a young team, there were a large number of girls participating this season. With several close games, the team has greatly improved overall and Coach Arias looks forward to next season.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Coach Malaka "Tookie" Russell, who was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Association Hall of Fame on Sunday, December 14, 2003 at the Augusta Civic Center. These inductees "represent the very best of Maine field hockey coaching, playing and officiating for the past 20-30 years. Each inductee nominated by a current member of the Maine Field Hockey Association, has made extraordinary contributions to young female athletes in this state and are the standard bearers for all field hockey coaches, officials and players of the future." Tookie coached field hockey at MCI for 30 years from the late 1950's to the 1980's. She also coached basketball and softball at MCI for many years and was an accomplished athlete herself in field hockey and softball. She received the 2003 National Girls and Women in Sport Lifetime Achievement Award, and in October of 2002 received MCI's first Distinguished Award for Achievement. ■



2004 Annual Auction Honorary Chair ~ Paul Bertrand '59

Paul Bertrand '59 has been named the Honorary Chair for the Tenth Annual Auction, "Hooray for Hollywood". Long a member of MCI's Alumni/ae Association's Executive Committee, Paul has also been a faithful member of the Board of Trustees since the late 1980's. He was elected to MCI's Hall of Fame in 1985 in recognition of his outstanding service to his school.

Over the years Paul has helped to plan numerous alumni gatherings, like the holiday basketball competitions and more recent sledding parties at the Pinnacle, and he can always be counted on to cater such events. During a winter with little snow it would be very hard to craft Winter Carnival sculptures; Paul makes sure that huge heaps of snow are placed strategically in four traditional spots on the front campus. Every fall Paul hosts and cooks a bountiful barbecue for faculty and staff the first day of school.

Paul has been instrumental in raising money for MCI's Football Boosters for more than twenty years, and he helped to raise \$20,000 for the football field lighting. Jack Wright, Ken Cianchette and Paul did the landscaping around Wright Gym. He has been cooking for the Super Supper, a \$100-a-plate fundraising event, for sixteen years. He commented that Chuck Cianchette got him started cooking for Cianbro Christmas parties



and safety suppers many years ago and his culinary skills have just evolved from his early experiences.

Last summer, when the Alumni/ae Association joined forces with The Key Club to operate a successful lemonade stand at the Egg Festival, Paul and fellow Association member Craig Littlefield '77 did taste-test after taste-test to develop the delectable fresh squeezed beverage that everyone exclaimed over.

A longtime employee of Cianbro Corporation, Paul is a familiar sight all over Pittsfield in his distinctive blue truck. Forty-one years ago, in 1963, Paul began as a laborer for the Cianbro Corporation. He learned to operate heavy equipment, did field work, became a foreman and then superintendent of work in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. In the 1980's Paul helped with construction of

Cianbro's big new office building in Pittsfield and for the past several years he's been responsible for the maintenance of this and other buildings.

His wife Carla '63 and his four children are also alums of the school: Nancy '82, Paula '83, Thomas '90 and David '96. Nancy serves on the Alumni/ae Association Executive Committee with her dad and Tom is MCI's Dean of Residential Life. ■

By CJS

Hooray for Hollywood!

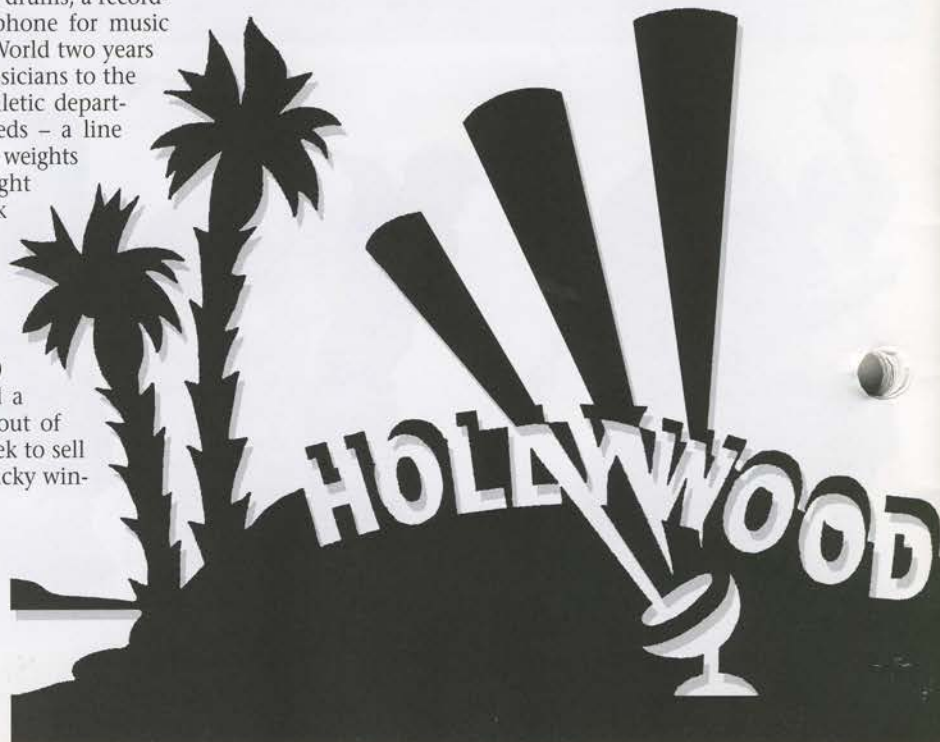
On May 8th, Wright Gym will be transformed into a celebration of Hollywood's fabled past and present – Lights, camera, action! This year's auction features fabulous items like Adirondack bedroom furniture, white water rafting rides, a sky-diving experience, a guided fly-fishing tour on Rapid River and getaways in Portland inns. Unique decorations will include several huge shadow boxes depicting movie classics, and there will be prizes for the best movie star or film character costumes. Three different big ticket raffles promise loads of suspense and fun.

