

MCI ALUMNUS

VOL. LXV SPRING 2002



HIGHLIGHTS Spring 2002

Annual Auction Reunion

Annual Auction 2002

Each year, MCI's Annual Auction raises funds to benefit the school's athletic and music programs. This year's event on Saturday, May 11, 2002 has a clever cruise ship 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 10, 2002. 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.



ITEM 1

WATERCOLOR BY DAVID SILSBY '49

The vividly colorful and nostalgic Winter Carnival 2002 Tug-of-War scene is beautifully matted and framed. Last year's Winter Carnival painting by David Silsby '49 sold for \$1,000; many competitive bids were received. Alumnus David Silsby has donated this gorgeous watercolor and another of Founders Hall for the Live Auction.

Value: \$1,000.00
Minimum Bid: \$350.00

ITEM 2

MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE ENGRAVED CLOCK

The Tolland Wall Clock with cherry finish features a brass pendulum behind the MCI logo inscribed on the clock case glass. This truly handsome commemorative clock is 23Hx12Wx4D. It is donated to MCI's Annual Auction by the Maine Central Institute Alumni/ae Association.

Value: \$350.00



ITEM 3

MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE ENGRAVED CHAIR

The Bradco Commemorative Chair is a design classic based on the Shaker Arm Chair. It is finished in traditional black lacquer and natural cherry. The crown of the chair has a laser cut MCI logo. The commemorative chair is donated by Priscilla and Bill Ambrose of Bradco Chair Company.

Value: \$450.00



ITEM 4

VICTORY CHIMES WINDJAMMER CRUISE

The Gift Certificate for \$525 may be applied to any summer 2002 cruise aboard the glorious Victory Chimes, including the special Alumni/ae Cruise (schedule to be announced). The Victory Chimes offers exquisite meals and spacious accommodations aboard this one hundred-year-old historic sailing ship. The Cruise Gift Certificate is donated by owners Kip Files '70 and Paul DeGaeta.

Value: \$525.00
Minimum Bid: \$350.00

ITEM 5



TWO OLD TOWN CANOE COMPANY OTTER KAYAKS

Comfortable, stable, lightweight, easy to paddle and fun to use, the Otter is Old Town Canoe's answer to family fun. It's easy to cartop or to carry, offers excellent stability for paddlers of all ages and features a high seat back for exceptional comfort. The larger cockpit allows for easier entry and exit.

Value: \$500.00

ITEM 6

COMPUTER

This complete computer operating system includes AMD Duron 1GHz Processor, CTX VL700 17" flat square CRT color monitor, Keytronics 104 Keyboard, AcerOPEN ATX Middle Tower Case, 128MB PC SDRAM 133 MHz 168 PIN DIMM, Samsung 20GB Hard Drive, Samsung 16x DVD-ROM, MLI-699H 14W Speakers, Microsoft 98 Windows License. Donated by Phoenix Computers, Waterville, ME

Value: \$799.00



ITEM 7



DELUXE GETAWAY AT THE HARRASEKET INN

The Serious Shopper Package offers two nights' lodging, sumptuous dinner for two one evening in the elegant Maine Dining Room, buffet breakfast each morning and afternoon tea each afternoon. This deluxe package includes private Jacuzzi and complimentary wine, fruit and cheese in front of the suite's fireplace. Deluxe package is offered Sunday through Thursday, July 1 through October 31, 2002 and also includes a \$25 gift certificate to L.L. Bean's, which is just across the street. This special get-away is donated by Nancy Gray of The Harraseket Inn.

Value: \$600 per couple

ITEM 8

NORTH COUNTRY RAFTING TRIP FOR 8 - A FULL BOAT

This exciting white water rafting trip down the Penobscot, Kennebec or Dead Rivers any day Sunday through Friday, can be for a boat load of friends or can be four different trips for two people each time. Full wet suits and helmets are included and the exciting adventure features a great river lunch of steak, chicken, veggie burgers and salads. A registered Maine Guide is in every self-bailing boat. This "Thrill of a Lifetime" would make a great graduation gift. White water rafting is donated by North Country Rivers.

Value: \$792.00



MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE

125 SOUTH MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, ME 04967
www.mci-school.org

Please visit our newly designed
Website on May 1, 2002.

Head of School: Douglas C. Cummings

Board of Trustees 2001 - 2002

Michael Hodgins '86, *President*
Peter Williams, *Vice President*
Michael Gallagher, *Treasurer*
Paul Bertrand '59
Robert Brooks
Sunny Brown
Tamara Cianchette Bryce '71
Scott Carter '73
Ralph Damren '64
Michael Dow '84
Susan Smith England '73
Michael Fendler '70
David Fortin
Anthony Frederick '59
Carol Rogers Good '62
Dean Homstead '69
John LeMieux '78
Sharon Mayhew Littlefield '79
Jeremy Lord '62
Howard Margolskee
Betty Lou Mitchell
Ronald Royal
Ginger Russell
Harry True
Peter Vigue '65
Carl Wright '43

Editor: Carolyn J. Smith
Director of Development

Alumni/ae News: Carlene Engstrom
Director of Alumni/ae Affairs

Sharon Savasuk
Administrative Assistant

Photographs: Sharon Savasuk, Carolyn J. Smith,
Aaron McCannell, Margit Photographers

Design: Terelar Advertising Productions, LLC

Franklin Printing

The Alumnus is published twice yearly for the alumni/ae, parents and friends of Maine Central Institute. This issue of *The Alumnus* also contains the *Highlights Magazine*. We welcome your ideas and comments.

Please send address corrections and new phone numbers to: The Alumni/ae Office, Maine Central Institute. Our telephone number is 207-487-5915; fax is 207-487-3512; e-mail address is alumni@mci-school.org.



Contents

ALUMNUS Magazine

Hall of Fame 2002: Dr. Richard Boisvert '62	2
William B. Ball '63	4
Harry Rowe '06	5
Why I Gave: Elbert M. Prince '38	6
Distinguished Alumni/ae Series: Michael Fendler '70.....	7
Peter Cianchette '79	8
Yvonne (Lolly) Susi '68.....	9
Richard (Kip) Files '70	10
Lori Cummings	11
Challenges	13
Class Notes from Alumni/ae	14
In Memoriam	20

HIGHLIGHTS Magazine

Traditions at MCI.....	21
It Was a Jungle Out There	22
Moments at MCI	23
Students of the Months	24
Student Leaders	25
Diversity Day and Ramadan	26
MCI Reads As One	26
Honor Roll and Newsworthy Events	27
Spotlight on the Arts	28
Athletic Updates.....	30
MCI's Bossov Ballet Theatre Featured in Down East Magazine	32

On the Cover: *The Class of 1952, in one of the restored Founders Hall classrooms, photographed during Reunion 2001. With them is Eleanor Toothaker, MCI Class of 1930, still reprimanding them for their behavior. Eleanor taught many in the Class of 1952, as well as hundreds of other Pittsfield area youngsters! Pictured in the front row: Nancy Smith Noyes and David McGaffin; second row: Dan Whitten, Beverly Turner Breau, Evelyn Blood Stavro, Shirley Fields Libby; third row: Patricia Buxton Whitten, Robert Knowles, Philip Lenentine; fourth row: Alvah Wyman, Eleanor Toothaker '30, Armour Brown, Bruce Pinette.*

On the Back Cover: *Founders Hall in Winter by David Silsby '49. This watercolor will be presented for bids during the live auction at Annual Auction 2002 in May. Call for more details.*

Hall of Fame Inductions 2002

Dr. Richard Boisvert '62

By Douglas C. Cummings, Head of School

Maine Central Institute established its Hall of Fame in 1983 when fifteen charter members were inducted into the newly formed honorary by a grateful school. During the next 18 years, forty-four more exceptional MCI alumni/ae and friends have been inducted into MCI's Hall of Fame. It is hoped the tradition of honoring those who have made outstanding contributions of personal service or financial support to MCI or who have achieved significant success in his or her field of endeavor will continue as long as the school continues to exist.

It seems, to me, to be appropriate that Trustee Dr. Richard Boisvert '62 become a member of the outstanding group of men and women who have given so much of themselves to MCI. This June would have been Dick's 40th reunion and is the fifth anniversary of his tragic death, in 1997, in a plane crash, with his closest friends Randy McPherson '66, also an MCI trustee, and Jeff Norris, husband of Trustee Sue Smith Norris England '73.

A Lewiston native, Dick came to MCI as a junior boarding student. A three-season athlete who played football, J.V. basketball and baseball, he also was a member of Key Club, Dorm Chorus and Dorm Council. Immediately very popular, he made life-long friends and established enduring ties with his new school. After serving as a Marine in Vietnam, he received his doctorate from Southern California College of Optometry, USC.

When he returned to Maine in the early 70's with his wife Jeanne, a native of Pasadena, California, Dick resumed his connections with his school. Throughout his adult life Dick demonstrated great loyalty to and support of his family, his close friends and Maine Central Institute. For the twelve years that he was an active and valued MCI trustee, Dick served with great energy and effectiveness on the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board because he truly loved the campus and its beautiful old and traditional buildings. Also Vice-President of the Board, Dick served with distinction on the Admissions and the Golf Course Committees and chaired the Committee on Trusteeship.

Active in a number of civic organizations, Dick was a member and past president of the Pinnacle Ski Club, a former member of the Sebasticook Valley Hospital Board and the Pittsfield Kiwanis Club.

A man with a vibrant personality, Dick loved the outdoors and the companionship of others with whom he shared that love. He constantly worked on self-improvement, whether on his fly casting or in his optometry practice, located for most of the twenty-five years he practiced at 16 Hartland Avenue in Pittsfield. At the time of his death Dick was serving on the Glaucoma Subcommittee of The Maine Board of Optometry and was an active member of the American and the Maine Optometric Associations.

Each December, as I walk through the campus and see the beautiful holiday wreath atop the memorial lamp post installed in his memory, I remember Dick Boisvert with fondness and great respect and true admiration for all he did for MCI.

At Reunion 2002 this June we will all, together, remember Dick, five years after we so tragically lost him, and we will honor him as we induct him into that august group - Maine Central Institute's Hall of Fame.



Hall of Fame Worthy? You Bet!

By Trustee and Hall of Fame Member Michael Fendler '70

I think it is great that Dick has been chosen for this honor. It would have meant a great deal to him to have been a recipient. He would have said that he did not deserve it.

I worked with Dick on a number of committees on the Board. I think he may have actually served on more different committees than anyone I can remember. I recall his serving on finance, development, trusteeship, buildings and grounds, and golf course committees. He may have squeezed in education there for awhile as well...although he liked to say that he never went to school for the education!

Not only did Dick bring his work, wealth and wisdom to the Board, he also liked to have fun and was comfortable having fun - it rubbed off on others. I still smile when I think of Dick's quick wit and clever way of easing tension by making the right remark at the right time.

During his leadership as chair of the Board's golf committee, it became clear to Dick that MCI could be far better served by having the school's administration not be distracted by the relatively complex task of operating a public golf course. He understood that selling the course was not a popular choice for the board or of many people in the community. Dick loved the golf course as much, or more than, anyone in our community. He was convinced, however, that the J.W. Parks Golf Course would do fine under private ownership and that the school would be better served by planning a careful transition of ownership. Over a two-year period, he made sure the issue was on the agenda at our board meetings and by working creatively with Doug and others on the Board, he achieved the nearly unanimous support he needed to sell the course. More to the point, it was Dick Boisvert's leadership that transformed MCI's investment in a golf course that consumed many hours of committee work and more than \$10,000 annually into an endowment fund that has grown handsomely over the last six years. That was no small task and the school will be forever in Dick's debt for the benefits it enjoys as the result of his efforts. Hall of Fame worthy? You bet!



Dick and Jeannie Boisvert with daughters Noelle '90 and Nicole '92

With Fondest Memories

By Trustee and Hall of Fame Member Sue Smith England '73

It was with great joy that I received a phone call from Dick's wife, Jeanne, late this past fall. I always look forward to her calls, as they are opportunities to catch up on the latest news and share a few special moments together. This call was especially meaningful as she purposely called to tell me that Dick was to be inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame in June. This honor was one that I had quietly hoped for, knowing that this year would mark Dick's 40th class reunion. Dick Boisvert is a truly worthy recipient.

I had the honor of calling Dick my friend. I remember the first time I met Dick. My late husband Jeff and I were walking in the neighborhood during a light February snow. I had heard my father mention Dick's name as a former student who had moved to Pittsfield to set up an optometry practice. Dick was a student that my father had a fondness for. I was curious as to who he was. Not being shy, I introduced myself and the three of us passed the time of day amidst the snow. What began as a brief hello that snowy afternoon ended with dinner and laughter until well after 2 a.m. Thus began a lasting friendship that was to span close to two decades.

Dick Boisvert possessed many fine qualities. He was a man dedicated to and passionate about all he believed. He was a leader and a man of integrity. Whether it was his family, his friends, his profession, his community or his school, he gave all his best. His passion and dedication to MCI has been surpassed or matched by few over the years. Dick gave willingly of his time, his energy, his knowledge and his money and neither wanted nor needed any reciprocation. "What I can't give in wealth, I try to give in wisdom and work. You can do the same." Those words Dick said to me when we discussed my potential trusteeship. Dick served on numerous trustee committees and early on was recognized for his leadership abilities. I believe he may have chaired all of the committees that he served on at one time or another during the course of his tenure.

Dick was a man of persistence who strove for excellence in all he did. He would think a situation through thoroughly before acting. Once he set his course, he rarely changed direction for he believed in his convictions. Numerous times, I watched from the distant sidelines as Dick would grapple with and ultimately be a leader through a difficult trustee matter. He weighed every situation and acted on it in a way that would be most beneficial to our students and our school.

Personally, I watched over the years how intensely he would study matters related to his chosen profession. I can attest to some of the many hours he spent studying for different optometry licenses and license renewals. Being the best in his field was important to him and necessary he believed, in order to best serve his patients. This studying often took place over the years on November Saturdays while all of his friends were out hunting. Is there no greater sacrifice than that to an avid hunter? During the last years of his life I believe he bought and read for hours upon hours every manual and book written on registered Maine guides. When he passed his guide's test, being a Registered Maine Guide wasn't quite good enough; he went on to become a Master Guide. He thought being a guide would be something he'd enjoy during his retirement years.

Dick once told me that the reason he returned to Pittsfield was because of his love of MCI and its community. He believed that his years at MCI were an integral part of his personal development. He wanted his daughters to have the same education and opportunities as he.

Dedication, passion, persistence, leadership and excellence, these are the traits that all of us involved with MCI want our students to possess upon graduation. All this was wrapped up in Dick Boisvert, a man of small stature but a man with a huge heart and undying devotion for all the things important to him. MCI can attest to having done its job.

Hall of Fame Inductions 2002

William B. Ball '63



At age 4 he began playing with water, building dams, moving earth. Bill grew up to realize his earliest dreams. After graduating from the University of Maine in 1967 he joined Anderson-Nichols in Concord, New Hampshire, as a civil engineer for three years before joining Kleinschmidt and Associates for the next twelve years, where he became a vice president of the company. In 1982 he became President and CEO of very busy Acheron Engineering in Newport. Bill has also found the time to be involved with local planning, school and appeals boards.

"If Ed Stanley could hear our conversation, he'd turn over in his grave!" Bill commented that he was an average student in his first years at MCI and that he didn't particularly excel because he loved to have fun. And that led him to Mr. Stanley's office many, many times. Now, some of those visits were social but others were not. "Some infraction always brought me back to Mr. Stanley's office. I think he thought I was really full of the devil but my passions were having fun and building long-lasting relationships and friendships." Finally, Mr. Stanley said, "Mr. Ball, I do not ever want to catch you doing this again." And Bill said he figured out that the key word there was catch. Things improved. Even Hazel Earle, Bill's Latin teacher, and Peg Witham began to approve of Bill.

Very involved in leadership roles with Key Club, Bill was President his senior year when he was also Vice President of the Class of 1963. He had attended Boys State in 11th grade. He played baseball, was a member of the rifle team. A gifted orator, he won 2nd prize as a freshman and 1st prize in tenth grade in the speaking contests and was a Manson finalist as a junior; his junior and seniors years Bill participated in Speech Bureau and One-Act Plays. It seems young Mr. Ball matured very nicely.

As he thought back over his educational experiences at MCI, Bill said, "Paul Legge is the reason I'm in science - I always loved things scientific but it was Paul, and several others like my geometry teacher and Dave Mosher and Fred Kohler who brought out the best in me."

His continuing connection with MCI has been outstanding. Bill began his trusteeship in 1986, to fill out someone's term, and, as he says, "The rest is history." Most of his service has been to the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board. He is proud he has helped to accomplish a lot with only a little money. "The minor capital improvements - you can't overwhelm maintenance, you can't pull money away from teacher's salaries, you have to be conservative and you have to do the highest quality work with the smallest expense."

Board of Trustee President Mike Hodgins commented that "Bill has been truly dedicated to the school as exemplified by his willingness to serve an extra year on the Board to oversee the completion of the Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center. Throughout the process Bill was willing to speak his mind and when he spoke he was able to summarize and synthesize what others were discussing in many different ways."

Bill is justifiably proud of all that he and his Building and Grounds Committee have accomplished over the years. He has two great MCI passions now and foremost is his love of Founders Hall. He commented that renovation plans for Founders Hall began years ago. A \$3,000,000 restoration project was developed but Bill was adamantly "opposed to waiting to implement the grand plan while the building was literally falling apart." He lobbied fiercely for the year-by-year renovations and, as a result, four classrooms have been completely reconstructed; alumni/ae awareness of the need for funds to underwrite the critically needed further restoration of Founders Hall is high.

His other great MCI passion is the Education Committee that he says "must always continue to raise the bar." As a scientist Bill is deeply committed to encouraging the highest possible math-science curriculum at his alma mater.

Bill has other passions - his family, especially his grandchildren, and his horses. The Board of Trustees were delighted to see Bill, dressed in full riding clothes - stock tie, black coat, fawn breeches and tall black boots - at a Board meeting several years ago. He had to go directly from the meeting to a dressage competition at which he would ride his magnificent Hanoverian gelding, Gambalier, who stands 17.1 hands high, and Bill compete in shows in Maine and in Florida.

MCI is deeply grateful to Bill Ball for his many contributions to the Board of Trustees of which he was, truly, a working member for over fifteen years. Jennifer Whitesel, MCI's Chief Financial Officer, commented, "Bill has been intimately involved with the design and construction of the new math and science building. He probably saved MCI tens of thousands of dollars because he has such extensive knowledge that he kept us from getting into trouble with aspects of the construction. Because of his love of science and math, he has been particularly involved with this project. He reviewed and signed every single purchase order for the building and it was never a "rubber stamp" process. He asked key questions and resolved small issues before they became major."

She went on to say, "Bill has done so much over the years. He helped with the renovation and installation of the elevator



in Powell Library, was instrumental in the design and implementation of handicap ramps all over campus, assisted MCI with renovation projects in Founders Hall, Alumni Hall, Parks Gym, the Cianchette Alumni/ae and Development Center. He has helped MCI find less expensive ways to fix and improve buildings and equipment. He understands the monetary restrictions of the school, yet also understands the need to continue to maintain and improve the plant. He has donated his time, his expertise and his money to MCI. Bill's contributions to this campus will be remembered forever. He leaves big shoes for the Buildings and Grounds Committee to fill."

A grateful school will induct Bill Ball into its Hall of Fame at Reunion in June.

By Carolyn J. Smith

Hall of Fame Inductions 2002 Harry Rowe '06

Harry came to Pittsfield when he was "bound out" to a local family in the late 1890's after the death of his mother. He later graduated from MCI and became principal of a school in Troy. Hungry for further education, Harry entered Bates College in 1908 at the age of 20 and distinguished himself there as a scholar and debater.

Two years after his graduation Harry returned to Bates to begin his forty-four year career there as an administrator. He was bursar, alumni secretary, originator of the Bates Alumnus Magazine, special assistant to the college president, student dean, faculty secretary and admission officer. President Charles Phillips appointed Harry Dean of Faculty; Harry was the first to ever hold that position.

In 1931 Harry returned to MCI as a trustee and served with distinction on the Board for 45 years. For most of those years Harry was Board President and nine buildings were either constructed or acquired during his Board tenure. Under his leadership the campus grew from one building to the expanded and beautiful campus of 1976, the year he retired. Harry Rowe's impact on Maine Central Institute was enormous and enduring.

His daughter commented that Harry was even more committed to MCI than to Bates for it was at MCI that Harry got his beginning, his chance to change his life. "He wanted to pay MCI back for all it had done for him."

A full profile of Harry Rowe was published in the Fall 2001 edition of the Alumnus.



Maine Central Institute's Hall of Fame

MCI's Hall of Fame was developed in 1983 for the purpose of honoring those alumni/ae and friends of MCI who, by their accomplishments, service and/or support, have made extraordinary contributions to the school.

Charter members of the Hall of Fame include:

Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette '48; Ival R. Cianchette '44; Sanger M. Cook '17; E. Robert Kinney '35; J. Dominique LaChance '31; Herbert Leonard '35; George Newhouse '54; George M. Parks 1885; Johnson W. Parks; Ann S. Parks; Edwin Purinton; Boutelle Savage; Guy Susi '35; Clifford L. Wright '38; Carl R. Wright '43.

Other Hall of Famers include:

1984: Iva Cianchette Cregnoles '35 and Paul W. Legge; 1985: Paul Bertrand '59 and Willard W. Lehr, Jr. '42; 1986: Joseph R. Cianchette and Malaka "Tookie" Russell; 1987: Dr. Ernest Stein and Frank Haseltine '40; 1988: Roy U. Sinclair and Elmer W. Leonard '39; 1989: Kenneth L. Cianchette '42 and E. Burnell "Bun" Overlock '24; 1990: Miriam McMichael Robinson '25 and Myrtle Main Sherman; 1991: Michael J. Fendler '70 and Frank "Parney" Koris '40; 1992: Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Peter G. Vigue '65, Norval "Bud" Lewis and Harry True; 1993: Leona Haseltine; 1994: Roderic L. Smith and Hazel M. Earle; 1995: Frank B. "Bud" Homstead '35 and Ted Susi '70; 1996: Albert L. Card '49 and Harold T. "Tom" Clark '62; 1997: Louise Dow and W. Howard Niblock; 1998: Susan Smith Norris '73; 1999: Michael T. Savage '62; 2000: Roger B. Percival '45; 2001: Milton Lindholm, Gregg Patterson '69, Norbert W. Young, Sr., The 1866 Founders of MCI: Oren B. Cheney, Nathaniel Weymouth, Ebenezer Knowlton, Going Hathorn, William C. Stinson, Lot L. Harmon, Jesse C. Connor and Aura L. Gerrish.

