

A Newsletter for Parents & Friends

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GHLIGHT

SUMMER 2000

Sue Norris '73 retires from teaching this year as her 2nd grade class from 1990 graduates. Her memories of them are vivid. The youth of Pittsfield will truly miss her radiant smiles in the classroom.

The Class of 2000 with their second grade teacher Sue Smith Norris '73

, Trustee Sue Norris '73

By Carolyn J. Smith, Director of Development

In mid-June 1990, local second grade teacher Sue Norris asked her students to write brief essays about what they wanted to be when they grew up and to draw a picture of themselves as they looked that very day. The first day of school in the fall she had asked them to draw their self-portraits; when she showed these 'beginning-of-school' pictures to her students nine months later on the last day of school in June they hardly recognized themselves.

Sue recognizes her students even now and she was delighted to pose for the Highlights cover photo with them at their graduation. Members of MCI's Class of 2000, Rusty Connors, Stephen Allen, Ian Wright, Trapper Robitaille, Crystal Bradbury, Shelby Seekins, Kate Saucier, Jessica Shaw, Corey Smith, Haley Bickford, Jamie St. Clair and Tim Riley were dressed in their caps and gowns, almost ready to begin their stately march to adulthood. On the steps of Founders Hall, they surrounded their beloved teacher excitedly and, despite being grown up and soon-to-be high school graduates, they each somehow echoed the little people they had been.

Sue, who retired from teaching this June, commented about why she has always chosen to teach at this grade level. "Little second graders still love school, they are enthusiastic and eager and they truly want to learn. At this age they haven't yet been touched by peer pressure and they still have that lovely innocence even as they begin to exhibit independence. They no longer need the teacher to tie their shoes or zip their coats. They believe everything the teacher says and, in second grade, they are not embarrassed by hugs."

Her memories of her 1990 students are vivid: the red wagon brigade, led by Shelby Seekins, which collected recycled newspapers all over town before the field

The Class of 2000 - "The Way They\_Were" in second grade.

VICKERY SCHOOL Pittsfield, Maine

1989-90

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Sue with her current crop of second graders the Class of 2010 - this past May.

# and the Class of 2000



trip to the dump, which the kids thought was really impressive; Jamie St. Clair's perfect penmanship; Tim Riley's letter to her (five years later when he was a seventh grader at Warsaw) about how he had enjoyed her readings of the Laura Engalls Wilder stories to the class; what a wonderful helper Rusty Connors always was in the classroom; the Thanksgiving dinner with butter hand-shaken by grubby little fingers to accompany the turkey baked in the microwave Mrs. Norris lugged to class. Quiet as a sevenyear-old, Ian Wright talked recently with Thanksgiving 1989 in Mrs. Norris' class.

Sue Norris and she was impressed with how outgoing he has become.

Little did those students know that their beloved teacher Mrs. Norris would carefully file away those letters, their pictures and her memories of their wonderful second grade year at Vickery Elementary School. For the graduation day photo, Tim Riley came prepared with the very same composition he'd written on pink construction paper way back in 1990. Because, you see, Mrs. Norris had saved their little essays and all sorts of mementos of their second grade years and had mailed these, just days before their graduation, to those children she had taught so long ago.

What has Sue Norris loved most about being a second grade teacher? "I couldn't ever have a bad day. When I walked into the classroom each morning I was greeted by 20 bright smiles." Having watched Sue Norris with her current crop of second graders, I am quite sure the kids have always been dazzled in return by her radiant smile! The next generation of Pittsfield youngsters will truly miss Mrs. Norris!

*Sue Norris '73 was inducted into MCI's Hall of Fame in 1998.* 



### Let's Remember ....

Please share with us your memories about Maine Central Institute. Eight to ten essays of recollection will be selected and published in either the Alumnus or Highlights during the next year. Tell us what life was like here in the 30's, the 40's, the 50's, and more recently. Share your thoughts and treasured photographs - we promise to return them promptly.

All of the essays we receive will be compiled in notebooks to be available at Reunion 2001.

The Development and Alumni Offices

# The New Century First Graduates: The

Sehind Class Marshalls Hilary Leigh Cofer and Eletherios Minos, 106 members of Maine Central Institute's Class of 2000 marched with perfect precision to the stately sounds of *Pomp and Circumstance* down the grassy aisle, between rows filled with hundreds of parents, relatives and friends, to their Commencement on Sunday, June 4.