In years past, annual auction proceeds have purchased wonderful "extras" for the music and athletic programs – things like a digital piano, vibraphones, tympani, quad drums, a recording system, electric guitar and baritone saxophone for music and money to help pay for the trip to Disney World two years ago and this spring's trip by more than 100 musicians to the Williamsburg, Virginia Music Festival. The athletic department, too, has benefited from auction proceeds – a line marker for the field, a public address system, new weights and exercise bikes, new carpeting for the weight room, a portable scoreboard for Manson Park games, much needed new uniforms and forty absolutely marvelous padded folding chairs in garnet and white with the MCI logo for athletic events in the gyms.

Hollywood Squares is the new name for the Cow Chip Bingo raffle for which only 100 tickets will be sold. The ATV raffle will award a snazzy new Honda ATV to the lucky winner out of 2000 ticket holders. A huge 50/50 raffle will seek to sell 20,000 one-dollar tickets. There will be some lucky winners on May 8th!

Earlier in the day there will be a large Flea Market inside Parks Gym and out on the front lawn, where local vendors and craftspeople will offer their wares. The plant sale was very successful last year and will be a part of the Flea Market again this spring. Fresh home baked goodies and coffee will be available for sale to those visiting the various booths and tables.

Auction Co-Chairs Eileen Hornor and Carolyn Smith are very pleased with the work of the many volunteers who are planning this special event. Doug and Lori Cummings were originators of the annual auction ten years ago. Everyone at MCI wants to make their last event truly special. ■



Reunion 2004

Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

6:00 p.m.

Hall of Fame Banquet
Honoring Inductees:
Douglas C. Cummings
Lori Cummings
Tent on Boutelle Savage Front
Lawn. Banquet tickets \$15 per
person in advance.



9:30 p.m.

**Alumni/ae & Friends GLO-BALL
Golf Scramble** — J.W. Parks Golf
Course. Fees to be paid directly to
J.W. Parks Golf Course. See
reservation form below. (Please
mail early. Space is limited.)

NEW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

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 in
"Celebration Tent" Tickets \$15
per person in advance — come
dressed as you are... or were!

2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Class Reunion Parties
for years ending in "4" and "9".
Locations to be announced;
contact your class agent.

6:00 p.m.

(approx.)

Indoor and Outdoor
Evening Entertainment at the
Johnson W. Parks Golf Course \$5
Cover Charge collected at the door.

A Special
Welcome To These
Reunion Classes:

1929 75th

1934 70th

1939 65th

1944 60th

1949 55th

1954 50th

1959 45th

1964 40th

1969 35th

1974 30th

1979 25th

1984 20th

1989 15th

1994 10th

1999 5th

NEW

(please clip and return in an envelope with your check to J.W. Parks Golf Course)

ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Name _____ Class of _____ Handicap _____

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Contact Person _____ Telephone Number _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for the following: (FULL PAYMENT MUST BE ENCLOSED)

_____ Glo-Ball Golf Scramble at J.W. Parks Golf Course at \$25 per person (includes cart and green fees)

Please make your check payable to J.W. Parks Golf Course and return the completed form to:

J.W. Parks Golf Course
Alumni/ae & Friends Golf Scramble
94 Hartland Avenue
Pittsfield, ME 04967

For further information, contact Mike Dugas at 207-487-5545 or www.jwparksgolf.com

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH @ 9:30 P.M.

HIGHLIGHTS Spring 2004



Kids come to MCI from all over the country and the world.

Save the Dates

Annual Auction

Saturday, May 8th, 2004

Graduation

Sunday, June 6th, 2004

Farewell to Doug & Lori Cummings

Saturday, June 12th, 2004

Annual Alumni/ae Reunion

Friday & Saturday, August 6th & 7th, 2004

Alumni/ae Open Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 21st, 2004

Investiture of New Head of School

Friday, September 24th, 2004



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