To be inducted at Reunion 2002:

William B. Ball '63;

Dr. Richard Boisvert '62 (posthumously);

Harry Rowe '06 (posthumously)

Why I Gave Elbert Prince, '38

Early last November the Development Office received a letter from Elbert Prince, stating he would be making an additional gift of \$50,000 to The Campaign for MCI. Al, as he is usually called, indicated that he wished to name a mathematics classroom in the new building in honor of his mother, Caro Springer Prince, Class of 1905.

Room 106, which will bear Caro's name, is a corner room that has lovely views of the beautifully landscaped hillside, with its masses of day lilies and rugosa roses, and the elegantly geometric iron stair railings that descend the slope between the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center and the Wright Gymnasium. Room 106 also looks out on the football field.

Caro died when Al was just five years old; his older sisters and a housekeeper helped to raise him. He looked forward to coming to MCI, where his sisters were five-day boarders. Mabel,

Class of 1929, and Anita, Class of 1932, commuted to MCI from Detroit by train and he vividly remembers meeting them at the station on Fridays and carrying their suitcases home a mile or so through the snow by sled.

His father, long a very successful salesman, was terribly saddened by Caro's untimely death and experienced serious financial difficulties as the Depression deepened. Al attended a little two-room schoolhouse and one of his teachers was Hildreth Newhouse, Herbert's wife and mother of former MCI trustee George. Al worried his family wouldn't be able to afford to send him to MCI but his father raised

chickens and did a little farming and Al was told he could enroll in ninth grade.

On registration day at school, Mrs. Murch, a cook at MCI, took an interest in Al and fed him cookies to make him feel at home. She knew his story because her daughter Olive was a

Chuck and Helen Cianchette
Math and Science Center
Room 106

Caro Springer Prince
Class of 1905

Mathematics
Classroom

Named in grateful recognition of the
gift made by her son, Elbert M. Prince,
Class of 1938



close friend of Mabel Prince. Al couldn't participate in sports or after-school activities because he was a day student who commuted to and from Detroit. Nevertheless, Al made the most of his MCI years and perceived his education there to be a great privilege. MCI was, in his estimation, much like going to college.

He commented, "I have great respect for Maine Central Institute and I have been very fortunate since leaving it. The school made people become more than they might have been." Al credits faculty like the Sinclairs, Milt Lindholm, English teacher Lucille deReynolds, Ed Purinton and French instructor Eva Alley with great teaching and wonderful guidance. He does remember, however, that he and Cliff Wright "flunked" history because they argued their political philosophies with their teacher, something that 'simply wasn't done' in 1938.

We at MCI are grateful to Al Prince's continuing history with his school and we are delighted that he surprised us with his \$50,000 gift to the Capital Campaign.

By Carolyn J. Smith

Herman G. Cowan '35 and Sara J. Cowan '33 Bequests

The Alumni/ae and Development Office was recently notified of the deaths of Herman G. Cowan '35 and his sister Sara J. Cowan '33. Both were long time educators who had designated Maine Central Institute as their beneficiary. Their bequests to MCI's Capital Campaign include cash, securities, a collection of uncirculated coins and antique jewelry, as well as other items. It is anticipated that a room in Founders Hall will be named in their memory.



Distinguished Alumnus Michael J. Fendler '70

Board President in a Critical Decade



At the Major Donor Dinner in June, the evening before the official opening of the magnificent Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center, outgoing President of the Board Mike Fendler presented a synopsis of MCI's success. He said that in 1992 he went on a trustee retreat during which "Carl Wright made one of those impassioned, 'don't you dare argue with me' speeches in which he said, "MCI should set its sights on being the best school there is in the study of Math & Science." And thus began the challenges of Mike Fendler's Board Presidency: not enough money; programs and facilities not good enough; faculty underpaid despite their exemplary efforts.

The Strategic Planning of 1994 resulted in the genesis of a new MCI with a new mission, vision and guiding principles. In 1995 several small properties and the J.W. Parks Golf Course were sold; wisely invested, those proceeds have grown to nearly one million dollars. All buildings were made handicap accessible, including an elevator in Powell Library. The desperately needed renovation of Founders Hall was begun and the Bryant House was transformed into the Cianchette Alumni and Development Center.

An entirely new math-science curriculum was adopted, technology increased, the decision process was changed to include faculty, staff, parents and students, the PG football program was eliminated, the Bossov Ballet Theatre Program was established and a major marketing plan to attract more undergraduate boarders from around the world was instituted.

And the *Campaign for MCI* was launched in 1998 to increase endowment to improve faculty salaries, increase technology (there was one old computer for every 11 students) and construct the new math and science building. An ambitious undertaking which has, to date, raised nearly \$4.4 million dollars.

In 1999, still on Mike's watch, the school undertook its arduous self-study. When the New England Association of Schools and Colleges completed its accreditation review, MCI received some of the most glowing commendations ever to come from a visiting committee.

Mike Fendler loves Maine Central Institute and his exceptional stewardship proves the point. However, he is not a graduate of MCI, although he would have been if fate and an MCI Board which forced an unpopular issue had not caused an awful crisis. One summer day in 1968, while working at Bud Dowe's hardware store, Mike learned from a customer that MCI and the town had split. He raced home to talk with his parents who were very torn about the conflict. More than half of the rising seniors and even more of the juniors withdrew to attend split sessions at Warsaw; those local students who stayed were granted free tuition. Mike said that Principal Ritchie did a remarkably good job but, for him, it simply wasn't the same. "It killed me to leave MCI."

He had been so active at MCI, he loved the fun and the allegiance and teachers like Peter Bradshaw, Dave Mosher and Maple Young, "who taught me how to read really well." He remembers his extraordinary English teacher Ted St. Pierre who was so theatrical and who formed a band, The Saint and the Heavenly Bodies. As a very slim freshman, "about 110 pounds", he played football for Lyford Beverege and remembers the extremely rickety wooden treads of the Founders Hall stairs, and the bookstore and lockers in the back hall. He loved being

so involved in things like Key Club and sports, especially skiing. He began training for MCI's ski team while still in 8th grade because he wanted a "leg-up" with gruff, tough, heart-of-gold coach Bob Boris. He signed up for slalom, giant slalom and jumping. Boris insisted he had to sign up for cross country because that was what all freshmen had to do. At the State Prep School Championships, Mike, finally getting to jump, placed second.

All through his four years at University of Maine, Mike jumped and skied alpine events, competing against other Division I ski teams from Dartmouth, Middlebury, Harvard and Bates. It's rumored he was a dare devil on skis and good, too!

After college he entered Hathaway Shirt Company's training program and in 1976 he entered the family business, CM Almy. His father Ryan, on MCI's Board of Trustees after the "healing reunification", was ready to retire from the Board by 1979 and suggested that Mike take his place. So, at age 27, Mike Fendler began his long Board tenure. He commented, "I had the drive to be sure that the school and local communities would never again split." He was also the youngest member of the Board – by 20 years or so! And he has been a member of MCI's Board of Trustees for almost half of his life.

Of all that has happened in the past 22 years, Mike said he is proudest of hiring Doug Cummings and of Doug's leadership through the Strategic Plan. He is proud, too, about the Board's accomplishments in significant restructuring in which all members have been involved in all decisions. He said he has learned so much "through the series of wonderful relationships with other trustees, the appreciation of the others' ideas, the consensus building and getting to a point where we could begin to think about the future and not about constantly touching bottom."

Current Board President Mike Hodgins applauded his predecessor. "Mike is committed to the school, proud of its traditions and of maintaining them while moving the school forward. His financial commitment speaks for itself but his time commitment was even greater. He wanted the school to thrive."

Mike Fendler is many things – a dedicated and visionary trustee, long time Treasurer of MCI's Board and the Board President, vice president-marketing of his family's business, former town councilman and ex-mayor of Pittsfield, multi-engine airplane pilot and, yes, still a dare devil skier.

Maine Central Institute is deeply indebted to Mike for his outstanding trusteeship and Board Presidency during a critical and successful decade.

By Carolyn J. Smith



Distinguished Alumnus

Peter Cianchette, '79

He Has Never Left



He grew up in Pittsfield; its "specialness" he dearly treasures and clearly remembers. He graduated from MCI, "the gem of Pittsfield, the capstone of a wonderful childhood." At Maine Central Institute, Peter was very well-rounded - a two-year veteran of Key Club and of Student Council, Class Representative and a three-season athlete: football of which he was tri-captain, skiing and track. A Boys' State delegate, Peter also belonged to the Literary Club. Peter graduated from the University of Maine where he earned a degree in business administration and finance.

Like many young Mainers, Peter could have left the state to begin his dynamic professional career but he chose to stay in Maine, where he became a senior executive at Dragon Products and gained "real world experience" in business. Entrepreneurial like his father and uncles and his wife Carolyn '83 who is founder, owner and publisher of the highly successful magazine PortCity Life, Peter started Cianchette Enterprises, a staffing, recruiting and placement company in 1992. After five very successful years, he sold the company and became Executive Vice President of Pierce Atwood Strategies, one of the state's top business consulting firms.

A busy executive, committed father and dedicated husband, Peter could have felt his life was full enough but he didn't. Like his uncles and his father Bud, who all had quietly and humbly served their communities and Maine, Peter experienced the strong discipline "to give back and make it better than you found it" attitude that they and other family members had demonstrated, "doing the right things for the right reasons, not for public accolades."

Peter found the time and energy to become a dedicated community activist: Director of Greater Portland Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Boy Scouts/Pine Tree Council. A former Rotarian in Rockland and Portland, Peter served as President of the Maine Better Transportation Association, Director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Maine Advancement Program.

His was a very full personal and civic life but Peter felt driven to do more. In 1995 he ran for a seat in the Maine Legislature and was elected to the House of Representatives, serving South Portland and Cape Elizabeth. Rather than seeking national office, Peter stayed in Maine to follow in the legislative footsteps of several of his Uncles and someone he affectionately calls Pinkie. Harry True was MCI's Head of School during Peter's years at MCI and, as a student, Peter held Mr. True in very high regard. He commented that it was unbelievable and more than a little disconcerting to take his place in the Maine State House of Representatives and to be just two seats away from his old headmaster.

Quickly recognized for his leadership on important issues and for his talent in bringing people together to solve their differences, Peter was re-elected by a wide margin in 1998. Peter saw, first-hand, "the need for a governor who will impose financial discipline on the legislature." He served on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and Economic Development Incentive Committee; he fought to reduce the heavy tax burden on Maine senior citizens and sought to improve Maine's overall business climate.

In his run for governor, Peter, unlike some of the other candidates, has decided to not take advantage of Maine's optional new public funding law. "I don't feel that the taxpayers, actually the over-taxed payers of Maine, should have to pay for my campaign so I am appealing directly to the people of Maine" for help. He recently said, "I believe in raising funds the old-fashioned way, by going out and earning the support. Given the state's current revenue shortfall, this is hardly the time to ask Maine taxpayers to put up millions of dollars to fund state-wide campaigns. I think we have more important uses for the hard-earned tax dollars of Maine workers."

Peter has clarity of vision, almost as 'old-fashioned' as his zeal to serve others, about the small towns of Maine, its business climate, its economic needs, yet his vision is critically forward-thinking and severely realistic.

His distinct memories, that he holds so dear, are of the fabric that knit each small community like Pittsfield so closely together. He is absolutely committed to doing what is necessary to reshape the rural counties of Maine and to improve the quality of life for those who so highly value living in the small villages and towns. He says, "I wouldn't trade my rural upbringing for anything - it was a gift, that tremendous sense of community."

He spoke of visiting small towns all over the state - Lubec and Eastport, Kingfield and Presque Isle - and seeing faces filled with the hopeless acknowledgement that the fabric of their communities is ragged, ruptured, torn. With the enormously earnest sincerity for which Peter is known, he is determined to reknit the rural fabrics of Maine by rebuilding an economy that lasts, by keeping talented youth in the state, by drastically improving the business climate, by attracting basic manufacturing back to Maine's strong production base. He will work with family owned businesses and Maine's traditional manufacturers to help them transaction to the evolving economy of the 21st century.

Peter Cianchette is determined to preserve what's best about Maine and fix what is wrong by funding its future through economic stability. He has pledged to reduce Augusta's careless and wasteful spending, to reduce Maine's highest-in-the-nation tax structure and its onerous property taxes, to health care reform, to expanding educational opportunities, to improving infrastructure, to protecting Maine's natural resources and to stimulate the lagging tourist industry.

There is nothing about Peter Cianchette that is false, faded, insincere. He is eloquent, never superficial. His character is impeccable, his charisma compelling, his demeanor calm, his nature compassionate, his sense of mission one of huge commitment.

Peter Cianchette is to be believed because he himself so strongly believes...in the Maine he's never left.

MCI is very proud to have one of its alumni in the gubernatorial race. We'll be even prouder when he wins!

By Carolyn J. Smith



Distinguished Alumna Yvonne (Lolly) Susi '68



As yearbook entries go, hers is phenomenal. You wonder when Lolly Susi ate or studied or slept. And, when you read through the yearbooks of the 1960's and 70's, there are simply no others like hers. Throughout the year-

books of all of Lolly's four years at MCI there are pictures of her with a rifle or cheering or in a gown or you can fill in the blanks.

She has no bad memories of MCI, only wonderful ones. Older brother Peter ('65) was a senior and Mr. Everything when Lolly was a ninth grader. She was captain of the cheerleaders for three years, she threw herself into softball and chorus and studying andyou can fill in the blanks.

She adored her teachers, and most especially Mr. Haseltine who teased her unmercifully and made biology fun; he was her rifle coach as well. Although she desperately hated Latin, she loved Mrs. Earle. Lolly deeply appreciated the lesson of how to study and do the work, even if you hated the subject.

Despite the lack of a real drama program at MCI, beyond the long school traditions of one-act plays and prize speaking, and the senior play *A Date With Judy*, in which she played the mother, Lolly knew early on that acting was her thing. She remembers being treated to plays at Lakewood by her grandmother (Lydia Susi, class of '17), and closely watching the actors and actresses, and just knowing she wanted to be one of those.

Leaving bucolic Pittsfield to go to Tufts in Boston was a journey far longer than three plus hours and 200 hundred plus miles. Lolly felt she had to go there, and be successful there, despite all her fears and loss of self-confidence. She felt an instant affinity for the place, but how could she successfully audition there? She had no formal drama training in her background, even though "I'd been doing character acting since I was born." She commented that she had a basic sense that she couldn't run from her lack of confidence. It took awhile for her "to catch up" but she surely did. Lolly Susi did her advanced acting course final scene with fellow student William Hurt!

After Tufts, Lolly traveled even farther from Pittsfield. In Hawaii she worked in a small, non-profit theater for six years and "did it all - a free-lance survival artist!" Then it was time to move on, halfway around the world, to study acting for three years in London at the Central School of Speech and Drama. After completing the course, she became part of the theater scene in New York for two years, before returning to London in 1983 to work as a professional actress. Between jobs, Lolly taught and directed at her alma mater, the Central School. She is thrilled that many of her students have become stars and the very process of working with such fine actors merely deepened her love and respect for the profession to which she is so proud to belong.

A true actress, Lolly falls in love with the characters she develops and doesn't want to let them go. She enjoys figuring out why each character behaves as she does, by "psyching it out from the clues in the play and making it all real. Then the character grows out of, evolves, from my imagination, my

experience, my voice." In the spring of 2000 she appeared in the West End hit stage version of *The Graduate* in which she played Ben's mother, Mrs. Braddock, "such a lovely lady." *The Graduate* is now open on Broadway with Kathleen Turner as Mrs. Robinson. Lolly left the show to come home to Maine to write, and a friend moved into her part. Lolly said she just couldn't imagine "Sandra playing Lolly playing Mrs. Braddock!"

A year ago Lolly was in *Orpheus Descending*, which was directed by Nic Hytner, the artistic director of the Royal National Theatre and produced by Sam Mendes of American Beauty fame. Helen Mirren starred. Lolly said, "Being on-stage with Helen was like playing tennis with Pete Sampras."

Recently, Lolly appeared in the sold-out British premiere of a new American play, *Boy Gets Girl*, at the Royal Court Theatre in London.

Having recently started writing as well as acting, Lolly's first play *Gone to L.A.*, about a woman with breast cancer, was produced in London at the Hampstead Theatre. Helen Mirren read it, liked it, and will direct it as a film for television. Lolly is now working on the screenplay adaptation.

Lolly's second play, about three 40-year old women at a camp in Maine and called *The Perfect Truth*, will be produced in London next year. Autumn 2000 was devoted to writing a commissioned play for the Hampstead Theatre, *Ice Out at the Big Dog*. Set in the same fictional town as *The Perfect Truth*, this third play takes place in a diner called the Big Dog.

Comparing her acting and writing to rifle competition, Lolly said each of these endeavors pits self against self, forcing a person to strive for personal best. Lolly recalled that during her senior year, at the State rifle championships, she won High Girl and High 18 Year Old. Last March, at an Alumni Shoot with Eric McMann, she got all "hooked up in the jacket", assumed the prone position, and with the first shot hit the bulls eye again... thirty-two years later. She added, "I'm afraid it was all downhill after that!"

As our interview ended, she commented she still feels connected to MCI, and that reunions provide the touchstone for those feelings. As an MCI student those years ago, Lolly Susi was, and is, just fabulously gifted and committed and, she admits it, driven. At age 50, she has only just begun..... you fill in the blanks!

By Carolyn J. Smith



Susi, Yvonne
Pittsfield

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3; Class Secretary 2; Rifle Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4, Pres. 3; One Act Plays 1; Prize Speaking 1, 2, First Place 1, Second Place 2; Manson Essay Winner 3; Humanities Colloquium 3, 4; Field Hockey 1; Summa Rerum 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; Girls' State 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, President of Girls' Chorus 2; Talisman 3, 4, Sports Editor 3, 4; Snow Ball Queen Candidate 3; Key Club Sweetheart 4; Three Act Play 3; Maine Speech Festival Superior Medal

Distinguished Alumnus

Richard (Kip) Files '70

Skipper of the Victory Chimes



It was simply magical! The snapping sails and towering masts, the ever so shiny brass work, the meticulous paint, the fabulous food, the elegant and authentic nautical décor, the extra-courteous crew, the charismatic, colorful and charming ship's captain and the scenery....the scenery was to die for! This was truly a trip to remember for a lifetime.

Long ago, in 1973, someone told of a fantastic voyage they had taken on an old sailing vessel, the Victory Chimes, and for nearly thirty years I've wanted to experience that fantasy. When I learned the Chimes was still sailing, was exquisitely refurbished and was co-owned by an MCI alumnus, I gift-

wrapped a tiny replica of the historic old vessel and gave it, with my I.O.U. for a three-day sail, to my husband for Christmas!

With Trustee Mike Savage '62 and his wife Cilla, we experienced one of the most totally relaxing and restful vacations ever and not without its excitement too. We stood in great long lines of 20 or more people and pulled on the heavy ropes in coordinated effort to raise and lower sails. Sunday was a gloriously windy day and that old boat tore along through the waves at nearly ten knots before coming to rest for the night near Vinalhaven. Interestingly almost no rocking motion occurs on a boat of this size and stability, so no one felt the least bit ill and all enjoyed the remarkable meals. More than 100 perfectly cooked lobsters with all the usual accompaniments were served Saturday night in the main dining saloon. Lunch that breezy Sunday on deck was delicious; however, never before has the lettuce from my salad been airborne!

A hard-working boat built in 1900, the Edwin & Maud (her original name) was still hauling cargo in the Chesapeake during World War II, a 24-foot schooner sailing in 25 foot-wide canals. She also worked on mine patrol, under sail, in Baltimore Harbor until 1945. In 1950, the Edwin & Maud sailed to Maine and began a new life as the Victory Chimes; in 1988 Domino Pizza Corporation bought and restored the Chimes and Kip Files met his destiny.

With a deck 132 feet long and sleeping capacity for 40 passengers and a crew of 9, the Victory Chimes is a National Historic Landmark Vessel, the only Class A American Tall Ship and the only three-master schooner still operating. The Chimes carries the very best navigational and safety equipment and is the largest passenger sailing vessel under the US flag.

Chimes Captain Kip Files came to MCI from Bangor for his last two high school years because scarlet fever in tenth grade and two months in bed had caused him to fall behind in his schoolwork. His ancestor "Aunt Annie" Hanson had taught history at Maine Central Institute in 1872. His mother Ellen Hathorn Files had ties to the school as well.

Kip loved MCI and quickly began to reach his potential; he said he thrived on the enforced academic discipline. His honor roll status meant he could study on his bed rather than in a hard study hall chair! A Manson Essayist, Kip graduated third in his class.

Athletics, too, were successful for Kip. He was named outstanding offensive football player and well-remembered having to play half the Kents Hill's games going, literally, uphill. Third

in the state in the high jump and high hurdles his junior year, Kip was also a basketball player; he laughed about the memory of layups at Coburn Gore that ended up on the stage.

He studied philosophy and physics at UMaine before joining Tabor Academy where he taught celestial navigation and piloting seamanship on some of that school's 93 boats from 1978 to 1984. He then joined a Vision Quest sail training program for adjudicated youth, most of whom were from fourth generation welfare families from inner city Philadelphia. The program's 200-foot schooners operated in Canada and Florida, as well as on the Great Lakes.