Head of School Douglas C. Cummings was joined on the dais by the Academic Honor Parts participants, Valedictorian Emily Collier, Salutatorian and Chaplain Christina Moyer and the Honor Essayists Kyle Crabtree, Ethan Ross and Hillary Stevens. Also on stage were President of MCI's Board of Trustees Michael J. Fendler '70, whose daughter Abigail was among the graduates, and Paul Bertrand '59, the speaker for the school's 131st Commencement, as well as class advisors Ronald Bessey '62 and Joseph Veilleux.

The motto of the Class of 2000 is appropriate to the millennial year: "If there were ever a time to dream, to make a difference, to embark on something worth doing, it is now." Officers of the Class of 2000 are: Marc Gray, President; Suzana Gustin, Vice President; Christopher Lowe, Treasurer; Russell Connors, Secretary.

Under a cloudy sky, eight colorful flags, representing the graduates' nations, flew in the wind -The United States, Korea, Russia, Greece, Japan, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia and Bermuda - while overhead drifted the occasional bright-hued parachutes of sky-divers during the ceremony.

Head of School Doug Cummings presented the Commencement awards and assisted Board President Michael Fendler with the presentations of diplomas. Before the awarding of diplomas, Mr. Cummings announced a number of prizes, scholarships and awards. A total of 115 awards were given to 43 seniors at Senior Chapel and at Commencement.

**Emily Collier**, Valedictorian at Maine Central Institute's Class of 2000 Commencement, received a special award at Sunday's graduation ceremonies. Aaron Basco, Associate Director of Admission of Rivier College in

Head of School Douglas C . Cummings addressing the graduates.

## Class of 2000



Valedictorian Emily Collier receiving the Rivier College Founders Scholarship from one of the college administrators.

Nashua, New Hampshire, which Emily will attend in the fall, came to the podium to present Emily with the very first Rivier College Founders Scholarship. The award, which carries with it over \$85,000 in scholarships for tuition, room and board, was given to Emily because she is a National Merit Finalist and because her moral character and academic excellence exemplify the qualities most valued by Rivier College's mission. Emily was selected as one of twelve freshmen for the college's prestigious Honors Program; she will major in math education.

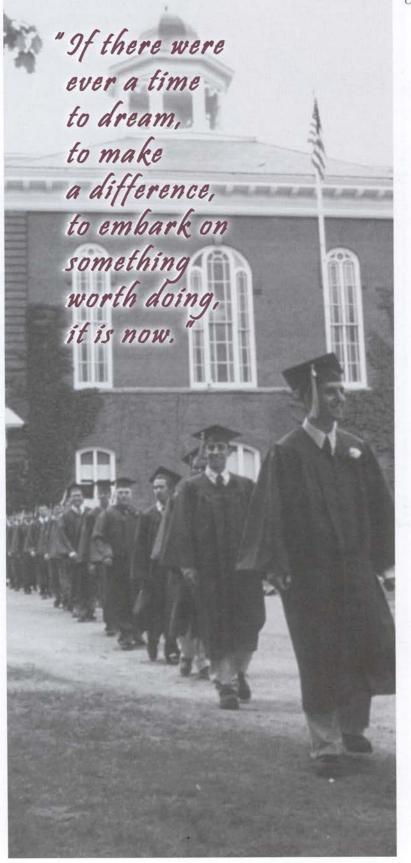
Emily, the daughter of Russ and Terry Collier of Pittsfield, was elected to National Honor Society her sophomore year and she consistently achieved Highest Honors since entering MCI in ninth grade. Emily has participated in the Math Team and Key Club at MCI. She received numerous honors for her academic achievements and, at graduation, was awarded the Paul Legge Physics Award, the George M. Parks Award, the Hazel M. and Maurice L. Earle Memorial Scholarship, the MCI Key Club Scholarship and the Elizabeth Crocker Memorial Scholarship.

Christina Moyer, Salutatorian of the MCI's Class of 2000, is the daughter of Norman and Martha Moyer of Pittsfield. Recently named a National Merit Scholar, Christina will receive a National Merit Scholarship for full undergraduate tuition costs at the college of her choice; she will be attending Messiah College in the fall. The National Merit Scholarship competition is extremely rigorous and the number of awards available each year is limited. Winners of about