After nearly six years Kip left to manage the Domino Pizza marina fleet of five boats, one of which was the Chimes. When an international consortium wanted to buy and move the Victory Chimes to a lakeside restaurant in Japan, Kip and partner Paul DeGaeta made "a giant leap of faith" and bought the boat themselves eleven years ago.

It has been an auspicious partnership of two men and the beautiful boat they love. They even sailed her "home" to the Chesapeake for her one-hundredth birthday and reunited the Victory Chimes with the 94 year-old who had captained her during WWII, William Seafort Stevens. Kip said the old gentleman positively lit up when he saw her and remembered so very much about her.

Boats and the sea were, early on, his first love. Kip Files was a little boy of four when he first rowed his mother in a flatiron skiff near their summer home in Maine. He still "plays" with a boat but it's an awful lot bigger.

By Carolyn J. Smith

Kip Files '70 has most generously offered to host an alumni/ae sailing trip this summer, and to donate some of the proceeds to The Campaign for MCI. If you are interested in sailing, the weekend of August 3, aboard this truly remarkable boat, please contact the Development Office. We will need to have 30 alumni and friends aboard to make this adventure possible. A number have already signed up!



Class 1970 notes:

Several class of 1970 veterans have booked a weekend cruise aboard the schooner "Victory Chimes", skippered by classmate Kip Files. The cruise originates from beautiful Rockland, Maine harbor on Saturday, August 3rd, 2002, and returns Monday morning. Alumni from all classes are encouraged to join the Anchors-Away party. Further details are available from:

David/Susan England 1-401-294-3679

E-mail: surf@ids.net

Roy/Ann Milke

1-480-767-2706 E-mail: redboy1@compuserve.com

Lori Cummings, Quietly at the Center of Maine Central Institute

She presides over MCI's Manson House with graciousness and elegance and an open-door policy. The wife of our Head of School, mother of three, MCI's bookstore manager, hostess, committee member, decorator, Lori Cummings is, effectively yet quietly, at the very center of our school.

Since its inception seven years ago, Lori has served on the Annual Auction committee with Doug; she co-chairs the dinner committee and has helped to raise thousands of dollars for MCI's athletic and music programs. Committee meetings are held in the Cummings' dining room in an always spotless house. She hosts, effortlessly it always seems, large Christmas parties, fall barbecues, Class of 2002 and Student Council poster-making sessions, holiday breakfasts for student leaders, and faculty retirement parties in the home that she and Doug have lovingly renovated. Just before the holidays, Lori redid the upstairs bath and laid the new tile floor! At Sebec Lake she and Doug host their Memorial Day weekend lobster bakes for the international students, new faculty-staff orientations and the Maine Principal's Academy in July. She accompanies Doug on Admissions Office recruiting trips and assists with interviewing prospective students.

Known for her innovative and gorgeous decorative wall techniques of stenciling and rag painting and for her selections of the lovely curtain fabrics which grace many offices and hallways all over campus as well as in Manson House, Lori is considered by many to be a very talented artist. One morning this past August she was covered in pale rose paint as she finished an intricate design on the walls of Rosalie Williams' new Associate Head of School's office. Twenty minutes later, dressed in a pretty summer outfit, she had every hair in place at the front-lawn luncheon for faculty and staff.

Charged with developing the color scheme for the new Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center, Lori created a soft palette of old rose, deep burgundy, warm cream and light taupe, a tasteful and refreshing change from the more usual tones used in school buildings.

In November she and Doug decided to give a benefit party just before Christmas to raise money for the February trip to Florida and Walt Disney World by the school's Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Ensembles. Candles glowed everywhere amid the exquisite holiday decorations and the nearly 100 guests were dazzled by the festive house, wonderful food and marvelous music by the Vocal Jazz group. The Cummings' benefit raised over \$3800!

It seems as if Lori is everywhere and can be counted upon by everyone. Last June dozens and dozens of engraved slate plaques had to be wrapped and beribboned for the Major Donor Dinner. Despite her endless tasks associated with the opening of the new building and with the annual reunion, Lori volunteered

to help and a mere 18 hours later, nearly 100 commemorative pieces were beautifully wrapped and tagged. For two days, later that week, Lori was in the tent, working in 100 plus degree heat and never losing her "cool", helping to decorate for the donor dinner, building opening and Reunion 2001!

Trustee Pete Vigue '65 commented, "From the day Doug Cummings took responsibility for MCI as its Head of School, Lori Cummings has worked behind the scenes. She has not only supported her spouse but also has constantly filled in the gap in areas where our school did not have the financial capacity or

resources to get the job done. Lori made it happen. Lori's recognition is long overdue and the success of our school comes as a result not only from Lori being a part of the team, but also a leader on the MCI team!"

For sixteen years Lori has been MCI's First Lady and she said her joys have been many. Although she has found her job as wife of the Head of School to be all-consuming and at times very exhausting, she has also found those very things to be exhilarating. She said, "MCI comes right after our family." Lori admits that the hardest thing has been Doug's traveling and having to be like a single parent, juggling three children's schedules.

Despite feeling that she and her family were going to be living in the fishbowl of a small town, she knew from the day Doug, and she, interviewed at MCI that the fishbowl was part of the package. She and Doug have taught their children to be accountable, to dig in and work hard and give their best and both parents are pleased that Jodi, Jason and Jennifer have handled the scrutiny well. For ten years she and Doug have attended games, music and drama events all over the state and New England and have proudly watched their three children excel in so many ways.

Initially concerned about the school's facilities and its future in 1986, Lori is very pleased with the school's image today, which she feels is more positive and wholesome. She takes great pleasure in the growth of the school, under Doug's leadership, and the successes of MCI kids over the years, in academics, drama, sports, music. "I know many of the students and I share their enthusiasm and excitement. At Winter Carnival and graduation, I feel intense pride in their accomplishments. I was thrilled for last year's football team. I love going to Sit-Down Dinners and telling the boarding students to eat their green vegetables! You get attached to all sorts of kids; they might let you down somehow but it's the attachment to them that is so special in the first place. I love being involved with so many activities. MCI is all consuming for Doug and as the other half of the team, so it is for me, as well." Being the spouse of a head of school is "hardly a job, it's a way of life and there is very little life outside of the school community, especially when our

...continued on next page



A Footnote About Lori Cummings

By Jennifer Whitesel, Chief Financial Officer

children have been so involved," she commented. At times, Lori, who is a very strong woman, has had to be very conscious of being tactful; however, she can be assertive when she feels it's necessary.

Trained as a registered nurse, Lori was ready for a career change when the MCI bookstore position opened two years ago. She asked Jennifer if having both mother and father on campus her junior and senior years would be a problem and Jenn replied, "It simply isn't an issue!" In her very first "paying" job at the school, Lori has revitalized the Bookstore!

When she and Doug arrived on campus sixteen years ago she was 29 years old and mother of eight year old Jodi, six year old Jason and baby Jennifer who was almost two. Now that baby is about to graduate and Lori's, as well as Doug's, lives will change. Lori commented, "It will be so different. Our house has always been full of student committee members and the kids' friends, but....there are 500 other kids here for me to be involved with and Doug and I will be able to attend an even wider range of activities."

Lori Cummings has been part, an important part, of Maine Central Institute for one-third of her life. She is calm, poised, extremely helpful, compassionate, sweet and most charming, beautiful inside as well as out, sincere and very real. We are all proud and grateful to claim Lori Cummings as our First Lady!

By Carolyn J. Smith

Lori Cummings has been here longer than I have, which is nearly forever. When I started here in 1988 Lori was one of the first people I got to know. We were extremely short of money and help (does anything ever change?), and I was the only person in the business office! I had been on the job for just three days when the auditors walked through the door for the annual audit. Lori helped me get the Business Office organized and moving in a forward direction; together we got the paperwork, in piles nearly ceiling high, filed in some semblance of order. About two years later, with the Business Office again in a really tight spot financially, Lori "volunteered" in the business office for 20 hours per week. Again, I don't know if we could have made it without her.

To this day she continues to fill the empty spaces here on campus. She frequently gets asked to substitute for the school nurse, along with any position temporarily vacant in the Business Office. She is always able to function in whatever capacity we ask her. Lori never complains, and she always does whatever we ask extremely well. Lori is an amazing asset to this campus, and few people even begin to know what she has done for this school, or what she has sacrificed personally to provide us with the help we have so sorely needed over time. She can be counted on to share her opinions and she is one of the most competent people I know. There is nothing she can't do; even the things that she doesn't want to do, she does well! Her influence ranges from the Bookstore to the lunch room, to the colors in our classrooms and throughout our campus. She has impeccable taste.

I am eternally grateful to Lori Cummings and all she has done for this school.



A view of the new Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center, from the bell tower of Founders Hall. Ed Porter '83, Director of Maintenance, photographed the new building during Winter Carnival.

Challenges

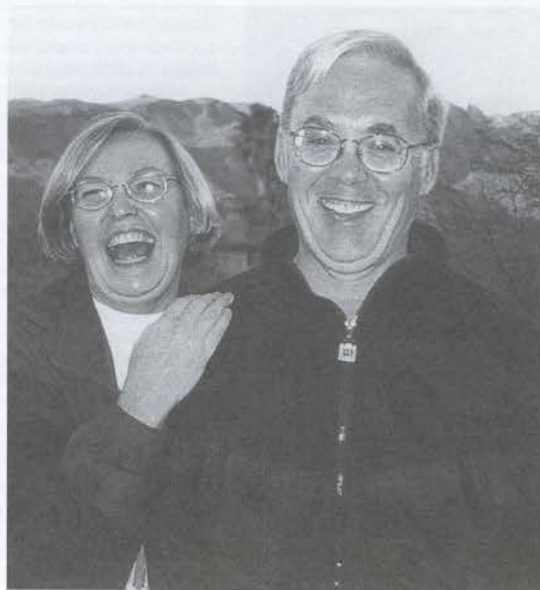
Gifts made to MCI to meet challenges will be honored with appropriate engraved bricks or granite tiles. A gift of \$250 is honored with a brick and gifts of \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 are honored with different sizes of polished Mountain Rose granite.



Bob Knowles '52 has challenged his classmates to match the \$25,000 he has pledged to the Capital Campaign to honor the 50th anniversary of their graduation from MCI. Members of the Class of 1952 will be honored with a classroom named in their honor when Bob's challenge is met. Bob hopes his challenge will be met in time for Reunion 2002 in June so that the Class of 1952 can celebrate in the classroom named for this very special group of people.



The campaign to raise funds to name the Physics Lab in the new math and science building for Paul W. Legge, MCI science teacher from 1944 to 1976 and Department Chair for most of those 32 years, has resulted in nearly \$40,000 in donations. Another \$60,000 must be raised. Please consider honoring this teacher who had such an impact on so many lives. Gifts to the Paul W. Legge Campaign will be honored with appropriate engraved bricks or granite tiles.



Michael Savage '62 has challenged his classmates to honor the 40th anniversary of their graduation from MCI by matching the \$25,000 he has recently pledged to the Capital Campaign. When Mike's challenge is met, a mathematics classroom on the Michael '62 and Priscilla Savage Level of the new Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center will be named for the Class of 1962.

Bob Beattie '48, "I'm upset that more people don't give to MCI. I think most everyone could give at least \$1.00 for every year since they graduated from MCI - to show their gratitude for such a fine education. I hope members of my Class of 1948 will meet my challenge. I hope all MCI grads will meet my challenge!"

Editor's Note: Bob Beattie '48 arrived at the Alumni/ae and Development Office with 54 crisp, new \$1.00 bills and a great challenge to all those alumni/ae who are grateful to MCI for the education they received!



Class Notes

Class of 1930

As we near old age, we have slowed down a bit and generate less "real" news. We have already done our bit and made our contribution. On the other hand, we have not come to a full stop. **Lois Folsom Lewis** and **Marguerite Gee Douglas** still make their yearly trips between Florida and the north; **Pauline Mahoney Dorr** made the overnight trip from Vermont to Pittsfield to be at our 71st reunion; and **Eleanor Toothaker** still keeps busy with the history and genealogy of Dixmont, Maine, and vicinity. **Pauline, Marguerite, Eleanor, and Evelyn Farnham Hersey** represented us the Saturday of Reunion. That is when Eleanor enjoys meeting again with many of those who went to school while she was a teacher in Pittsfield.

As for your Class Agent, I do a lot of quality loafing in my La-Z-Boy, with eyes closed as I think up brilliant solutions to everybody's problems! I had wondered about **Wally Harris**, who was older than the rest of us, and who I knew would be 94 this year if still surviving. I called **Charlotte Reed Robbins** of MCI's Class of 1929, whose sister **Eunice**, now deceased, of MCI's Class of 1932, was Wally's wife, and was glad to learn that Wally is still living alone in his home of quite a few years in Riverview, New Brunswick. **Charlotte** assured me that Wally is not only surviving, but is very much mentally "with it". **Wally and Joe Stevens** were both with me in Suite 3 of West Alumni Hall, Joe for two years and Wally for one. **Joe Stevens** passed away May 23, 2000. **Paul Nason** passed away May 18, 2000.

A few weeks ago, a letter from **Georgia Fuller's** niece told me, "Georgia left us in her sleep early Saturday morning on September 15th, 2001. She was blessed with little suffering with her cancer and was bedridden only the last two days before she died."

On a recent Saturday, I took the ferry to the other side of Puget Sound to be present at the celebration of **Elizabeth Kimball Langlois'** 90th birthday. Where was a goodly gathering of family and a few friends, some of the family having flown in from some distance to be there.

Nelson Tibbetts '30, Class Agent; 3965 So. 166 Street, Seattle, WA 98188

Classes of 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935 Class Agents needed.

Class of 1936

Evalene Pendexter White '36, 46 Jones St., Madison, ME 04950

Class of 1937

It has been fourteen years since we have had such a "Class '37 gathering" via the U.S. Postal Service. There was over a 50% response from those names I received from the Alumni Office. Your letters brought back so many memories as I connect you to a youthful face in *The Trumpet*!

We shall all miss kind, compassionate **Arthur Hamilton**. I was visiting at his home two days before Arthur died July 22, 2001. Pat and Arthur were married 56 years. As Pat said, "He made every day special" for her and their family of twins - two sets. For those of you who may not know, Arthur and Pat had four children, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Arthur graduated from Lowell Textile

Institute and MIT. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He was Flight Leader to lead 17 B-25's across the Pacific to New Guinea. To bring you up to date on Arthur's sisters, **Victoria** is no longer living. **Violet** and her husband live in a retirement village in Leesburg, Florida.

Marcia Doherty writes of **Clifford (Mike)** who passed away June 26, 2001. He had heart surgery and suffered a major stroke. Mike served in the Army in World War II in Africa, Italy, and Anzio Beachhead. He received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and Campaign Medal. A real hero! For 32 years, Mike was employed by Central Maine Railroad.

Now for happier news!

Halver Badger and wife still live in Hartland, Maine, close to their three sons and families with a fourth son in Alabama. Camping and traveling have slowed since Halver has heart problems and cancer in remission. Halver sends greetings to all.

Freda Gould Badger has had problems since 1998 with a compound fractured ankle with complications and several hospital stays because of it. Her pet cat is a loving companion and helps her endure the constant pain. You have our sympathy, Freda.

Paul Houston, M.D., is retired after 45 years as a Specialist in General Surgery and Non-Cardiac Thoracic Surgery in Newport, RI. Early in his career, he served as Personal Assistant to Dr. Frank Lahey at the Lahey Clinic in Boston. Paul and Dolores have six children, four girls and two boys - a doctor specializing in Invasive Radiology, a high school teacher, a social worker, a Fleet Bank employee, an import broker, and a homemaker. Paul adds a reflection: When he came to MCI as a 12-year old stripling, **Sanger Cook** invited him to give the Scriptures in Chapel that reads, "When I became a man, I put away childish things". Paul still keeps his home in Plymouth, Maine.

Howard Mitchell has been retired for twenty years. He still lives in Caratunk, Maine, where he formerly owned a small store and was the local Postmaster. Howard served in the Air Force in England during World War II. After MCI, Howard attended business college in Lewiston, Maine. He enjoys traveling and gardening as health allows.

There are few of us who settled farther from the State of Maine than **Cliff Stevens** and his wife. In retirement, they live at the Army Retirement Community in San Antonio, Texas. Cliff was a bomber pilot in World War II after which he went back to school and earned a Master's degree in Wood Technology. They have two daughters, one son, and two grandsons. Before retirement, Cliff worked for Champion International in the Darien, Connecticut area.

Rachel Davis Johnson and her husband, Frank, now live in Montville, Maine, in a house that had been in Rachel's family for four generations. For 38 years previously, they had lived in New Hampshire. They have three sons, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Rachel is a retired nurse. Her special interests are gardening and painting. Did you know that **Avis Randall Dyer** and Rachel lived next door to each other in their early years? Avis died in February 2000.

Grace Huff Ward-Blaisdell kindly responded by a letter written by her daughter on her mother's behalf. Grace and her husband, William, have lived in Freedom, Maine for over 60 years. She has two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all living in close proximity to Grace. In the past, Grace held numerous offices in her town government.

One is fortunate to be able to catch up with **Verna Holt Whitmire**. She and Guy have been avid golfers for years, but Verna says she has given up golfing for walking three miles each day. They keep in close touch with son, Tom and daughter, Debbie. Debbie lives in Ohio with her family of five children.

Arlene Walker Huff keeps me up to date on the status of many of our classmates. Arlene still lives in her old home, and is active as ever taking care of grandchildren and doing for others. (She places flowers on my family graves every year). Arlene spends her summers at camp at the lake (near Plymouth next door to where the Harold Louders lived). Her three daughters are close by. Arlene tends her five grandchildren regularly.

As for me, life is full and interesting. When I first moved to Orem, Utah 22 years ago, I felt claustrophobic, as it seemed as if the mile-high mountains that surround the valley were closing in on me! Now I find them quite beautiful. During fair weather, I walk on a pedestrian track two miles each day (I am not keeping up with Verna!) and marvel at the beauty around me. This last summer, I returned to New England and my home in Maine. I canoeed some of the familiar lakes and rivers and visited old friends and neighbors. In Canada, we visited the land of Evangeline and on Prince Edward Island, renewed my memories of Anne of Green Gables.

Concerts, plays, reading, writing, needlework, interior decorating, travel, and church activities consume much of my time. I belong to an elder hostel group for furthering education and travel. My husband of 53 years passed away three years ago. We have three children, 20 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren scattered all over the world. Here in December 2001, snow blankets the ground - ready for the Olympics!

Thank you, all, for your wonderful letters. For those of you who still have good intentions, it is not too late! Let's support each other!

Betsey Libbey Williams, Class Agent '37; 429 Heather Rd., Orem, UT 84097

Class of 1938 Class Agent Needed

Class of 1939

Eleanor Davis Perkins has lived in Warren, Maine for many years. She taught school for 32 years before retiring. She is doing very well after being in an automobile accident last year, when she broke a few ribs (not her fault!). She and her daughter are going to Scotland and England on a cruise this year.

Rita Bouchard Norton was in Maine last year visiting Fort Kent and other northern cities and towns. Rita has three daughters and one son. Her daughter Rose and her three children live with Rita. Her daughter, Dena, is retiring after 24 years in the service, and has a home next to Rita. Another daughter lives in Indiana. At

Christmas, they all went to Branson, MO for a vacation. Rita is a great booster of St. Agnes Church in Pittsfield, where she challenged the church and her challenge was met!

Maynard Ames and **Charlotte** are staying in Pittsfield during the winter; no more Florida. They, as usual, welcome all to spend some time or visit anytime we are in town.

Carl Estes, due to health problems didn't make our 60th reunion but is in good health now. He was in the Army Air Corps for 31 years, was in the Pacific as a fighter pilot, and as my brother **Bill Frederick**, was in the Pacific and flew B-24's with a group called "The Jolly Rogers". Carl said that as a fighter pilot, they escorted that group very often. He lives in Yuba City, Calif.

Frances Goodrich Oliver lives in Franklin, Indiana. Her husband **Leonard (Ned) Oliver** died this past year. Her three children live in Indiana, Denver, and Michigan. She has 6 grandchildren. Hopes to come to Pittsfield in a few years as we all look forward to our 65th reunion.

Phyllis McMann lives in Gulfport, Florida. She does volunteer work at the Veteran's Hospital. She sings in her church choir, and is taking voice music at St. Petersburg College. She says she is the oldest in the class. Enjoys traveling in a group to England and other European cities.

Elmer Leonard is still working. Goes to the office every day. His son has taken over the business, but Elmer is the Consultant. He has three children, goes to Maine a few times a year. He lives in Glastonbury, CT. He was at MCI in the fall for Milton Lindholm's induction into the Hall of Fame.

Ray Whitney and **Dot** spent the summer at their cottage on Moosehead Lake in Greenville. We reminisced about all the fellows he played with on the famous MCI football team. Ray and Dot live in Dexter.

Betty Knight Webber is living a few houses from MCI. She enjoys summers at the Pond and having her son home as often as possible.

Stan Fletcher and **Faith** are very well. They live in Portland. Faith volunteers at Maine Medical, and Stan helps out at the narrow gauge railroad. Stan always speaks of MCI as his favorite place and how much he enjoyed his one year here.

H. Kenton Gould was quite ill a few years ago, but is feeling very well now. Having known him from first grade, we spoke of many fond memories. He and his wife live in Asheville, NC.

Harold Harding celebrated his 80th birthday with all his five children and wife and grandchildren. Harold plays a lot of golf. Harold and his sons trap for beavers. One of his sons is a Lt. Col in Washington, DC.

Walter Sherman lives in Wiscasset, "The prettiest town in Maine". He still enjoys playing golf and bowling. He and his family took children and grandchildren for a vacation in Bermuda. He also goes to his wife's family home at Echo Lake, is in good health and enjoys our reunions.

Grace Wilson Hesselstine lives in Milford, Maine; has a son in Utah and her daughter is in Virginia but works in the Secret Service in Washington, DC. Hasn't been to reunions in a long time, but may be able to make a visit to the June reunions.

Evelyn Jameson lives in Worcester, MA where she retired from her real estate busi-

ness. She enjoys playing Bingo; but doesn't play the piano as she did when at MCI.

My son, **George, Jr.**, is with the Verizon Telephone Company as a New England Manager; **Marsha** and her husband are in Key West and no longer chartering with their 85 foot yacht. **Nancy** is in St. John's Antigua in the Caribbean, where her husband is a jeweler - a goldsmith. His shop is the Goldsmithy in St. John's. **Jimmy**, my autistic son is in a residence with three other fellows; comes home three times a week. Jimmy is 51 and has never spoken, but does volunteer "meals on wheels" and works at the school. I hope to go to Antigua in February to celebrate Nancy's birthday. Please write.

Ervena Frederick Belcher, Class Agent '39; 61 Draper Avenue, Mansfield, MA 02048

Classes of 1940 and 1941

Class Agents needed.

Class of 1942

Dear Classmates: Wow - 2002 - and our 60th MCI Anniversary! It's going to be June 15-16, as it was last year - so I am begging you to set that date aside ... and let's try to make it as great as our 50th! I have been able to reach many of you by phone. If I haven't reached you, please try to come to Reunion. I learned recently of the passing of "Bit" Stebbins. He was a really nice friend and alumnus. He loved the year he spent at MCI.

Arlene Beardsley, Class Agent '42; 3214 Canal Dr., Pompano Beach, FL 33062-3305

Class of 1943 Class Agent needed.

Class of 1944

Helmi Paakki Perry, Class Agent '44, 11 Pine St., Dexter, ME 04930 e-mail: helmi214@midmaine.com.

Class of 1945 Class Agent needed.

Class of 1946

At the top of my "To Do" list is MCI. I know what that means! To avoid further embarrassment, since our class hasn't had anything in print for a few editions, I must get some words sent to the Alumni Office. If my apology is accepted, read on. I shall list the names of the class faithful (the ever-faithful!) who sat around our banquet table marked 1946. That's 55 years, folks! **Olivia Danielson Hobbs**, **Basil Heffren** and our friend **Jackie**, **Des Fuller**, **Jeannette Webb Fitts**, and myself. As punishment for not making that extra effort to join us, I refuse to repeat any of the talk that went on. Our lips are sealed! 'til you plan on being in Pittsfield, America (thanks, Evie) with us, next time.

Donna Hodgins Graham, Class Agent '46; 19 Wood Street, Nashua, NH 03064-2352

Class of 1947 Class Agent needed.

Class of 1948

The "local classmates" of '48 found it impossible to have "pot luck lunches" this summer. Travels, guests, appointments, etc. made schedules hard to arrange. We did have a couple of lunches at the local pubs. **Alice Shaw Patterson**, **Helen Estey Cianchette**, **Joyce Beattie Williams**, **P'nut Coolbroth Fowler**, **Emma Susi Arena**, and your's truly, **Liz Coolidge**

Whalen. **Rosalie Varnum Shaw** (class of '42), **Gloria Beattie McNichol** (class of '53) and **Virginia Coolbroth Landry** (class of '50) were able to join us at different times.

Our main conversation was that it is time to celebrate our 55th anniversary in 2003, which is next year!! We want you to plan to attend the reunion, as we wish a great attendance like we had on our 50th!! This past summer, Reunion was held in early June. It was a great event (Thanks to **Carlene** and **Carolyn** from the Alumni Office, who planned it well - congratulations to them). The dedication of the new **Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math and Science Center** was held preceding the banquet at noon. The banquet was held in a tent that was well decorated with school colors. The MCI music students performed for us, and what talent! It was a pleasant surprise to those of us who hadn't heard their ability.

We, the class of '48, are extremely proud the science building is named after our classmates, **Chuck** and **Helen**. We were pleasantly surprised that **Helen** had an attractive plaque made with all the names of the class engraved on it. It hangs in the foyer of the building next to the glass case of **Chuck's** mementos. Thank you, **Helen**. Come see!

You won't believe the grandeur of this building! Being a "low grade science student", through no fault of **Paul Legge**, and thinking science was all test tubes and chemicals, I was enthused to see a Botany classroom and a computer lab! We will keep reminding "you all" during the year to come and enjoy it, too!

At this age, we have a new vocabulary word in our conversations - GREAT grandchildren! **P'nut Coolbroth Fowler** and **Marilyn Willey** mentioned theirs. Congrats! Let's hear about some more of you and yours. Best to all, and keep in touch.

Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen, Class Agent '48; P.O. Box 636, Hartland, ME 04948

Class of 1949

The Alumni/ae Office received an e-mail from **David Silsby**, who visited campus during Winter Carnival to photograph some of the events for the two watercolors he was creating for and donating to Auction 2002. He said, "Hi, do you know where you were on Friday, January 11, 2002? If you were at the same place I was, and I know you were, we witnessed a most exciting annual event. I know both my shoes and socks were soaking wet, but with all the action, I never realized that until I was halfway home!"

Class Agent needed.

Class of 1950

Virginia Coolbroth Landry, Class Agent '50, 8 Windy Point Ln, Saco, ME 04072; e-mail: ginoland@lamere.net.

Class of 1951

We had a wonderful 50th Reunion, with 28 classmates and their spouses attending the banquet and get-together at my home. On Sunday morning, we got together for brunch at **Richard and Beverly Berry's** home in Newport. The affairs were assisted by **Sally** and **Kevin Dwinell**. I would like to thank **Kevin** and **Richard** for being our chefs for the cookout. Also, I would like to thank **Robert '86** and **Kathy '87**

Beverage for their help with the tables and chairs. We received lovely letters from several of our classmates.

Willie White wrote that his wife was ill and was unable to attend the reunion. Hope she is better. We also heard from **Charlie Ochmanski**, **John Sawyer**, **David Brophy**, **Robert Hutchinson**, and **Bill Anderson**.

I talked with **Doc Gingras**, **Robert Hogan**, and **George Diplock**. All of them either had prior commitments or illness to keep them from our reunion.

Our Class Advisor, **Nellie McDougal Parks** and her husband **Warren** came to help us celebrate. They have moved back to her hometown of Bingham, Maine, and would like to hear from her former students. Her address is P.O. Box 141, Bingham, Maine 04920-0141. **Sally** heard from **Marie Roy Sonnevile's** son. He says his mother has been in an assisted living home for 17 years. **Marise Elderkin Wilson** has moved back to Pittsfield and is living with one of her daughters in **Marise's** family home on Waverly Ave.

Zella Bubar Correll writes she has three children and 13 grandchildren, and lives in Springfield, Ohio. She planned on coming to Maine in September, but the tragedy of Sept. 11th prevented her visit.

Sally Dwinell was in the hospital for many weeks this past fall. She had a serious operation and spent many weeks

forward to seeing a lot of you June 15th and 16th. I hope we can have a good turnout. It isn't every year we have a 50th reunion (I still can't believe it has been fifty years since we graduated!)

I got a nice note from **Edson Buker**. He is retired, living in California, and says he is busier now than he was when working. He received a Master Gardener designation and spends his volunteer time traveling to schools talking about vegetables. (I wish he would have been available when I was teaching Home Ec). He also does square dancing and round dancing as well as line dancing. He and his wife play bridge and have gone on cruises. Sounds as if he is enjoying retirement!

We got a Christmas card from **Sandra Humphrey Carson**, and from their little note, I believe they are going to be at the reunion.

Congratulations to **Bob Knowles** who was honored at the fall 2000 Ceremonial of Anah Shriners for his dedicated work. After graduation from MCI, **Bob** attended Johns Hopkins School of X-Ray. He worked in X-ray at Hopkins and at the University of Texas Medical Center until he was drafted into the Army. Following military service, he returned to Maine to take over operation of the Unity Raceway. He formed Maine X-ray in 1971, and sold it in 1994. **Bob** and **Rae Jean** live in Unity,



CLASS OF 1953: Front Row: **Loretta Brown**, **Priscilla Rende**, **Sarah Chipman**, **Kay Mooers**, and **Cynthia Johnson**. Second Row: **Thelma Vining**, **Phillip Coffin**, **Mildred Wyman**, **Gloria McNichol**. Third Row: **Gloria Taylor**, **Jackie Bennett**, **Carolyn Leavitt**, **Louis Pepin**.

recuperating. **Sally** and **Kevin** bought a vacation home in Florida in the same park I am located in.

I would like to hear from some of you - tell me what is going on in your lives! I have the address updates of all classmates. If anyone would like a copy, drop me a line.

Class Agents: **Alice Fitts Ross**, 47 Merimac St., Pittsfield, ME 04967; Winters: 38616 White Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33540. Co-Agents: **Sally Cianchette Dwinell**, 264 Grove St., Newport, ME 04953; Winters: 38619 White Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33540; **Beverly Sennett Berry**, 156 Grove St., Newport, ME 04953; Winters: 541 Tampico Dr., Northport, FL 34287.

Class of 1952

The committee for our 50th reunion is very busy working on a wonderful weekend for all of us. **Bev Turner Breaux**, **Alvah Wyman**, **Armour Brown**, **Dave McGaffin**, and **Shirley Fields Libby** are those hard working committee members. Let's all give them our support. I look

and remain active in the community. He is a Director of Merrill Merchants Bank.

My mail from classmates has been a little scarce. This is a good way for us all to keep in touch. PLEASE SEND MAIL! But even better, let's get together in person in June. We have a new e-mail address: RHWNSW@MSN.COM.

Nancy Wilson, Class Agent '52, 13627 Gardenview Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375

Class of 1953:

Once again **Kaye (Doyle)** and **Walter Mooers** hosted their second annual pool party on August 1. Twenty-seven MCI alumni attended, including 14 from our class. It was great to see **Phil** and **Maria Coffin** as well as **Louis** and **Doris Pepin**, who hadn't been with us for some time. **Kaye** and **Walter** are already planning the third party for 2002, so do try to attend. We were all delighted to see that **Louis Pepin** is recovering nicely from a kidney transplant, and to have **Doris** join our group.

Class Notes Continued...

Phil Coffin retired from Ingersoll Rand Co. as a sales manager in March 1999; he and Maria plan to stay in the Atlanta area near their three sons, Bob, Bruce, and Ron, and their four grandchildren, Philip, Kirk, Brittany and Emma. They now spend their summers in Maine at their Unity Pond cottage; this allows them to visit with Philip's dad and stepmother, both MCI alums. Earlier this year, Phil and Maria returned to Germany for three weeks to visit Maria's family. Phil would like to hear from anyone who has a minute to write (winter e-mail address: plcoff@mindspring.com or summer: plcoff@uninets.net).

Cynthia Brown Johnson and Arthur are both well and busy with church work, nine grandchildren, and home and hospital calls. In March they attended their youngest son's ordination in Michigan. Cynthia and Arthur were also at MCI in June to celebrate Arthur's 50th reunion.

Gloria Thomas Taylor had knee surgery in the late spring, is recovering well, and enjoying her retirement.

Priscilla Foss Rende has seven grandchildren and now that she is retired, travels to airplane contests in the summer while spending a great deal of time at York Beach, Kennebunkport, and Boothbay Harbor.

Thelma Sennett Vining and Cliff divide their year between their home in Florida and their cottage on Lake Sebasticook in Newport. Like most of us, they too savor the freedom of retirement.

Gloria Beattie McNichol enjoyed the lovely party at Kaye's and wonders where all the other '53ers were. She also is retired but busier than ever and still doting on her two granddaughters.

Mildred Stackpole Wyman retired this year after working 34 years for the Pittsfield school lunch program. Mildred and Alvah traveled to North Carolina to visit their daughter, Lisa and family, and also welcomed the baby boy whom daughter Lori and husband Chuck adopted this year.

Jackie Smith Bennett "headed" to Las Vegas for September and October to visit her daughter. She planned to drive, even after her by-pass heart surgery earlier last year. Jackie is so proud to be in a daily exercise program and after many years to be a non-smoker. Nice going, girl!

Loretta Doherty Brown and Armour are very much content with their life on the lake in Ellsworth. They will be going to Alaska to join their grandchildren for the holidays. Loretta says, "Everyone who didn't come to Kaye and Walter's missed a good get-together".

Gary Goodrich is still living in Augusta, and working out five days a week in an aerobics and exercise class at the YMCA. He keeps busy with various interests.

Betty Gagne Calise was in the area for a few weeks last summer. Jackie Bennett and I, along with Leah Newhouse, Sonia Bartlett and Betty Bagley, enjoyed dinner at Scotty's one evening. All of us had a grand time reliving grade school and MCI days.

It is always a pleasure to have **Barbara Monahan** attend our gatherings. She has so many fond memories of our grade school years to share.

Barry Twitchell is still actively engaged in his carpet business in Brewer. It was your class agent's good fortune to purchase new carpeting from him last spring.

We are all saddened by the news that **Donna Pease Chisholm Allen** passed away in November. No details are available at this time, but Donna had been coping with medical problems for several years.

Early in October, several from the class traveled to Rockland to lunch with **Eletha O'Reilly** at The Navigator. Everyone was delighted to see Eletha again and to have a chance to visit with her.

Note from Class Agent: I am fine and remain busy with various group and personal activities. Haven't traveled far this year, but went to Boston to see the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis dress exhibit in October. I am fortunate to have a ten-year-old friend Ian, who visits me often. This summer we attended two plays at Lakewood and then vacationed in the Freeport area. While there, we enjoyed the Maine Maritime Museum and the Arctic exhibit at Bowdoin College, but of course, we also included the movies, the arcade, and a visit to the toy store.

I do wish that more of you would contact me; we need to keep in touch!

Sarah G. Chipman, P.O. Box 393, Pittsfield, ME 04967; e-mail: schipman@mint.net



Music alumni/ae at the fall Homecoming/Parents Weekend are, seated: Alice Wright Fitts '47, Beverly Turner Breau '52, Mary Dysart Quint '50; standing are: Alycia Kerr '97, Mike Thompson '00, Justin Ladd '00, Mary Lancaster '01, Sharon Mayhew Littlefield '79, Susan Quint Cassidy '75.

Class of 1954

Terrie Dean Clark, Class Agent '54, 12-A Summer St., Hampden, ME 04444-1212; e-mail: tlclark4130@webtv.net.

Class of 1955

Leona Cross Lovely, Class Agent '55, 824 West Ridge Rd., Cornville, ME 04976

Class of 1956, 1957, and 1958

Class Agents needed.

Class of 1959

Thomas R. Finson is living in Washington, IL. After 30 years at Caterpillar in E. Peoria, IL as an electrician, he retired 9 years ago at age 54. He recalls fondly his year at MCI.

Nancy Ross Cameron, Class Agent '59, P.O. Box 302, Newcastle, ME 04553-0302; e-mail: nanrosscam@aol.com

Class of 1960

Patty Reynolds is now an engine house engineer at the railroad yard in Waterville; she's been at the yard for the past 20 years and loves her job. Patty repairs the railroad cars and ascertains their safety before they go back on the rails. Between her two sons Luke and Todd, she has 4 grandchildren – all girls.

Speaking of children, **Corrisann Duntun Richards** wants you to know that she did not raise 11 children; Sam just can't count; it was 6 children. And did we mention that Corrisann is town clerk in Mattawamkeag?

Avis (Ames) and Al Paresson have another grandchild; daughter Cheryl and husband had Macy Ames in June; they also have a son, Courtland. Avis's daughter Susan had #4 in September. She and Garrett have Abby, Kayla, and Rachel. Daughter Kim had a little boy last year. And, last but certainly not least, Avis and Al's youngest daughter Kristie is attending Unity College; she spent the summer with Kim in Utah. Avis, Al, Avis's mom, and Kristie all drove across country at the beginning of summer, then they and Kim's family took in 5 state parks before returning home. Alumni Office Note: We are sorry to report that Al Paresson passed away Feb. 9th.

Joan Basford Bradley hosted the reunion this year; Joan also spent some time with **Sandra Davis DeGreenia**, who is hoping to build her own computer. Joan's active in Detroit; she helped with the town halls' renovation.

kitchen; Dee used to take him to dog obedience classes.

Malcolm Meikle is on the Salvation Army Advisory Board; he works for Prudential Insurance.

Sonia Mitchell and husband are traveling to Alaska with their daughter. Sonia works at the main branch of the post office in Bangor.

Speaking of people who didn't get to the reunions, remember **Joe Small**? Joe had said that he'd make it to the 35th, but when he didn't, I called and had a long chat with his wife; Joe had died around reunion time.

Janis Withee Lahaie is in the midst of living in Scarborough and Old Orchard Beach.

Alicia and Colby Moon are now long-haul truckers.

Rachel Fields Fleming is as busy as ever; her latest endeavor is making cookbooks for all nine grandchildren; recipes have been garnered from her mom and other relatives.

Glennis Brown Fields lost her mom this past year; for the funeral, Glennis wrote a wonderful tribute to her mom. Very interesting reading about a couple's beginnings and their years together. Glennis and Dana (Bubba) plan on moving back to Albion.

Sammie Homstead's daughter Kathy married last spring; Kathy's gotten her Master's; her twin, Kurt, works for Hannaford Brothers in Portland; he's run the Boston Marathon.

Diane (Nash) and Tom Crane's daughter Paula married Brian T. McEvoy on June 8th, 2001 in Franklin, Mass; all ten Nash siblings made it to the wedding, and it was a marvelously fun affair. Most of the Nashes stayed on the dance floor all night, with or without partners. Both Paul and brother Jim are CPAs, as Tom is. Paula also teaches aerobics three nights a week; Diane attends at least once a week.

Class Agents Marilyn Nash, 469 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Apt. D, Sierra Madre, CA 91024-2380; Joan Basford Bradley, 25 Basford Rd., Detroit, ME 04929; and Rachel Fields Fleming, RR 3 Box 1532, Lincoln Center, ME 04457-9520.

Class of 1961

Julianna Armstrong Getts, Class Agent '61, 6514 Cross Key Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46268-3477

Class of 1962 Jean Stackhouse

Carnes, Class Agent '62

Class of 1963

Wayne Pinkham, Class Agent '63, 1803 Sweetwater Ct., Statesboro, GA 30458-8725

Class of 1964

Greetings to all. Hope this finds you and yours healthy and happy. I tried to reach as many of you as I could; please feel free to drop me a line or call so we all know who is out there. Our 40th anniversary is in 2004. I'm pleased to announce that **Ron & Georgie "Brown" Farrin** have again invited us to a get-together at their home. Besides having 2 home movies of our graduation, we are building up some great ideas for the 40th. So if you have ideas or old photos or little treasures from our school years, place them aside and leave yourself a note where you put them, and in the summer of 2004, bring them along. We have reunion albums starting with our 15th.

I'm sure we all look the same as back in the sixties - no hair loss, no weight gain, no gray hair or extra wrinkles, or the newest diagnosis for the baby boomers, AAADD "That age activated attention deficit disorder". So here's a little news about you and yours:

Dorothy Cressy Ackerman recently moved to Hartland. Received her certification as a personal care assistant, has two sons and two very beautiful and talented granddaughters. I know this for a fact because her granddaughters are my great nieces by marriage! Dot will be traveling to Daytona Florida in the spring as a chaperone when her youngest son Warren, a senior this year, will be competing in the National ROTC Color Guard High School Drill Team.

Marlene Hunt Anderson of Bangor has been hard at work at the Eastern Maine Medical Center Lab for the past 34 years. Knowing Marlene, I'm sure she did a great job. She's hoping to be able to take a little vacation this year - a Caribbean cruise.

Maurice "Mo" Atwater is busy as ever traveling and in business, as well as involved in many ways with worthwhile community and church projects. One special project Mo spends time with is helping further the educational needs of some promising young students. Sounds like Key Club days! Mo plans to attend the Florida winter reunion as well as our 40th.

Bonnie McGaffin Baker is busy in Tiverton, RI, presently working as an administrative assistant. Not only does she have a degree in criminal justice, she is a proud grandmother of six.

Joseph "Joe" Barnes and Karoldene celebrated 32 years of marriage recently. Joe has been flying since 1966, lives in Veazie, and has been with Northwest Air as a pilot the past 24 years. Joe and Karoldene have volunteered a helping hand at reunion time.

Carolyn Dutil Belanger lives in Hampden, working the past ten years with the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. She and husband Buzzie recently celebrated their 35th anniversary. They have 2 sons, a fireman paramedic, and one who has his own jazz band.

Carlton Bemis lives in Pittsfield, and is working with EnvisionNet, trying his hand at more computer classes and waiting for our next golf tournament!

Carleen Cianchette Carlson and husband JC are out in Tucson, AZ, proud owners of the Sun Catcher, a delightful bed and breakfast. Next time you're in Arizona, stop by.

Dr. Bruce Cassidy lives in Falmouth with his lovely wife and two children. Busy with his ophthalmologist practice, he enjoys a little skiing at Sugarloaf from time to time. We hope Bruce can come and join us for the 40th - know he's a busy man.

Frank Chaffin is living in Concord, NH, still hard at work in the computer business.

Crystal Hunt Cyr and husband Arthur celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. They are proud parents of 3 and grandparents of 8, and have been in the Antiques business over thirty years. They have a shop in Burnham, and have spent time on the coast with their business in the summer.

James Cyr is living in Hull, Mass. He is supervisor of the laboratory for Tufts University. This is only one of Jim's many,

many talents! A very interesting gentleman to talk with.

Heard from **Ralph and Roberta Damren** over Christmas. Ralph is busy with his own business, finds time to hold down the office of President of the Alumni Association.

Mike Dyer lives in Kenduskeag, with his wife of 35 years, Jane. They have 2 sons in the engineering field. Mike retired after 17 years with the post office system, not to mention retiring after 21 years of service from the military.

Linda Eastman, RN, recently visited Pittsfield before returning to South San Francisco. Now retired from the Army Nurse Corps as a Lt. Colonel, Linda and her husband Philip travel throughout the country visiting our national parks. They have visited most all of the parks from coast to coast. Linda, also found time recently to complete 2 classes in library science.

Georgia Brown Farrin and husband Ron are waiting for their first grandchild. Georgia plans on being in the delivery room with her daughter Nan and husband Craig. Georgia's other daughter Amie is in Atlanta, where she works as a psychiatric social worker. I'm sure if Georgie can hostess our past reunion parties, the delivery room ought to seem like pretty calm stuff! Good luck!

Carol Gould lives in South Paris. She has a new granddaughter, bringing her "grandmother total" to 7! Carol had retired from the State of Maine after 25 years. Doesn't sound like Carol is sitting around. She works part time for the water district, plus does work part time as a deputy sheriff, and still finds time to enjoy auto racing while working with the gate staff.

Joan VanDerveer Gould, RN, returned back to NH after working in the Denver area as an RN supervisor and nursing manager to a new job in Concord, NH. Joan is an excellent nurse, and any medical organization will be glad she's working for them. Joan came east to be with her new grandson. She has a son in NH and a daughter in Mass. Joan still enjoys many outdoor activities - she rock climbs and hikes - and likes to keep on the go!

James "Jim" Gould's cousin reports that Jim is busy in the Farmington area. He has a motel and also is in the computer business. We are hoping Jim can return for the 40th - many of the class ask about him and would enjoy seeing him.

Larry Guptill and his wife Carol recently moved into a new home. Larry has worked for Caswell as a truck driver for the past 6 years. They have four active grandsons, some involved in ice hockey. I'm sure Carol and Larry make as many hockey games as possible.

Ted Grant is still out there having adventures in the merchant marines field. He recently returned to school for the most recent updates, and last we heard, Ted was sailing around out in the Gulf of Mexico. I'm sure if possible, Ted will be on land by the 40th and heading north - he hasn't missed a reunion yet.

Frank Haseltine, alias "Tommy" sounds like he might be able to make his first reunion in 2004; Tommy has now retired after 25 years with the Air Force. Married 33 years, he has a grandson, and not to be sitting around, Tommy is now a director of contacts for a large company. Wants to thank all who helped with his

dad's, **Frank Haseltine, Sr.**, biology lab building project.

Last we heard, **Jeff Hathorn** was just finishing up the latest training. Jeff's back to flying the international routes from the US to Paris. He makes his home in Melrose, FL, with his lovely wife and sons. Jeff is also involved in many worthwhile projects to help others in his community, even with his busy schedule.

Richard Howe, last we heard, was still helping many others who are dealing with strokes. Richard has been dealing with his own stroke for a number of years; last time we saw Richard, he was a volunteer on the Seton Rehab, along with his little therapeutic dog, trying to bring some help and happiness to others in need. Sounds like Richard!

George Kennedy and his wife Lisa are both involved in the nursing field. They live in Benton, and are working in some pretty interesting fields relating to nursing. He has some great stories from his many years dealing with different people.

Joseph "Joey" Knox happened to be home in Vernon Hills, IL when I called. Joey has been involved in the insurance business for the past 25 years. He's hoping to get back for the 40th. Enjoyed seeing Joey and his family at the last reunion.

Charles "Charlie" Philbrick and his wife Rae have also added their names to the list of reunion volunteers. They have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Always busy, they have had the Pittsfield Citgo for the past 23 years. Also operate the Bioguard Pool and Spa business and dry cleaning business for 15 years. Charlie has been with the Maine Central Railroad for the past 36 years.

Pat Elkins Pratt and husband Bill will be celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Jeff, and the cutest granddaughter, Megan. She could be Patty's twin at the age of 10. Pat and Bill are hopeful to be moving south sometime in the next year to the Ocala Florida area. Pat tells us Jeff and his wife have 13 mini horses plus many other pets. So, besides Pat being closer to the family, warmer weather, who wouldn't mind playing with the mini horses? Now that does sound like extra fun.

Donna Brooks Rolfe lives in Pittsfield, has 2 children, and is the proud grandmother of 2, ages 14 and 8. Donna enjoys attending the grand-children's sporting events. She has been with the Edwards Co. for the past 25 years. Some of us remember the time Donna and all of her sisters traveled to New York City to be on the Gary Moore show, "I've Got a Secret". Donna and her sisters at one time had the title of the family with the most girls - 13 in a row without a brother until Donna's brother showed up to fill the 14th spot!

Malaka Russell is busy, busy, busy! Just moved into a new home. Travels and consults with one of her many interests, her clothing boutique. Malaka's mother, **Tookie** was on her way to Florida and wanted to say hi to all of you who remember her as **Coach Russell**.

James "Jim" "Scrib" Scribner, per usual, is here, there and everywhere - enjoying traveling. Had gone to Central America, and did some time in Maui, Hawaii trying his hand with publishing. Always thinking ahead, in case the 2010 Winter Olympics is in the whistler area, he's doing a little extra landscaping and

adding on to his home. Our class traveler should be heading state side for our 40th reunion. "Scrib" still travels the farthest, from British Columbia, Canada.

Leon Southard, last heard, was in the Florida area this winter, still busy with his musical career.

Edward "Eddy" Toulouse, lives in Plymouth and is on his 33rd year of high school teaching. I'm sure Eddy should have a special medal; now that career one must truly enjoy!

Delighted to see **Robert Spence** and **Jane** in the Florida reunion picture. Robert lives in Pembroke Pine, Florida.

Carole Daily Vigue lives in Pittsfield with husband, **Peter '65**. They have two children, daughter **Michelle Vigue Hodgins '91**, who is on the Alumni Association Committee. Carole and Peter's son-in-law, **Michael Hodgins '86** is the President elect of the MCI Board of Trustees. Carole and Peter's son, **Andi** is involved in town government. Carole tells us she loves being a grandmother of three. Carole and Peter also have added their names to the reunion volunteer list.

Michael "Mike" Vigue is busy with his Northeast Environmental business, based in Pittsfield. He and his wife Ruth have two daughters. The youngest is Lizzie, age 4 who is a cutie pie - ask Mike, he's sure to have a picture or two!

Glen R. Wihwein lives in Newton, Mass., and has made the last few reunions. He is hopeful to see us all again at the 40th. Tells us he has been married 23 years, and is the very proud father of three sons. He has been a CPA for the past 25 years.

Glenda McMann Weymouth lives in Pittsfield. After 19-1/2 years at Edwards, started a new career with Health Reach in Waterville. She enjoys her 11 grandchildren.

Jane Woodcock Woodruff and husband Don live in Pittsfield. Their daughter graduated from College in NH and their son is in the education field. They are proud grandparents of 5. Jane and Don are involved in custom, one-of-a-kind, top-of-the-line oak office furniture. Jane is very active in local Thyroid education and support group and welcomes questions from any of you who might need support or education for you or your family. You can reach her at 487-3343.

Gregory "Greg" Wright continues hard at work, running Wright Woolen Mill in Pittsfield since 1968. Plans to also join us for the 40th.

Linda Tozier Dean is more than busy. She works full time at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor, will soon be receiving her degree from Beal College (after 4 years of night classes) in Medical Office Management. Hats off to Linda! And she still has time for her 10 grandchildren. She also stopped smoking. Two of her grandchildren attend MCI.

Anita Butler Welch tells us she and her husband Francis have 5 grandchildren. After selling their store to their son, she still keeps busy helping out at the Corner Cupboard.

Barbara Vigue Day RNC is working at Birch Grove in Pittsfield as a night charge nurse, where she has been for the past two years. For 15 years prior, she was at Maine General Hospital. She is actively involved with EMS, a member of the Hartland/St. Albans Ambulance service. She recently became a board member with

Class Notes Continued...

the Scott Webb Medical Center. She has a daughter, **Lori '86** and son **Mike**, and a great new daughter-in-law, **Rachel Willis Day**. She started this fall doing a little substitute teaching K to 4 in Hartland. Also enjoys being the Class Agent since our 15th reunion. In the spring, she will be starting the third year of a gardening project involving local school age children. This fall, 68 children ages 4 to 9 grew vegetables and their own pumpkins to take home with them.

A special thank you to all who help with the Annual Fund. Please call again or write if you have news!

Barbara Day, RN, Class Agent '64, 61 North Street, Hartland, ME 04943-9633

Class of 1965

Well, we are waiting for gossip! We have a number of addresses from connections we made at the 35th reunion and from those classmates we've heard from since. Please contact us and we'll pass along as much info as we have gathered. Our space is limited, so if anyone is interested in reaching old friends, please contact one of us.



Zoe Zanadakis, cast member of this spring's *Survivor* TV series, attended MCI from 1980 to 1983. She recently visited campus for a nostalgic tour and talked at length with excited students while the TV cameras from Channel 5 in Bangor filmed their conversation. She's wearing an MCI Alumni hat presented to her by members of the Alumni/ae Association.

We've also been wondering if anyone in the Class of '65 would be interested in being our historian and perhaps start a web page where we can post news and addresses as well as pictures. Together, we can type, e-mail and burn up the telephone lines, but we are not web page savvy.

Donna Harriman Preble brought the best picture to our 35th reunion! It was a picture of our 8th grade graduation as we all stood on the steps of the Town Hall. Thanks to **Peter Vigue**, who rushed off to do copies, a lot of us have this treasure. It's priceless, and **Gale** and **Patty** both have copies, so let us hear from you!

It doesn't seem possible that over 30 years has gone by since that day we graduated. Some of us were only 5th year students. Others were there for four years. It doesn't matter how long we were there, as MCI in one way or another shaped our lives for the better.

Larry Yeaton wrote, "After graduating from MCI, I joined the Navy for five years. Spent a few years in Vietnam and a year in Washington, DC. After getting out of the Navy in 1970, moved back to Dover, NH. From there, I went to Glen Cove Bible College outside of Rockland, Maine, where I prepared for the Ministry. While there, I met my wife

Joanne. After Bible College, came back to Dover where I pastored a church in East Lebanon, Maine for almost eight years. From there, went to Bridgton, Maine to pastor; from there to Newport Center, VT; then to Villisca, IA. For nearly six years, my family and I have been in Mendota, IL, pastoring a church. We are very proud parents of a 15 year old son, John. He is a Freshman in high school. He is on the High Honor Roll, and involved in sports. Hopefully, now you will share with me what you have been doing. You can e-mail me at Larry.Yeaton@m289.lasall.k12.il.us or mail me at Rev. Larry Yeaton, P.O. Box 288, Mendota, IL 61342 or telephone me at 815-539-7301. Have a great year."

Class Agents: Patty Russell Stevens, P.O. Box 18, East Winthrop, ME 04343 (207) 395-2749 e-mail: Lazbro1@ghi.net; **Gale Pomeroy Russell,** 207 Country Estates, Pittsfield, ME 04967 (207) 487-2277, e-mail: galey-girl@myemailstation.com.

Class of 1966

As I sit here on the fourth day since "The Attack", through my daze I'm feeling very grateful for my childhood, the small

town of Pittsfield where neighbors cared for neighbors, and for my old Alma Mater MCI with its diversity and tolerance-building principles.

The Reunion last June began with celebrations and dedications over the exquisite new **Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center**. It's a building worth making the trip to see. It's something about which to be proud.

Our 35th was jolly, if not crowded. **Lance Brown** came up from Portland, **Rex Fowler** came from East Hartford and sang at the golf course. Rex is currently working on a documentary film about Elvis giving cars to people - he's written terrific music for the score and it's all very exciting. **Susan Barrett Friend** was there with **Ronnie** - both were looking good. **Danny Oakes** made an appearance - the first in many years - and it was good to get caught up with him. He's taking pleasure these days photographing wildlife in Maine's wilderness, and he continues to work at a photography shop in Bangor. **Judy Hobbs Webster** came with **Tom**, and **Norby Young, Jr.** was there with his whole family and spoke eloquently when his father was inducted in the MCI Hall of Fame. The weather was HOT and the company was the best.

Bob (Moose) Elmer wrote that after leaving MCI he went to college, left college, spent 3 1/2 years in the Gulf of Tonkin in the Navy, went back to college and finally began a career in broadcast management, marketing and sales in Connecticut. He was then offered the opportunity to become administrator of an assisted living and Alzheimer and dementia community in Westerly, RI (just over the border from Connecticut). This January his wife, Ada, and he will celebrate their 30th anniversary, and they hope to take their two daughters, Robyn (24 and in a Masters in Education program) and Ebbie (17 and a junior in high school) to Bermuda to celebrate. Thanks for all the news, Moose, and yes, I certainly DO remember you!

I had lunch with **Vicki Boetsch Harriman** recently - she lives in Union which is very close to Camden where I spend the summer. She is presently not teaching nursing, but is working as a pediatric nurse in Augusta and enjoying it.

My MCI singing buddies, **Kathy Sweet Chazin** and **Linda Abbott Leighton**, are both on the move. Kathy has recently moved to Monmouth, Maine, and Linda has moved back to Maine in the Portland area and has a new job as a food broker with Benchmark Sales out of Norwood, MA.

Dalen Mills was married last May, retired from the oil business, and is practicing being a house husband in Florida. His e-mails are full of anecdotes about adjusting to the Florida way of life and about bicycling all over creation, exploring his new environment.

I had a long talk with **Alison Baird Ward** on the telephone last spring. She is still teaching (pre-Algebra) in Illinois and enjoying her grandchildren. She wanted to come to the reunion, but was expecting a new grandchild at about that time.

If anyone needs any addresses, give me a holler. I'd love to hear from you about what you're up to these days.

Anna Maria Parker, Class Agent '66, 5 Cheehaak Road, Freeport, ME 04032 (207) 865-2028; e-mail: amp@ghi.net.

Class of 1967 Class Agent needed.

John Tarbox received the "Man of the Year" award from the New York State Weights and Measures Association. He was cited for 23 years of work and dedication to the profession in July of 2001. Congratulations!

Class of 1968

Norman Mitchell, Class Agent '68, 103 So. Main St., Pittsfield, ME 04967-1518; e-mail: norman.mitchell@gsbsc.gensign.com

Class of 1969 Class Agent needed.

The Alumni Office received a letter from **Eric McCann**. Eric lives in Vermont, where he was a board member on the Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force in 1999 and 2000 that lobbied for the right of same-sex couples to marry. Eric testified before both the Vermont Senate and House of Representatives. On July 1, 2000, Vermont passed a promulgated landmark legislation. Same-gendered couples were allowed to join together in a "Civil Union" which affords all the rights of marriage to same-gendered couples while in Vermont. As a Justice of the Peace he has officiated

at several of these unions, and on September 29, 2001, he and his partner of 6 years were joined in a Civil Union.

Class of 1970

Roy Milke, Class Agent '70, 10659 E. Carol Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85258; e-mail: redboy1@compuserve.com. See note pg.10.

Class of 1971

Hunter Friend, Class Agent '71, P.O. Box 69, Pittsfield, ME 04967-0069

Class of 1972 Class Agent needed.

Class of 1973

Susan Smith England, Class Agent '73; 210 Willett Rd., Saundertown, RI 02874; e-mail: surf@ids.net

Class of 1974

Vera Lloyd Bryant, Class Agent '74; 21 Greeley St., Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1975

Kevin Bryant, Class Agent '75, 21 Greeley St., Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1976

Dear Fellow Classmates: It was good to see **Janet Daily**, **Micky Sinclair**, **Debbie Leighton Neal**. I wish there had been more of us at the banquet.

It was also good to see a couple of our old teachers, **Ms. Toothaker** (from our days at Warsaw) and **Mr. Cunningham** (MCI Science Dept.).

In closing, I urge you out there to e-mail me (photoman_flash@yahoo.com) or drop me a snail mail with your news (births, marriages, deaths, job changes, address changes, etc.). Take care all. Historically yours, **Mr. Don Hallenbeck,** Class Agent '76, 7 West Branch Terrace, Pittsfield, ME 04967-1468.

Class of 1977

Susan Williams Ouellette, Class Agent '77, 79 Hartland Ave., Pittsfield, ME 04967-1131; e-mail: susano@mint.net.

Class of 1978

Robert Stackhouse, Class Agent '78, 56 Somerset Ave, Pittsfield, ME 04967-1314; e-mail: bstack@mint.net

Class of 1979

Trudi Bickford Ames, Class Agent '79, RR Box 3414 Pittsfield, ME 04967 and **Ann Cianchette Ball, Class Agent '79,** 47 Delwin Drive, No. Yarmouth, ME 04097; e-mail: cball1@maine.rr.com

Class of 1980

Angie (Morse) Freeman spent Christmas in Pittsfield. She saw **Mike Haynes** at the theater while on their visit. She is in the process of moving back to Pittsfield with husband Hank and two stepsons Trey (9) and TJ (12).

Lynne (Jacobs) Estes still lives in Hermon with her husband Keith and two children Travis (13) and Amber (10). Lynne and Keith with 6 others co-own Richway Assoc., which consists of 52 apartments. Lynne says "Hi!" to everyone.

Kim (McGowan) Davis and her husband **Jim** live in Florida with their children Jason (24) Jessie (23) Jamie (17) and Taylor (13). Jamie is volunteering as a teacher and plans on going to school to become a teacher. Taylor is very active in baseball. Kim manages several Real Estate

businesses. Kim says "Hi!" to everyone. Her e-mail is: jdkdavis@aol.com. She would love to hear from her classmates.

Stewart and Dee Dee Frost's 3-year old son Bretton has had yet another heart surgery; Dee and Stuart have two other children, Macaleigh and Bailey; both Dee Dee and Stewart work at Fryeburg Academy.

Belinda (Lawrence) Sterling: I live in Winslow, Maine with my fiancé, Carl, and my two children Christopher (17) and Nicholas (12). I work at Skowhegan Family Medicine and H & R Block (during tax season). I had an ATV accident this last August and fractured a vertebrae. I have recovered very well and plan on riding again. I've seen Richard McNichols, and so far we are planning on having the Reunion 2005 at his camp. I'm still looking for old and new photos for the MCI photo album I started. Those of you with Internet, please sign up on classmate.com; that is how I have located several classmates.

Belinda Sterling, Class Agent '80, 142 Halifax St., Winslow, ME 04901; e-mail: nbsterling@wi.net. Phone: (207) 872-2331 (under Carl LaFlamme).

Class of 1981

Wayne Bryant, Class Agent '81, 49 Slayton Hill Rd., Lebanon, NH 03766-2501; e-mail: wbryant35@aol.com and Mary Raynes, Class Agent '81, 3563 SE Pine St., Hillsboro, OR 97123-7751

Class of 1982

Nancy Bertrand Shorey, Class Agent '82, 11 Henry St., Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1983

Charice Ouellette Sullivan, Class Agent '83, 8 Drew Rd., Somersworth, NH 03878; e-mail: crazyknits@aol.com

Class of 1984

Patricia Cianchette Skimick, Class Agent '84; 2829B Sidney Park Place, Aberdeen Proving Grd, MD 21005 and Tracy Goodridge, RR 1 Box 1186, Eddington, ME 04428; e-mail: TRGOOD101@aol.com

Class of 1985

The Alumni Office has heard from Mats Staffas, who is living in Sweden. He writes that he still has relatives in Maine, although not in Pittsfield, and hopes to someday come back to visit. We hope he does!

Jennifer Quint, Class Agent '85; P.O. Box 313, Pittsfield, ME 04967; e-mail: jennifer.quint@kleinschmidtUSA.com

Class of 1986

Thanks to everyone for making our reunion our biggest and best so far! Jeff's lakeside party was a welcome diversion from the heat, and we had a total of 36 alumni attend.

Sadly, I must report of loss of one of our classmates. David Braley will surely be missed by those of us who knew him. I would also like to send condolences to Jodie (Speed) Hansen, on the loss of her niece, Brianna; the daughter of Rob ('85) and Sandy Speed.

On a happier note, congratulations go out to Catherine (Soucy) Snowman, Lisa (Stein) Pierce, Mike Mercier, Kim (Ouellette) Souliere, Brian Swift, and Denise Grant on the births of their children.

I would also like to add that there will definitely be another reunion in 2003 -

five years is too long to wait! Anyone who has an e-mail address that I do not have, please contact me ASAP. Until next time, take care and keep in touch!

Lisa J. Nickerson, Class Agent '86, 114 Madawaska Road, Palmyra, ME 04965 Phone (207) 938-2109; e-mail: luna@tdstelme.net.

Class of 1987

Amy Smith Lohler has been married to Duane for 10 years. They have 2 children; Danielle is 8, and Steven is 6. They live in Auburn, MA. She teaches skin care with Mary Kay Cosmetics as a team leader; her husband is a pipefitter. They currently are building an addition to their home, since they really like their town and neighborhood. Would love to hear from anyone. Lohler@juno.com.

Sherrie Ouellette Stolt writes: "Well, my life has changed since I last wrote. My husband David and I had our first child together, Anna Rose. Anna was born on September 27, 2001. I have an 11-year old daughter, Chelsea, a 10-year old son Cole, and a nine-year old step-daughter Jordan. I am going to be a stay-at-home mom for a long time. We are still in Mt. Vernon and loving it. I am looking forward to the reunion this summer."

Lauralee Ouellette writes that there has been a new addition to her family. Ethan Charles was born on Dec. 6, 2001. His big brother Ryan loves him right to death. Chuck, Laurie, Ryan and Ethan live in Scarborough. Laurie works at Maine Medical Center, Chuck works at National Semiconductor, and Ryan is a sophomore in high school. Laurie hopes to see everyone this summer at reunion.

David O'Brien lives in Valrico and works in Tampa, Florida. He writes that he has a 2-year old daughter, Shelby, and expecting another daughter in early March. He says everything is going good, and he sees Scott Olney ('87) and Stacy Brown ('93) often, as they live within a mile. Also sees Mike Clapp ('87) every now and then. He lives across the bay in St. Petersburg.

Barbara Pomeroy, Class Agent '87, 163 River Rd., Detroit, ME 04929-3214; e-mail: davemave@mint.net.

Class of 1988

Paul Pietranico writes that he and Barrie now have a son. His name is Gianluca (Luca for short), and he was born on October 4, 2001.

Shane Brooks married Kelly Jo Small on September 15, 2001. Now there is some news!

Karin Thornton, her husband Joe and daughter Kelcey (who is now 3-1/2) are living in Augusta. She works as a Physical Therapist at MaineGeneral's outpatient center, and her husband is a chef for the same hospital. They are enjoying living here in this area, and glad to be back from Florida.

CJ Mitchell: Last seen coming back from a golf vacation in Myrtle Beach - half of which it snowed. The family is great - the kids are getting bigger every day. We recently purchased a new house in Burlington.

Lee Nolan: Last seen still working on his golf game ... which seriously needs work!

Donna Handoe and her husband, Frank are now living in Germany. They are stationed at CMTC in Hohenfels Germany. She is working as the Program Services

Coordinator for Army Family Team Building (AFTB) and Army Family Action Plan (AFAP). She reports "We are taking full advantage of being stationed in Europe - touring all around, trying to learn a little German, and basically loving life here. We've been here for a year already and have two more years before we move again. We don't know where "home" will be yet. If anyone is planning a big trip to Europe, we would love to see you! Please feel free to e-mail me at gruntzwife@yahoo.com."

Theresa Cote writes, "My husband Barney and I are living in Tega Cay, SC (just south of Charlotte, NC). We have been here since April 2000. Barney's job brought us down here. Our son Scott was 2 years old in October. I stay home with him since we moved down. Not sure you know that Michelle is living in Essex. Karin is renting from my parents in Augusta so I try to see her when I am home visiting."

Alan Shorey writes that he is married to Stephanie and is still in the Army (a captain). He is going to the University of Tennessee to get a Masters in Civil Engineering. He intends to go back to work in the Army. He has 2 kids, Charlie (4) and Alan Patrick (2).

Loren Lavallee Martin, Class Agent '88; 679 Blackbrook Rd., Golfstown, NH 03045; e-mail: loren-martin@usa.net and C.J. Mitchell, 39 Grey Meadow Dr., Burlington, VT 05401-1319; e-mail: cj_mitchell@idx.com.

Class of 1989

Lisa Cook Madore, Class Agent '89; 78 Summer St., Apt. 1, Oakland, ME 04963; e-mail: Lisa_Madore@memun.org

Class of 1990

Heather Deveau, Class Agent '90, 71 Lock St. #3, Nashua, NH 03064

Class of 1991 Class Agent needed.

Class of 1992

Laura Norris '92, Class Agent '92, 34 So. Mentor Apt. 200, Pasadena, CA 91106; e-mail: lobonorris@aol.com

Class of 1993

It was nice to hear from Eric Kelley, who is working as a part time Youth Pastor at United Baptist Church and mowing lawns and painting houses. He is also a certified art teacher, not currently teaching. He also reports that he is teaching Lonnie how to rock climb.

Steve Phillips reports that he returned to USM in 2000, completed his 4th semester, and is now in the process of transferring to SMTC for a Computer Tech degree. He's still single, and waiting patiently! He would really like to hear from anyone.

Andrea Orr has finished Graduate School in CT (about 2 years ago), and is a high school English teacher. She now lives in Los Angeles, CA. She says it is very beautiful there; the Pacific is amazing, although she does miss her family and friends back East.

John Stockbridge owns an apartment building in Bangor. He also keeps himself busy by working with adults with mental retardation through OHI in Bangor, and by running his own internet-based

Motorcycle Parts business. He will soon be opening a shop in Pittsfield!

My co-class officer, **Shane Gower**, is currently teaching High School U.S. History at Maranacook Community High School in Readfield, ME. He and his wife Erica are expecting their first child in March.

Finally, I am still living in Pittsfield and following the MCI sports teams. I also work for John at his Motorcycle Parts shop - **Justin**.

We need more information from the rest of you guys! Keep those e-mails and letters coming:

Class Agents '93: Justin Wiles, 29 Harriet St., Pittsfield, ME 04967 juice011@hotmail.com; Shane Gower, 103 Main St., Fairfield, ME 04937 gump324@wtvl.net.

Class of 1994

Emily Walker, Class Agent '94; 375 Detroit Rd., Troy, ME 04987-3113

Class of 1995

Lisa Salley, Class Agent '95, 117A Park Street, Orono, ME 04473; e-mail: lisa.salley@umit.maine.edu

Class of 1996

Congratulations to **Nicholas Fletcher**, who has returned to Pittsfield and is now working for the Police Department, while working on becoming the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officer.

Jodi Cummings, Class Agent '96, 95 So. Main St., Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1997

Stephanie Vigue, Class Agent '97, P.O. Box 291, Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1998

Jason Cummings, Class Agent '98, 95 So. Main St., Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1999

Congrats to Nikki Cianchette and Pat Steeves on getting married and expecting a baby! And there's another couple on the way to getting married--Kristyn Graham and Josh Plomondon--I am sure that I murdered the spelling on that -- sorry! I have seen Katie Baker, Diana Hodges, Faye Mack, Matt York, MaryAnn Petela, Katie McAlpine, Natalia Mayhew, Eirik Vaad and they are all doing great! I have heard from our married friend Jenn Crudell Coull, and she is doing great in Arizona. Chris Robinson is out in Alaska having fun and taking a few pics now and again! JJ Truman has been known to show up at a few Saint Anselm bball games, and I hear that Jesse Court will be playing against us. Jen Moyer sounds like she is doing well, and so does Ethan Orr! Josh Lambert is down in Florida serving our country, and I am still here in Manchester NH at Saint Anselm having fun trying to get over my summer abroad in Spain! I haven't heard from many others, but spread the word to all that I hope everyone is great, and I would love to catch up and hear how you are doing!

Abigail Ross, Class Agent '99, 16 Peltoma Ave., Pittsfield, ME 0497 and Nancy Cavanaugh, Class Agent '99, Box 653 Northcreek Rd., Greencenter, NY 12833

Class of 2000

Hillary Stevens, 7 Manson St., Pittsfield, ME 04967; e-mail: hillary.p.stevens@elmira.edu

In Memoriam



Remembering The Life and Service of Robert J. Burns '49

By Ronald James Burns

Robert Joseph Burns was born May 17, 1931 in Vanceboro, Maine and was raised in the small, tranquil town of Pittsfield. After graduating from high school at MCI, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1949. He served as an electronic technician and was married to Barbara Maynahan in 1953 while a Staff Sergeant. A year later he was accepted into Officer Candidate School, pilot training, and navigator school. Robert served on "the youngest" B-47 aircrew in Strategic Air Command while stationed at Walker AFB in Roswell, New Mexico. He served his country in Korea and Vietnam and flew B-47s until the Air Force took them "to the graveyard" at Davis-Monthan AFB. Major Burns ended his Air Force career at Little Rock AFB as aircraft commander of the B-58 Hustler, a supersonic bomber

that flew twice the speed of sound. After his twenty-three years of military service, Robert worked as a simulator instructor for Western Air Lines in Los Angeles, giving check rides for 707, 727 and DC-10 aircraft. Moving on, he worked at Singapore Airlines for five years, flying 707s and 747s. He also flew for Air Pacific Airlines.

Robert lived a most interesting life, rubbing elbows with prime ministers, movie stars, rock bands, tennis pros, and movie producers and directors. He ate with Asian pilots in the United Arab Emirates and traveled the streets of Abba Dabai, Copenhagen, Athens, London, Sidney and Melbourne.

Robert passed away in May in Nevada. Robert was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on October 10, 2001.

Alfred L. Morrison '29 Best Remembered for his Paintings of P.E.I. From The Prince Edward Island Guardian

Artist Alfred Linus Morrison, MCI Class of 1929, died October 3, 2001, at age 92. He was, for many years, resident of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Born in Boston in 1909, he was educated at Maine Central Institute, Syracuse University and Hawley Engineering Institute; he also studied art at Crouse College.

After graduation, he became a power engineer with Boston Edison but resigned to serve in the Royal Canadian Air Force when WW II broke out. In 1945 he returned to P.E.I. and farmed for the

next fourteen years until his severe war-time injuries forced him to retire. Between 1961 and 1995, Alfred painted more than 80 historical images of the Prince Edward Island he so loved. His pictures, which have a folk-art feel, serve as a narrative of P.E.I.'s transformation and chronicle the changing social, economic and political landscape of the Island. A book of his paintings was published in 1980 and his works have been showcased in exhibitions in P.E.I. and the United States.



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

Colleen Sidelinger Bane '66
Gerald Charity '56
Herman Cowan '35
David Dean '63
Marguerite Gee Douglas '30
Durward Emery '46
Alfred L. Morrison '29

Georgia Fuller '30
Ione Garcelon '37
Laurice Gould '36
Alton Hunt '48
Ned Jewett '53
Mildred Martin
Patrick O'Connor '88

Alfred E. Paresson
Edward Patterson
Elizabeth Reynolds Sobey '35
Delmont Soule
Glenys Braley Sprague '42
Esther Bussell Stitham '25

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

Traditions at MCI

From research by Ronald Bessey '62, Chair of Humanities Department

Perhaps one of the most memorable traditions at MCI is Winter Carnival, during which the various competitions build a great deal of spirit for each class and the school. The snow sculptures are truly works of art, admired by participants and visitors alike, and the Snoball is more important than a senior prom.

How and when did it all start? Like all traditions it grew; an athletic carnival was first held in 1915 when the four classes began sports competitions. The first boys basketball teams had been organized in 1903 and girls team began competition in 1910 in Power's Hall so that sport was the primary contest.

In 1929 The Trumpet announced that the first Winter Carnival was held at MCI, primarily a contest between the east and west sides of Alumni Hall, and a trophy awarded to the winner. In 1930 the events were extended; the dorm girls defeated the town girls and Alumni Hall boys from its west side triumphed over the east. The snowy events 72 years ago featured the 100 yard ski dash, 100 yard snowshoe dash-obstacle course, cross country ski race and another cross country event – the snowshoe race and relay. The junior-senior reception was called a prom and was held a week after Carnival.



Winter Carnival 1938 featured skiing events as well as the Snoball.

The 1932 outdoor competitions were postponed until March due to lack of snow and showshoe races were held in the halls! By 1934 the Winter Carnival Prom elected a king and queen for the first time—Preston Barlow and Goldie McInnis.

The first snow sculptures, in 1941, were sponsored by the varsity club, and the junior class' winning entry was the Sphinx and Pyramid. By the 1960's all sorts of events were held, but it took Dave Mosher to further the Carnival to the point we now know it. His motto was to always get as many involved as possible.

Eddie Miller and the class advisors have continued the fine traditions of Winter Carnival and the recent festivities featured snow-sculpturing, tug-of-war, bombardment and "softball" on the snow and ticket sales to the Snoball. The other two events, basketball and volleyball, are indoor competitions that hark back to the first ever carnival 87 years ago! MCI once had broom hockey on the icy tennis courts but injuries and damage to the court eliminated that event because there were too many people showing up to the dance on crutches.

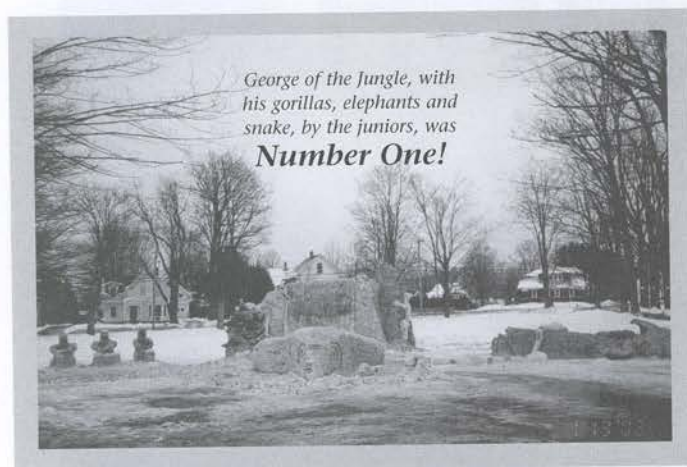
Winter Carnival at MCI is an enduring and cherished tradition, beloved by all who participate and by those who remember back when....



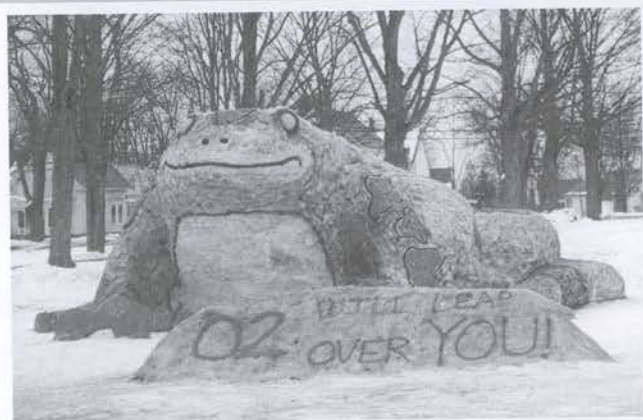
Winter Carnival 2002 Royalty

Bret Laster-Loftus, Kevin Williams, Wassem Amin, Phil Hendricks, Marty Quint, John DeRosby, Ryuto Arakaki, John Holm, Mike Broccio, Steve Weeman - King 2001, Danielle Ready - Queen 2001, Sheena Farmer, Nicole Woodworth, Sarah Frost, Sierra Hendricks, Tara Weeman, Katelyn Gallagher, Jennifer Cummings, Julie Lancaster, Patrice Thompson. Front: junior attendants Matthew Thompson and Mikayla George. Seated: Rich MacDaid - King 2002, Crystal Baker - Queen 2002

It Was a Jungle Out There!



George of the Jungle, with his gorillas, elephants and snake, by the juniors, was **Number One!**



Through the drizzly gloom of Thursday night, the gray iciness of Friday and the crystalline blue clarity of chilly Saturday, the bonfires leaped brightly and crackled mightily as members of the Classes of '02, '03, '04 and '05 struggled to mold heavy wet snow into something reminiscent of the jungle. The jungle? In snowy January in central Maine?

And yet jungley it all was. The freshmen chose to bring to life characters from, and perched upon, *The Jungle Book* – Bagheera and Moogli and his bearish pal Baloo were particularly marvelous. The sophomores constructed a huge and regal King of the Beasts, a tawny lion replete with golden crown. An enormous, gorgeously colorful tropical tree frog, thousands of times larger than life, signified the seniors' leap into their futures, and earned them second place in the sculpture contest. Winning the competition was George of the Jungle, intricately and pain-stakingly constructed by the Class of 2003, first place winners last year as well. This year's many-faceted snow sculpture depicted George flattened against a jungle tree; the broken top with its beautifully crafted palm fronds lay on the ground behind him. A huge yellow snake, which had "swallowed" the other competing classes, wound over the tree and through the blue lagoon below the towering waterfall that cascaded from the rocky cliff beside the tree. Also swimming were an elephant and three charming turtles. Watching it all, to the drumbeats of the three cheerful gorillas, were a tiny monkey, a gaudy toucan, a colorful parrot and huge red eyes from the cave behind the waterfall.

Big game hunter Eddie Miller, atop his lofty perch, fired the shots that began it all; Mr. Miller has headed MCI's Winter Carnival for sixteen years and a magnificent job he does, with careful planning and attention to the myriad details. The contests went on as usual, several closely resembling those of 87 years ago, especially the spirited volleyball and basketball competitions. The tug-of-war was slippery, the "softballs" were rather hard and bombardment participants tossed balls at each other in a new embanked area behind the new math and science building because the aging and cracked tennis courts are finally dismantled. The competition to sell the most Snoball tickets was fierce but of course the seniors won that one. (Bookstore Manager Lori Cummings handled ticket sales for Carnival.)

The Snoball was exquisitely decorated with many hues of emerald, chartreuse and palest green balloons that floated from the tops of "palm trees" and criss-crossed the ceiling of Parks Gym. Bright, shiny metallic fuchsia and yellow and sapphire butterflies and tiny tropical birds fluttered below the balloon canopy. Silhouetted against a yellow sky were beautiful black palm trees, while a tumbling waterfall and a grumbling volcano graced the gym corners. Key Club members and their advisors Jon Ramgren and Leigh Hallet worked hard to create this magical jungle atmosphere. Also lending a hand were Dean of Students Winn Price, Development Director Carolyn Smith and some dedicated parents.

At 10:00 PM Head of School Doug Cummings showed a PowerPoint presentation, photographed by Mr. Cummings and his wife Lori and Athletic Director Julie Treadwell, that highlighted every aspect of this wonderful Winter Carnival. The beautifully gowned and coifed girls and handsomely dressed boys cheered in appreciation. And then it was time for the twenty king and queen candidates, nominated for their commitment and contributions to their school, to march graciously through the hundreds of prom attendees. Queen candidates were: Crystal Baker, Jennifer Cummings, Sheena Farmer and Nikki Woodworth, '02; Katelyn Gallagher and Julie Lancaster, '03; Sierra Hendricks and Tara Weeman '04; Sarah Frost and Patrice Thompson '05. King candidates were Wasseem Amin, Ryuto Arakaki, John DeRosby and Rich Macdaid, '02; Mike Broccio and John Wayne Holm, '03; Bret Laster-Loftus and Kevin Williams, '04; Phil Henricks and Marty Quint, '05.

Mr. Miller announced the winners who took their regal places on the very same thrones used 50 years ago. Crowned the 68th King and Queen of MCI's Snoball were seniors Rich Macdaid and Crystal Baker.

What a glorious tradition this all is. And by the way, the seniors won Winter Carnival 2002!

By Carolyn J. Smith

Moments at MCI

by Rich Kent, Dean of Academics

Most every day as the academic dean I spend time in someone's classroom here at MCI. I observe lessons, listen to laughter, and watch kids learn. It's a pretty good way to spend part of a day.

Some days I truck off into the woods with science students as they investigate the natural world. Other days I'm out on the front lawn peering over young artists' shoulders while they sketch Founders Hall. Over the past five months, I've learned about graphing calculators and computer animation; dendrites and the Pythagorean Theorem; spatial tasks and propagating plants; coastal planes and the logic of light. And I'm happy to report after all these years, I now know the difference between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat.

After each class visit, I write an observation. In education language this is called an ethnography, the written description of a culture. In this case, the culture is one teacher's classroom on one particular day.

Let me share some of the learning moments gathered from these observations. What's quite special is the variety of classes and activities, and the way our faculty members reach out to many different kinds of learners. These glimpses into the lives of our students and their teachers create one story of MCI. That story is one of diversity, sharing, and life . . .

~In forensics class Kevin and Liz analyze dirt samples from a mock crime scene. Out beyond the Cianchette Math and Science Center, a dozen first-year students rake and dig in the school's organic garden . . .

~After a mini-lesson on imperativos, the Spanish students play a raucous bout of Simon Says en español, claro . . .

~Up on the 4th floor of Weymouth Hall, five students prepare piano recitals—for Vladamir, a boy from Russia, this is his first time playing five memorized pieces . . .

~Down in the dimly-lit basement of Founders Hall, humanities students recreate ancient cave paintings from home-spun materials while two floors up, a class of Bossov ballerinas rehearse for "The Nutcracker" . . .

~In the Ruth Plummer Cook Music Building, seventy-five musicians crank out a swinging version of "A Train" . . .

~In ESL class laughter abounds as Jong and Luis present a skit in English about returning an unwanted item to a retail store . . .

~On the third floor of the Cianchette Math and Science Center, botany students care for plants they propagated earlier in the year . . .

~In the Personalized Learning Center students work one-on-one with instructors to organize assignments, review for exams, and plan for tomorrow . . .

~In A.P. calculus class, brains smolder as Lucy deconstructs derivatives for her classmates and teacher . . .

~In computer-aided design class, Alex labors over the lines of the car he's creating for the annual MCI Car Show . . .

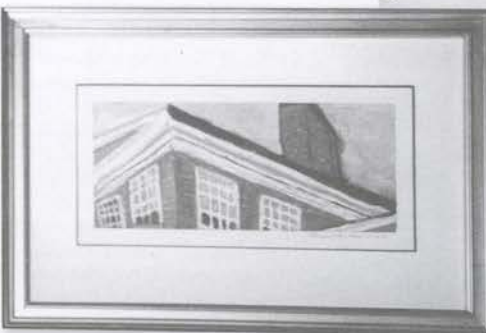
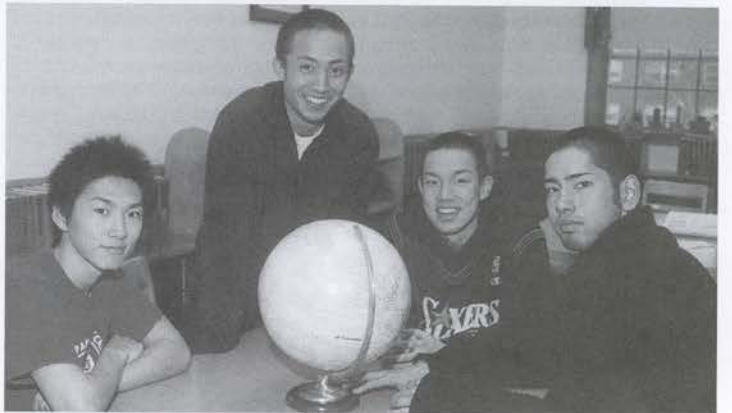
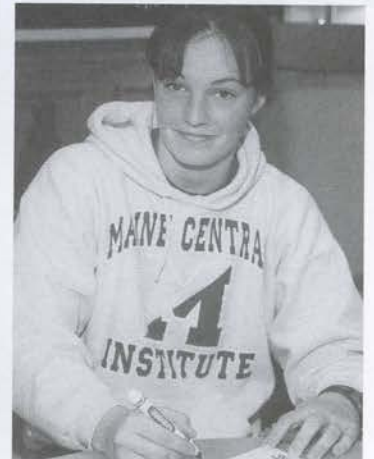
~Off in the Powell Memorial Library, fifteen psychology students scan web pages, search the stacks, and page through periodicals . . .

~Across town at Vickery Elementary School, Jared tutors a 3rd grader who struggles with reading . . .

~Out on the Boutelle Savage Lawn, among the grove of aging maples, kids in a P.E. class weave and dodge during a wild match of Ultimate Frisbee . . .

At other spots around our campus, students and teachers debate state policy, share drafts of sonnets, construct models of 15th century castles, design web pages, act out scenes from a novel, and listen to an alumnus talk about life as an attorney. They also sing songs, dunk basketballs, play jazz . . . and learn.

It's a typical day.



Johan Nunez Kemp created a plein-air pastel drawing of Powell Library for presentation to major donor Gregg Patterson '69 and his wife Elaine.

Students of the Month

These commendations for Student of the Month are taken from Morning Meetings announcements made by Student Council members.

SEPTEMBER



Freshman **Sarah Frost**, daughter of Brent and Kelli Frost of Pittsfield, was selected as Ninth Grade Student of the Month for her friendly and cheerful nature. Very active at Warsaw Middle School before coming to MCI, she has continued her excellent participation. This fall she played field hockey and was elected to Student Council.



Sophomore **Nicole Monk**, daughter of Gary and Karen Monk of Pittsfield, is a young woman who is respectful and supportive as well as fun to be with. She has a positive attitude and is a hard-working honor roll student. She was a member of the fall cheerleading squad and is cheering again this winter.



Junior **Julie Lancaster**, daughter of Bayford and Colleen Lancaster of Pittsfield, is a courteous and friendly person and a fine student who was inducted into National Honor Society as a tenth grader. Julie has a "positive attitude toward just about everything" and she encourages others to be upbeat too. In addition to her weekend job, Julie, who is very involved with activities at MCI, participates in drama, jazz band, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Student Council. Active in three sports each year, Julie plays field hockey, basketball and softball. She is Class of 2003 Treasurer.



Senior **Jennifer Cummings**, daughter of David and Lori Cummings of Pittsfield, was nominated by her classmates and teachers because "she is a person of character and humor. A National Honor Society student who works hard and achieves well in her studies and her extracurricular activities, Jenn is considered to be an excellent role model. A very active member of class and in various fund-raising endeavors, is a volunteer in the Alumni/ae and Development Office, a presenter at Morning Meetings on a variety of topics and an active member of the Student Council. Jenn is an artist whose works are frequently exhibited at school art shows, a musician in the Instrumental Jazz and Vocal Jazz Ensembles, an actress in drama productions. A three-sport athlete, Jenn was captain of softball and basketball her junior year and this year she was elected captain of the soccer team. Last year Jenn was Student Council Secretary; this year she is President of Student Council, the campus organization in which she has participated all four years. Jenn is also Vice President of the Class of 2004."

OCTOBER



Freshman **Caleb Landry**, son of Terry and Paulette Landry of Pittsfield, was selected because he is well-liked by his peers for his positive outlook and courteous disposition. He was a member of the Husky soccer team this past fall.



Sophomore **Brenda Coffin**, daughter of Jeffrey and Wendy Coffin of Pittsfield, is known for her ability to get the job done, whatever it is. Respectful, funny and positive, Brenda is a student who has earned very good grades as a result of her diligent effort. She is in her second year as a Key Club fundraiser and she is also active on Student Council. A member of the Jazz Band, she plays on the tennis team as well.



Junior **Katelyn Gallagher**, daughter of Michael and Helen Gallagher of Pittsfield, is described by her peers as supportive, trustworthy, peppy, respectful and outgoing. With her positive attitude and constant smile, Katelyn is an active school citizen in Key Club and in Student Council. She plays in the Jazz Band, performs in drama, cheers in the fall and manages the track team, in addition to her after-school job in the SAD 53 Special Education Office.

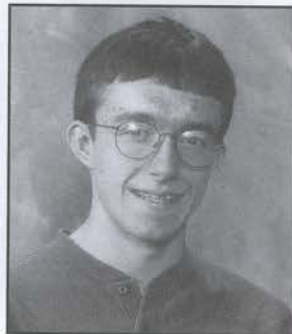


Senior **Nikki Woodworth**, daughter of William and Sissi Ayer of Pittsfield, is "certainly a good role model who shows respect for her peers, is a good school citizen, who speaks up when there is something that needs to be said." Nikki is viewed as a student who works hard setting and achieving high academic goals while taking the most challenging courses. A Student Council member who volunteers at Warsaw Middle School, Nikki is a three-season athlete, in soccer, track and wrestling (the only girl on the wrestling team!)

NOVEMBER



Freshman **Ashley Currier**, daughter of Don and Debbie Currier of Pittsfield, is well-liked by her classmates. She is a successful student who made Honor Roll the first quarter while being very busy so far this year, playing field hockey and basketball and serving as Treasurer of the Class of 2005.



Sophomore **Alex Cunningham**, son of Bill and Karen Cunningham of Pittsfield, is a person with a positive attitude, strong work ethic and unique sense of humor. Alex is also described by his peers as honest and scholarly, someone who is a good school citizen and who is active in his classes. Involved outside of class as well, Alex is a soccer player, seminar member and active on the Math Team and Future Problem Solver Team.



Junior **Josh Lassalle**, son of Culley and Eileen Lassalle of Burnham, is respectful and supportive of his peers, always helping out at class activities and faithfully attending meetings of the Class of 2003. He attends many of the activities and games in which his classmates are involved. A member of Key Club and a participant in last year's drama competition team, Josh has been a three season athlete each year he has been at MCI; he is a member of the football, wrestling and baseball teams.



Senior **Heather McLaggan**, daughter of Randy and Tammie McLaggan of Detroit, shows respect for everyone in our school community and is described by classmates as friendly, open and warm hearted. Heather sets high academic and personal standards for herself; she is active in Class of 2002 activities, National Honor Society and Student Council. She is a three season athlete, participating all four years in field hockey, track and rifle team. Heather has been named a medalist in the Junior Olympics Rifle Competition.

STUDENT LEADERS 2001-2002

CLASS OFFICERS

	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Advisor(s)</u>
2002	Crystal Baker	Jennifer Cummings	Allison Ross	John DeRosby	Alycia Kerr '97, Phil Hendricks '79
2003	Michael Broccio	Phillip Heuerman	Julie Lancaster	Matthew Nichols	Kim Shorey '86, Mike Fulling
2004	Forrest Peterson	Ju Hyun Han	Matthew Welch	Michael Adams	Steve Peterson, Jason Allen
2005	DaNeil Sullivan	Jessie Ames	Ashley Currier		Josh Clement Brenda Gammon

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

<u>President</u> Jennifer Cummings	<u>Vice President</u> Heidi Andrews
<u>Secretary</u> Teresa Kingsbury	<u>Treasurer</u> Crystal Baker
<u>Advisor(s)</u> Tanya Kingsbury	

Other Student Council members:

2002 - Dan Gibson, Heather McLaggan, Allison Ross, Jonathan Volpi, Nikki Woodworth;
2003 - Andrew Coffin, Katelyn Gallagher, Julie Lancaster, Lizbeth Quint., Chris Talbot;
2004 - Michael Adams, Brenda Coffin, Emily Wagner, Tara Weeman;
2005 - Sarah Frost, Craig Gibson, Ashley Herr, Amy Reid, Kate Zarolinski.

KEY CLUB OFFICERS

<u>President</u> Stephanie Fletcher	<u>Vice President</u> Alisia Melvin	<u>Secretary</u> Katie Salisbury	<u>Treasurer</u> Crystal Baker	<u>Advisor(s)</u> Jon Ramgren, Leigh Hallett
--	--	-------------------------------------	-----------------------------------	--

RESIDENT HALL COUNCIL

Wassem Amin, Juan Altgelt, David Cavanagh, Won Joon Lee, Josh Leong, Chiharu Kawanaga, Advisor: Brenda Gammon Jay O'Connell, Blake Sholberg, Jung-Rae Suh, Yun-Chieh Tsao, Jonathan Volpi, Jong Min Won



School leaders presented gubernatorial candidate Peter Cianchette '79 with a great gift! From left to right are Student Council President Jennifer Cummings, Crystal Baker, President of the Class of 2002 and Mike Broccio, Class of 2003 President.

Diversity Day 2001

It was a special day, a profound day, a day that forced us to think beyond Wright Gym and Maine Central Institute... October 19, just 38 days after the aching sadness of September 11. Despite our far remove from New York and Washington and Pennsylvania, the rest of the world was very much with us at this Diversity Day as MCI celebrated its differences and the richness of its cultures - because so much of the world is with us in little Pittsfield.

Students, and several faculty/staff members, from Bermuda, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, the Marshall Islands, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Vietnam, Spain and Taiwan, as well as those from the United States and the Native American Nations, walked in silence to the far end of the gym where, tethered high above, were the flags of their countries. Solemnly, with pride, the flags of each were unfurled.

Memorable performances during Diversity Day were those by Forrest Peterson and his faculty member father Steve (who plays an astonishingly great banjo), *Korean Dance* by John Park, Sean Kim, Sung-Kyu Choi, Jung-Rae Suh and Sung-Ho Kim and *The Time of Your Life* by Jay Myong, Molly Gawler and Zack Sposato.

The event's beautiful and very emotional finale was a PowerPoint presentation by Dan Cournoyer set to John Lennon's *Imagine*. In the darkened gym, we all felt the beginnings of optimism return; our horrified despair began to dissipate.

Gorgeous colors glowing, all these flags representing all these countries, hang on the far wall of Wright Gym all year long and remind everyone who enters the gym of MCI's exceptional and treasured diversity.

MCI Reads as One



Student planners Forrest Peterson and Lok-Wah Li, librarian Anne Miller and faculty member Bill Brooks at the MCI Reads as One kick-off assembly in late January.

MCI Reads as One is the theme of a schoolwide recreational reading program that aims to bring students, staff, and faculty together around a shared reading experience. The MCI Reads advisory committee invites all members of the MCI community, including parents, friends, and trustees, to read Tim O'Brien's acclaimed short story collection about soldiers in Vietnam, *The Things They Carried*.

First published in 1990, *The Things They Carried* has become a classic of modern American fiction and moving Vietnam testament. "They carried malaria tablets, love letters, 28-pound mine detectors, rations, illustrated Bibles, each other. And, if they made it home alive, they carried unrelenting images of a nightmarish war that history is only beginning to absorb. . . . *The Things They Carried* has become . . . a profound study of men at war that illuminates the capacity, and the limits, of the human heart and soul" (from the book jacket, Broadway Books: New York, 1998.)

The Things They Carried won France's prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize; it was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Tim O'Brien received the 1979 National Book Award in Fiction for *Going After Cacciato*. *In the Lake of the Woods* was a national bestseller, received the James Fenimore Cooper Prize from the Society of American Historians, and was selected as the best novel of 1994 by Time magazine. His most recent novel is *Tomcat in Love*.

Modeled after "one book" programs in Rochester, Chicago,



Ramadan - A Month Later

At the beginning of Ramadan, the holiest of times for those of the Muslim faith, Maher Al Moudi, from Saudi Arabia, spoke to all the MCI community during a Morning Meeting because, as he previously commented to many people, he felt accepted and valued at MCI. He was grateful he never experienced any repercussions or negative reactions from students or adults following the terrorist attacks. He eagerly spoke about his religion to the 600 assembled in Wright Gym and his talk was followed by thunderous applause from all that heard him. In the days and weeks after, Maher found himself the center of continuing positive attention. Tolerance and acceptance - two of the most wonderful things about MCI.



by Anne Miller, Library Media Specialist

and Bangor, MCI has established several goals for MCI Reads as One: to increase interaction between individuals based on a shared reading experience; to broaden and deepen readers' appreciation for books; to create a jumping off point for a discussion of critical social issues; to bring more people into the library; to increase opportunities for discussion between diverse groups of people.

A group of students, faculty, administrators and library staff met several times during the first semester to plan the program and to select the book. This was no easy task! Recognizing that there is no single book that everyone will like, the committee nevertheless established these criteria for selection: substantive, accessible to a wide range of reading levels, a living author, widely available, relatively short.

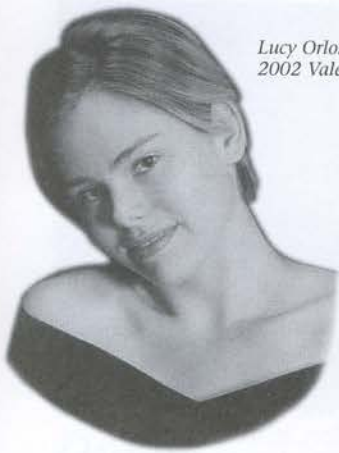
The advisory group includes students Megan Becker, Lok-wah Li, Forrest Peterson, Sarah Frost, and Jennie King, faculty members Bill Brooks, Maureen Montgomery, and Peter Oliver, administrators Rich Kent and Carolyn Smith, and Anne Miller and Pat Payelian from the library media center.

MCI Reads as One will run from February 1st through April 12th. Activities will include informal discussion sessions and a panel discussion of writers, teachers, Vietnam veterans and others. A giant thermometer on front campus will measure the number of readers; the advisory group hopes that at least 300 members of the MCI community will read the book. A special wall will be erected for comments and names of readers. Special bookmarks, hall passes with excerpts from the book, displays and t-shirts will further encourage readers.

Funded by a mini-grant awarded by the Oak-Grove Foundation, the library has purchased seventy-five copies of *The Things They Carried*. Mr. Paperback stores in Newport and Waterville have been alerted to the program and will stock the book. Atkins Printing Service of Waterville generously donated the printing cost of the bookmarks.

Look for more information about the book and program at the Powell Library Web site:

<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/LibPw/default.htm>



Lucy Orloski, named
2002 Valedictorian.

FIRST QUARTER:

CLASS OF 2002:

Highest Honors: Stephanie Fletcher, Anton Igorevich Gorbounov, Vladimir Lvovich Khazanovitch, Megan Ladd, Matthew Lambert, Lucy Orloski

High Honors: Juan Altgelt Bartolo, Heidi Andrews, Ryuto Arakaki, Sara Bailey, Crystal Baker, Michelle Batchelder, Kristin Brooks, Cameron Bryce, Daniel Cournoyer, Dianna Cronkite, Jennifer Cummings, Joe deNatale, Shelby Dyer, Erin Fitts,

Elizabeth Fraser, Kerri George, Daniel Gibson, Choanna Givens, Colin Hubbard, Corrie Johnson, Jasmine Jones, Jai Lamar Lewis, Heather Long, Cory McAvoy, Heather McLaggan, Alisia Melvin, Kiyoshi Miyako, Timothy Myers, William O'Connell, Renee Paradis, Carrie Perkins, Sara Plamondon, Tae-Hyun Rho, Laura Robison, Allison Ross, Katie Salisbury, Eric Saucier, Danielle Scribner, Henrik Sladeczek, Ryan Small, Andrew St. Clair, Meredith Susi, Jessica Thompson, Erin Thurlow, Charmaine Trott, Thomas Twombly, Jonathan Volpi, Lindsey White, Brian Wintle, Jong-Min Won, Nicole Woodworth, Luke Zarolinski

CLASS OF 2003:

Highest Honors: Megan Becker, Amanda Cowing, Danya Glabau, Dustin Gray, Furea Kiuchi, Bradley Martin, Karlyn Moyer

High Honors: Michael Broccio, Amy Brown, Hillary Cianchette, Christopher Cochrane, Andrew Coffin, Bonnie Collier, Michelle Cote, Anthony Crabtree, Joel Crabtree, Daisy M. Cunningham, Luke deNatale, Lindsay DiPasquale, Ellen Dickinson, Molly Gawler, Hannah Grant, Christopher Harriman, Autumn Hendricks, Hollie Higgins, Ashley Holt, Sung-Ho Kim, Sung-Keon (Sean) Kim, Julie Lancaster, Jessi Littlefield, Sarah Margolskee, Mark McCrillis, Jeanette McLeod, Michelle Noiles, Su-Mi Park, Lizbeth Quint, Tyson Quint, John Rancourt, Stephanie Reynolds, Jarod Richmond, Cameron Ross, Luke A. Simmons, Stacey Sprague, Kirsten Stevens, Jung-Rae Suh, Merri-Ella Sullivan

CLASS OF 2004:

Highest Honors: Alex Cunningham, Ju-Hyun Han, Lok-Wah Li, Jae-Hyun Myong, Emily Wagner

High Honors: Michael Adams, Ryan Bennett, Ryan Casey, David Quentin Chale, Brenda Coffin, Taisuke Hayama, Benjamin Hoffman, Kristen Hume, Melissa Hussey, Jong Pil Kim, Joshua Mun-Wah-Ames Leong, Nicole Monk, Cash Nash, Stacey O'Donal, Shannon Peppard, Marilyn Perkins, Forrest Peterson, Frederick Poindexter, Tyler Richardson, Yuta Takei, Marc Turner, Tara Weeman, Crystal Wescott, Kevin Williams, Dong-Yoon Yoo

CLASS OF 2005:

High Honors: Jessica D. Cote, Ashley L. Currier, Trevey A. Davis, Ashton B. Dickinson, Megan L. Dodge, Alexander H. Downs, Megan J.

MCI Honor Roll

ACADEMIC YEAR 2001-2002

Dunphy, Michael Dennis Dunsmore, Ann Durham, Sarah K. Frost, Ashley M. Herr, Matthew R. Huff, Jessica K. Kennedy, Amber A. Kett, Mary A. Lambert, Caleb M. Landry, Amy C. Reid, Scott A. Savage, DaNeil M. Sullivan, Katherine L. Zarolinski

SECOND QUARTER:

CLASS OF 2002:

Highest Honors: Michelle Batchelder, Jasmine Jones, Megan Ladd, Matthew Lambert, Lucy Orloski, Aaron Pinckney, Laura Robison, Danielle Scribner, Henrik Sladeczek, Luke Zarolinski

High Honors: Sara Bailey, Crystal Baker, Cameron Bryce, Daniel Cournoyer, Dianna Cronkite, Jennifer Cummings, Erin Fitts, Stephanie Fletcher, Elizabeth Fraser, Kerri George, Anton Gorbounov, Beth Hewins, Colin Hubbard, Corrie Johnson, Jennie King, Heather Long, Jamie McClure, Heather McLaggan, Alisia Melvin, Kiyoshi Miyako, Timothy Myers, Renee Paradis, Carrie Perkins, Sara Plamondon, Amanda Quint, Hope Robbins, Allison Ross, Katie Salisbury, Eric Saucier, Danielle Shaw, Andrew St. Clair, Meredith Susi, Jessica Thompson, Erin Thurlow, Lindsey White, Brian Wintle, Jong-Min Won, Nicole Woodworth

CLASS OF 2003:

Highest Honors: Megan Becker, Amanda Cowing, Danya Glabau, Sung-Keon (Sean) Kim, Furea Kiuchi, Bradley Martin, Mark McCrillis, Karlyn Moyer, Katie Witham

High Honors: Amy Brown, Beryl Bryce, Bradley Buckland, Hillary Cianchette, Christopher Cochrane, Andrew Coffin, Michelle Cote, Joel Crabtree, Brent Davis, Lindsay DiPasquale, Ashley Flood, Molly Gawler, Christopher Harriman, Autumn Hendricks, Hollie Higgins, Ashley Holt, Haley Ingraham, Amanda Killam, Teresa Kingsbury, Sarah Margolskee, Jeanette McLeod, Sonja Merrill, Su-Mi Park, Lizbeth Quint, Jarod Richmond, Kirsten Stevens, Jung-Rae Suh, Cassandra Wagner, Eric Witham

CLASS OF 2004:

Highest Honors: Michael Adams, Ryan Casey, Alex Cunningham, Ju-Hyun Han, Lok-Wah Li, Jae-Hyun Myong, Emily Wagner

High Honors: Krystal Booth, David Chale, Brenda Coffin, Brian Hadley, Jason Hall, Kristen Hume, Joshua Mun-Wah-Ames Leong, Nicole Monk, Casey Nash, Stacey O'Donal, Forrest Peterson, Frederick Poindexter, Akiko Satoh, Calder Taylor, Marc Turner, Crystal Wescott, Kevin Williams, Dong-Yoon Yoo

CLASS OF 2005:

Highest Honors: Matthew Huff, Katherine Zarolinski

High Honors: Adam Catalina, Jessica Cote, Ashton Dickinson, Megan Dodge, Megan Dunphy, Michael Dunsmore, Ann Durham, Sarah Frost, Philip Hendricks, Ashley Herr, Jessica Kennedy, Amber Kett, Mary Lambert, Jessica Millett, Chelsea Neath, Amy Reid, DaNeil Sullivan, Kevin Wescott, Jeremy West

Newsworthy Notes

Honors Seminar, a creative writing group for qualified freshmen, with at least an 80 average, and sophomores, who have at least an 85 average, is limited to no more than eight participants. Four students completed the Fall Honors Seminar: Alex Cunningham, Nicole Monk and Forrest Peterson, Crystal Wescott, all members of the Class of 2004.

Post September 11: Student Council, headed by President Jennifer Cummings, challenged campus groups to raise \$2001 in disaster-relief funds. Campus groups responded, raising the following: NHS - \$182; Key Club - \$100 with "Helping Hands", Football Boosters - \$351.10; Student Council - \$163 by candles for the September 16 vigil,

\$1025.52 - Village Candle sales, \$100 - Margaret Chase Smith Library, \$79.38 - Homecoming Dance. Congratulations to all for meeting the Student Council challenge.

Forty-seven students were selected to participate in the **National Assessment of Educational Progress 2002**, a congressionally mandated survey designed to measure the current status of educational attainments of young Americans.

Future Problem Solvers Molly Becker, Chris Cochrane, Alex Cunningham, Karlyn Moyer and Lok-Wah Li were recently notified they'd scored second out of six teams on a recent practice problem.

Spotlight on the Arts:



Music

Thirty-two MCI jazz musicians and six chaperones flew to Florida in late February to perform at an alumni/ae reunion in Redington Beach on the 23rd. The group then traveled on to Walt Disney World for memorable performances by MCI award-winning Vocal Jazz and Instrumental Jazz Ensembles under the direction of the school's outstanding and incredible talented jazz director Dean Neal. Students and their families paid for half of the trip expenses. Doug and Lori Cumming hosted a benefit party just before the holidays that raised \$3,800 and dozens of individual, civic and corporate donors, including MCI's Alumni/ae Association, raised the balance.

Before their Florida triumph, the Vocal Jazz and Instrumental Jazz Ensembles each placed third in the prestigious Berklee College of Music 34th Annual High School Jazz Festival competition in Boston in late January; MCI and Cape Elizabeth High School were the only two Maine schools which earned honors in the Berklee Festival. More than 2,500 musicians from around the Northeast participated. Recipients of the Judges Awards for Outstanding Musicianship were vocalist Lindsay DiPasquale '03 and instrumentalist Zack Sposato '02.

Four MCI students successfully auditioned for and participated in the 24-member All-State Vocal Jazz Festival in Caribou the first weekend in January: Luke Zarolinski '02, bass; Lindsay DiPasquale '03, alto; Tyler Richardson '04, bass; Kate Zarolinski '05, soprano.

Fifteen MCI students were chosen for the Kennebec Valley Honors Band and Chorus held February 1st and 2nd at Messalonskee and Mt. Blue High Schools. Participating were: Dan Gibson, Jasmine Jones, Amanda Witham, all Class of '02; Andrew Coffin, Ellen Dickinson, Danya Glabau, Karlyn Moyer, all Class of '03; David Chale, Alex Cunningham, Nicole Monk, Rachel Olivares, Tyler Richardson, Emily Wagner, Matt Welch, all Class of '04; Kate Zarolinski, Class of '05.

In November students from all over Maine auditioned for the Maine All State Band/Chorus/Orchestra and four MCI students were accepted. Danya Glabau '03, clarinet, and David Chale '04, percussion, will play in the All State Orchestra at the Festival May 23, 24 and 25 at the University of Maine. Members of the All State Band from MCI are Ellen Dickinson '03, bassoon and Karlyn Moyer '03, oboe.

Under the direction of Linda Snow, talented local music educator who joined MCI's faculty this year, the MCI Concert Choir is a 70 voice ensemble that features musicians from all over the world. The Concert Choir performed most movingly at Diversity Day, just five weeks after our nation's tragedy, singing *Seeds Grow to Plants* from *Canticle of America*.

The Choir performed during the weeks before the December holidays at school concerts. Mrs. Snow commented that a special concert highlight was *Silent Night*, sung in their native language by German students Felix Kirckfeld and Henrik Sladeczek. Currently at work on J.S. Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, in German, with the boys' help, the Concert Choir will perform the classical work at the Waterville High School Exchange Concert this spring, in a combined chorus of 140 voices.

Several choristers were chosen to participate in the Kennebec Valley Music Educators Association Honors Festival in early February at Mt. Blue High School.

Thanks to the efforts of Music Department Chair Dean Neal, the Concert Choir has been awarded a grant to obtain the services of an Artist-in-Residence to work with students on vocal techniques. In addition to annual Winter and Spring Concerts, MCI's Concert Choir will participate in the state Large Group Festival in May.

Music is just marvelous at MCI!

By Carolyn J. Smith



Drama

In mid-November, a cast of more than 40 MCI students presented the charming musical *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Directed by dynamic Deb Susi, the warm, timely and insightful production featured Assistant Director Amanda Quint '02 at Mrs. Susi's side, with Choir Director Linda Snow at the piano. Capturing the essence of the innocence and exuberance of the five year old, *All I Needed to Know...* "delivered a heartfelt perspective on everyday life and the profound echoes that reverberate through it", to quote from the director's program notes. Particularly wonderful were the numbers Yes! Of Course I Can and Reflect the Light.

This year's drama competition team will be performing "Cyrano", a sometimes drama, sometimes comedy based on the classic tale of Cyrano de Bergerac, this March. In the title role will be Luke Zarolinski, with 46 other MCI students with him on stage or behind the scenes.

Dance

The Bossov Ballet Theatre program has generated enormous interest and enthusiasm this year. The December issue of *Down East Magazine*, a well-known national publication, featured a full length article about the Bossov and how it came to MCI with the help of Col. Mike Wyly. In January another feature on the Bossov Ballet Theatre appeared in *Port City Life*, an outstanding southern Maine publication.

The dazzling holiday performances of the Nutcracker were a triumph for Andrei Bossov and his magnificently talented dancers who played to packed houses in the elegant old Waterville Opera House. Senior ballerinas Shelby Dyer as Marie and Renee Paradis as The Sugar Plum Fairy, junior Molly Gawler as the Nutcracker Doll and post grad Lee Oaklander as the Prince were exceptional in their lead roles. Earlier in the fall the Bossov Ballet Theatre had presented Peter and The Wolf and an unusual rendition of the Pink Panther for a huge Homecoming crowd. The troupe is hard at work on Romeo and Juliet and several solo pieces for spring.

By Carolyn J. Smith



Art Winter Art Show

By Rosalie Williams,
Associate Head of School

"The paintings draw me in. They make me feel like part of the picture". In these words, Molly Gawler seems to have explained the atmosphere of awed contemplation in the Ella Powell Room on the evening of the Winter Art Show presented by MCI art students and their teacher/artist Lee Harper. Clearly, the art reflected the devastation of recent months, the patriotism and unity that has resulted, and the deep desire for the security and tranquillity of natural surroundings. Linda Snow at the keyboard enhanced the overall artistry of the show.

A brief conversation with Dan Schumpert and parents gave voice to the overall feeling of students regarding the show and the art program in general. Dan, an AP art student who is applying to the Rhode Island School of Design, noted that he had two pieces in the program out of six or seven from which he could have chosen. Dan noted that he has "learned better techniques of design" from Mr. Harper and that he has developed a strong portfolio for his college application. Dan's mom pointed out that Dan's art classes have "opened a world he needed to be in." The involvement, depth of knowledge and appreciation for what being an artist truly means was clearly demonstrated in the outstanding display of student work as well as by the comments of the students themselves.

Viewers, students and their teacher were "elated" by the quality of the art and the response of the community. Each person attending had been given a ballot at the door and had been asked to select the art in each of nine categories that exhibited the highest level of creativity and technical skill. When the entire student body met for a recent morning meeting, Mr. Harper announced the results of the balloting and displayed the winning pieces. Karin Libby, one of MCI's residential directors remarked: "What a great contribution from our residential students. Overall it's beautiful, beautiful work."

The winners in each category were: Miscellaneous Realistic Images: Won Joon Lee - *Forgotten Angel*; Interpretive Works: Amanda Witham - *Eagle in the Sky*; Landscapes: Jenn Cummings - *Jardin Espanol*; Clay Pottery and Sculpture: Brandi Schissler - *Free Peace 9-11*;

Hand Made Paper: Amanda Palumbo; Prints: Joe deNatale - *Life is a Highway*;

Perspective Drawing: Sarah Alexander - *Inside*; Portraits: Won Joon Lee - *Looking at Mirror*;

Still Life: Joe deNatale - *Boot*; Best of Show: Won Joon Lee - *Forgotten Angel*.

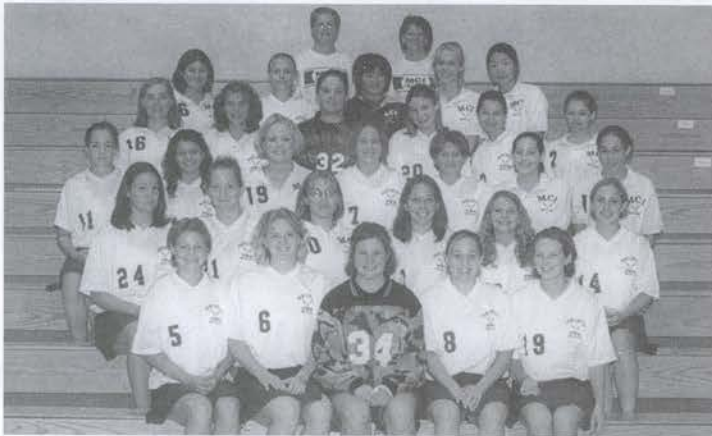


Awarded Best in Show was *Forgotten Angel* by Won Joon Lee.

Won Joon's self-portrait, *Looking at Mirror*, won first place in the Portrait category.



Fall Athlet



FIELD HOCKEY 2001

Coach Julie Treadwell, Assistant Coach Cheryl Breslin '84

Record: Won 10, Lost 7

Team Honors: Beat #1 Mt. View in the Playoffs

Individual Honors: *Amanda Quint* received the Steph Lunt 12th Player Award, *Kerri George* chosen as an All State Player. KVAC 1st Team: *Amanda Quint & Kerri George*. KVAC 2nd Team: *Meredith Susi*. KVAC All Academic Team: *Stephanie Fletcher, Meredith Susi, Katie Salisbury and Carrie Perkins*. KVAC Coaches Rookie Team: *Ashley Currier, Shylah Logiodice, and Macky Sullivan*. Most Valuable Player Award: *Meredith Susi*. Heart Award: *Amanda Quint*. Coaches Award: *Kerri George and Katie Salisbury*.

About the team... Another successful season for the field hockey team with state awards bringing it to conclusion. A senior laden team - next fall's team will not be satisfied with a building year in 2002.



FOOTBALL 2001

Head Coach Bill Cowan, Assistant Coaches, John Payelian, Mike Noonan, & Peter Snow

Record: Won 2, Lost 7

Individual Honors: Most Valuable Player: *Brian Wintle*. Most Improved Player: *Kevin Williams*. Coaches Award: *Dan Gibson and Derek Saunders*.

LTC Honors: 1st Team Defense: *Mike Broccio*. 1st Team Defense: *Lucas McGowan*. 2nd Team Defense: *Tyson Quint*. 2nd Team Defense: *Brian Wintle*. Honorable Mention Offense: *Mike Broccio, Will Kenniston, Brian Wintle, and Derek Saunders*. All Academic: *Dan Gibson, Brian Wintle and Tyson Quint*.

About the team... This year's football team had an extremely successful building season—we graduated only 6 seniors, the JV team had only 1 loss and we believe the future is bright on the gridiron.



BOYS SOCCER 2001

Coach Scott Varney '88, Assistant Coach Mike Fulling

Record: Won 3, Lost 11, Tied 1

Individual Honors: KVAC 2nd Team All Conference, *Ryan Small*. Most Valuable Player: *Ryan Small*. Most Improved Player: *Shawn Basford*. Coaches Award: *John DeRosby*. KVAC Honorable Mention: *John DeRosby and Brandon Ring*.

About the team... *Scott Varney*, girls soccer coach for 5 years, traded over to the boys program this fall knowing it would be a building year. After much individual improvement, an overtime loss ended the season in the MPA playoffs.

...this Winter

MCI has six basketball teams and wrestling, ski, cheerleading and rifle teams in competition this winter. Three members of the Rifle Team, seniors Cam Bryce, Heather McLaggan and Eric Saucier, were awarded Junior Olympic Medals at a January Morning Meeting by co-coach and Trustee Tam Bryce '71.

Highlights

by Julie Treadwell, Athletic Director

GIRLS SOCCER 2001

Coach Felipe Arias, Assistant Coach Kim Shorey'86

Record: Won 6 Lost 9

Individual Honors: KVAC All Academic Team: *Crystal Baker, Megan Ladd, and Nicole Woodworth*. KVAC Honorable Mention: *Jennifer Cummings*. KVAC 2nd Team, All Conference: *Corrie Johnson*. Most Valuable Player: *Jennifer Cummings, Jessica Thompson*. Most Improved Player: *Heidi Long*. Coaches Award: *Corrie Johnson*.

About the team... New coach Arias helped lead the girls program to a playoff game in October—losing a close game to Bucksport High School. A fairly young group of athletes warrants a bright future for this program.

GOLF 2001

Golf: Coach Mike Dugas

Record: Won 7, Lost 2

Individual Honors: *Cory McAvoy*, 10th in the Individual State Championships. KVAC All Conference Team: *Cory McAvoy*. KVAC All Academic Team: *Cory McAvoy*. Most Valuable Player: *Cory McAvoy*. Most Improved Player: *Matt Welch*. Coaches Award: *Adam Catalina*.

About the team... Not a typical season for the golf team—however, a good showing at the states for one of only 2 seniors. The golf team has a number of young golfers including freshmen who played on this season's varsity team, so the future looks great.

CHEERING 2001

Coach Crystal King '97

Individual Honors: Spirit Award: *Michelle Batchelder*

About the team... This year's fall squad was the largest in many years... these student-athletes have been working hard to build this program and it is paying off. The winter season looks better than ever due to efforts this fall.



Post Grads Post 18-2 Mark by Mid-January By Head Coach Karl Henrikson

Twenty games into the 2001-2002 season the Husky post graduate basketball team has blended nicely to achieve eighteen wins in twenty tries. The team is comprised of fifteen individuals from as far away as Orenburg, Russia and as local as Belfast, Maine. According to third year mentor Karl Henrikson, "these young men know that when talented people make sacrifices great things can happen. This understanding speaks to the future success that these young men will have when they leave MCI."

One of the sweetest wins of the eighteen came against Maine prep rival Bridgton Academy. In this contest the Huskies fell behind to the home team but persevered to outscore the Wolverines by eighteen points over the last ten minutes in earning the 91-88 victory. Leading the Huskies in this contest was the heady guard play of Dan Rumph and Martise Coleman, the electrifying athleticism of Kevin Massiah and the inside power of Jai Lewis and Luis Rosa Clemente. With a strong chance to contend for the New England prep crown the Preppers promise to have an exciting conclusion to an already successful hoops campaign.

Editor's Note: By February 15th, the post grads had a great record of 24 wins and 4 losses.



INTRAMURALS

Intramural competition this past fall featured 6 teams and forty players in flag football contests on five different Sundays. Faculty member Jason Allen is credited with the resurgence of interest in intramurals; *Turkey Bowl I*, the weekend before Thanksgiving, resulted in JD's Crew, all seniors, triumphing over the faculty. Winter intramurals, floor hockey, has so far featured fierce competition for the Josie Libby Sippy Cup by 8 teams and their 52 players. Volleyball teams later this spring will compete for the Little Brown Jug trophy.

The elated winners of Turkey Bowl I.

Down East

The Soldier and the Dancer

A Russian ballet star has put Pittsfield on the map with help from an international terrorism expert.

The intensity of Andrei Bossov's artistry is immediately apparent to his students - who now travel from all over the United States to attend his classes at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield. The executive director of Bossov's company is a retired Marine who discovered ballet between tours of duty in Vietnam.



List the top 1,000 communities in the United States most likely to host a world-class ballet school and tiny Pittsfield, Maine, doesn't even come close to making the cut.

Yet outside Maine, Pittsfield has a growing reputation as the home of Andrei Bossov, arguably the most talented male dancer ever to perform with the acclaimed Kirov Ballet Company in the former Soviet Union. His private classes and summer school draw talented and eminently serious students from all over the world, and his MCI-affiliated Bossov Ballet Theatre has attracted young men and women and their families from across the country. "I wanted the best instruction I could find," explains Ann Durham, an MCI freshman and aspiring ballerina whose parents moved to a house in Pittsfield from Richmond, Virginia, so she could study under Bossov. "Andrei is the best."

Bossov's mere presence has changed both the town and the school. The head of the emergency room at Pittsfield's Seabasticook Community Hospital, Dr. Tom Moskalewicz, originally moved to the community so his daughter could study at MCI with Bossov. Enthusiastic residents turn out by the dozens to help with costumes, sets, and stagecraft for Bossov Ballet productions, including this month's performances of *The Nutcracker* at the Waterville Opera House. Maine Central Institute finds itself shedding its traditional jock image in favor of a new reputation as a school with one of the best arts curriculums in the Northeast, a school that now produces talented musicians, actors, and dancers as well as gifted science and math graduates, all of whom routinely go on to some of the best colleges and universities in the nation.

In 1992, after eighteen years as principal dancer with the Kirov Ballet, Bossov was nearing forty and crafting a

future off the stage as a teacher, director, and choreographer. Meanwhile, the old Soviet Union was collapsing and with it, the Kirov's lavish budget. Russian ballet artists were in demand all over the world, and suddenly they were free to explore new opportunities outside the USSR.

Bossov was lured to Waterville, Maine, by the chance to start his own dance company backed by some ambitious locals. Ultimately that deal fell apart two years later, but not before Michael Wyly's younger daughter, Summer, had started taking lessons with Bossov. "I remember, after the first lesson, Andrei came up to me and said, 'Give me your daughter for seven years and I can make her a ballerina' ", Colonel Wyly remembers with a smile.

With Bossov's school on the verge of closing, Wyly volunteered to become executive director of the ballet. He essentially rebuilt the organization from scratch, incorporating it as a nonprofit company and putting together a new board of directors made up almost exclusively of current and former Marines, including former Secretary of the Navy and prolific military author James Webb, who served under Wyly in Vietnam. He found a home for Bossov and his ballet company first at Colby College in Waterville and then in 1997 at MCI, which was in the middle of redefining itself and its educational mission, according to Head of School Douglas Cummings.

Maine Central Institute is one of a dozen or so hybrid high schools in Maine. It is privately owned and operated, with a population of boarding students who come from sixteen countries and an equal number of states, yet also serves as the local high school for some 400 Pittsfield-area students. "In 1996 we had a boarding population of more than a hundred students," Doug Cummings, Head

of School, explains.

The next year MCI cut its boarding population almost in half when it terminated its post-grad football program, and in the years since it has gradually rebuilt its numbers with students whose interests range from science to *Swan Lake*. A new mathematics and science building was built, an award-winning music program grew to involve almost 150 students, and the Bossov Ballet Theatre arrived. The ballet program now has thirteen full-time MCI students enrolled. Another seventy youths and adults take evening and weekend classes from Bossov, plus he runs a five-week summer camp as well as a performing company. Along the way, Maine Central Institute made some interesting observations about synergy.

"Andrei gives us a level of instruction in dance that is international caliber," Cummings points out, "and he attracts students who are tops in both dance and academics. Our valedictorian last spring, Risha Moskalewicz, came here from Virginia to study with Andrei."

Freshman Michael Dunsmore, of Anchorage, Alaska, enrolled at MCI after looking at ballet programs all over the country, including New York City and Washington, D.C. "I was looking for a ballet high school to attend," Dunsmore explains. "But most don't have a strong academic program, and none of them had Andrei Bossov. This place has it all."

"The ballet company has certainly brought some fine people to town," adds D. Dwight Dogherty, Pittsfield's town manager, including doctors, investment counselors, and land-use experts. "It's been a very positive influence, as well as an unusual opportunity for the community. And Bossov gives us something no other town this size in the country has."

Jeff Clark

Excerpts from the article entitled The Soldier and the Dancer which appeared in the December 2001 issue of Down East The Magazine of Maine are reprinted with permission of Down East Magazine, Rockport, Maine. All rights are reserved by Down East Magazine.

(Detach, stamp, fold, seal with tape and mail)

Maine Central Institute
EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION 2002
Cruising with the Huskies

SILENT AUCTION BID FORM

Please enter your competitive bid, for each item in which you are interested, on the Silent Auction Bid Form, detach form, affix stamp, fold and mail. Form may also be faxed to 207-487-3512. Your bids may be called into 207-487-5915 or e-mailed to cengstrom@mci-school.org.

All Silent Auction bids must be received no later than Friday, May 10, 2002. Silent Auction bids will be opened at 7:00 P.M. Saturday, May 11, during the Annual Auction. All Silent Auction bids are confidential. Item winners will be phoned Sunday, May 12, 2002 if they are unable to attend the Annual Dinner Auction. Shipping, if necessary, is the responsibility of the successful bidder.

- Item 1: Watercolor Painting by David Silsby '49
Value: \$1,000.00 BID: \$ _____
- Item 2: MCI Commemorative Clock
Value: \$350.00 BID: \$ _____
- Item 3: MCI Commemorative Chair
Value: \$450.00 BID: \$ _____
- Item 4: Victory Chimes Cruise Gift Certificate
Value: \$525.00 BID: \$ _____
- Item 5: Pair of Old Town "Otter" Kayaks
Value: \$500.00 BID: \$ _____
- Item 6: Computer
Value: \$799.00 BID: \$ _____
- Item 7: Deluxe Two Nights at Harraseeket Inn
Value: \$ 600.00 BID: \$ _____
- Item 8: Eight North Country Rafting Trips
Value: \$ 792.00 BID: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number w/area code: _____

(Detach, mail in an envelope with your check)

REUNION 2002 REPLY
reply

Reservations must be postmarked by Monday, June 3, 2002. Please return your reply, along with your payment to: MCI, Alumni/ae and Development Office, 125 South Main Street, Pittsfield, Maine 04967. Please be sure to fill in all areas of the registration form.

Name _____ Class Year _____

Spouse/Guest name _____

Reunion 2002 Fees

Banquet Reservation:
☐ (\$15 per person)\$ _____

Indoor and Outdoor Evening Entertainment
and Barbecue at J.W. Parks Golf Course
☐ (\$15 per person).....\$ _____
Total Registration.....\$ _____

☐ I would like to make a tax-deductible gift, as a member of
the class of _____, to MCI's Annual Fund.

Class of 1952 Challenge
☐ I would like to make a gift of \$ _____ to the Capital
Campaign to name a classroom in honor of the Class of 1952.

Class of 1962 Challenge
☐ I would like to make a gift of \$ _____ to the Capital
Campaign to name a classroom in honor of the Class of 1962.

Total amount enclosed:\$ _____

(Please make check payable to Maine Central Institute)

Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard
Exp Date _____

Account No. _____

Signature _____

Off Campus Accommodations:

There are several hotels and motels in the surrounding areas. Reservations at any of these establishments is entirely up to the alumni making the reservation. Please call the Alumni/ae and Development Office for a listing of local accommodations.

Questions? Contact the Alumni/ae and Development Office between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 207-487-5915. Our fax number is 207-487-3512. Our e-mail is alumni@mci-school.org



Founders Hall in Winter

David Silsby '49



MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE

125 SOUTH MAIN STREET

PITTSFIELD, MAINE 04967

www.mci-school.org

Address Service Requested

Nonprofit
Organization
U.S. Postage

PAID

Permit No. 99
Portland, ME

If there is an error in your address, please accept our apology. We request you notify the Alumni Office of any changes. Thank you.