## GRADUATES

Stephen Marcus Allen Robert Allen Bane **Cass Barnes** Hassan Ismat Batterjee Cassandra Nicole Bell Hayley Marie Bickford Heather Ann Blomgren Katie Jean Booth Crystal Lee Bradbury Shawn Leo Vincent Albert Brangman Earl Clavton Bryant Travis Carroll Bubar James Caron Butler Darcie Lee Carter Randy Lee Chase II Becca Ryan Cianchette Hilary Leigh Cofer Emily Anne Collier Russell Frederick Connors Kyle Everett Crabtree Brian S. Craigue Daniel Paul Davis Alex Charles Duso Abagail Loveitt Fendler Simon Charles Fitts Amanda A.B. Foss Ivan Eugenievich Frolov Andrew Mark Getchell Steven Ernest Getchell Scott Joseph Giallombardo Peter Alexander Gilbert Michael Allan Goldman Marc Robert Grav Tasha Lynn Grav Suzana Joy Gustin Faith Dawn Harris William Angelo Hayes David Michael Henry Sara Sue Hewins William Galen Holmes Chu-Chun Hsiao Jessica Ann Huff Katherine Lvn Hume Daniel Steven Hunt Isaiah Corneilus Johnson Seth Michael Johnson Seung-Hvun Jung Keiichi Kawase Aaron David Kerr Joshua Michael King Ikumi Kim Kunisaki Rho-Gye Kwak Rho-Ik Kwak Justin Loring Ladd Yun-Fang Lai Lien-Ming Liu Christopher Edward Lowe Courtney Lee Marble Allen Morice Barrett Mason

Alyssa Jeanmarie McElroy James Andrew McGinnis Brooke Ann McGowan **Eletherios Minas** Rebecca Elaine Mitchell Christina Clara Mover Jessica Lynn Muise Jenna Caroline Murdock Nozomi Nakamura Nicole Star Neal Takamitsu Oishi Stephanie Nicole Owens Jun-Kyu Park Ronald Harvey Patterson II Charles Arthur Penney Sadie Carrie Perkins Robert James Pleasanton Shannon Katleen Post **Julie Ann Rand** Paul Joseph Rave Tae Min Rho Michael Kenneth Rhodes Joshua Robert Richardson Timothy E. Rilev Dana L. Robison Trapper Edwin Robitaille Ethan Michael Ross Kevin Peter Salaoutis Israel Tyme SanFilippo Katrina Sara Saucier Shelby Pauline Seekins Tarik Akil Serville Jessica Lynn Shaw Ivan Sergeevich Skoblikov Corey Smith Dwayne Tyrone Smith Kevin Edwin Smith Nichole Lynn Smith Young-Sang Sohn Shaun David Souza Tamara M. Spencer Jamie Kathleen St. Clair Natacha May Stedman Hillary Paige Stevens Jason David Taylor Calvin Teixeira Michael Allen Thompson Mavuko Toriumi Erin Elaine Trask Derreck William Vance Shane Anthony Wagner Christina Robin Walker Jennifer Rebecca Williams Shawn Michael Williams Ian Jesse Wright Summer Angelique Wyly Suk-Hyun Yoon Yeun Hoon You



Class of 2000 continued ...

7,700 Merit Scholarship awards were chosen from the group of approximately 15,000 distinguished National Merit Finalists. More than one million students entered the year 2000 National Merit Program.

At Commencement, Christina was awarded the 2000 Faculty Cup, for demonstrating the highest qualities of character, leadership and involvement in school activities. She also received the John Slagle Humanities Award; the MCI Mathematics Award; the Ruth Plummer Cook Music Award; the Norval B. Lewis English Award; the George Damren Memorial Scholarship and the CLMB Foundation Scholarship. Active in MCI's music program, Christina has been a member of the Jazz Chorus, Jazz Band and Jazz Combo. Elected to National Honor Society her junior year, Christina has achieved Highest Honors all four years she's attended MCI and has been a member of the Math Team, the Book Discussion Group since ninth grade and the tennis team for four years. She was selected to attend the Haystack Young Writers Conference her junior year.

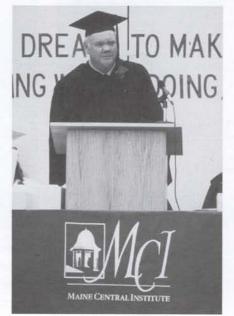
Recipient of the 2000 Masters Cup because he best represents the ideals of the school in outstanding character, leadership, loyalty, athletics and school spirit was Ethan Ross, son of David and Tracye Caldwell Fortin '81 of Pittsfield. President of Student Council this year, Ethan received the Student Council Scholarship, the John Slagle Humanities Award, the Roderic Smith Basketball Award, the MCI Alumni Association Scholarship, the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, the Wright Family Scholarship and the Sebasticook Valley Hospital Auxiliary Award. Vice president of the National Honor Society, captain of the basketball team, recipient of the Principals' Leadership Scholarship and Maine delegate to the World Leadership Conference, Ethan will attend the University of Tampa to study pre-medicine.

The Ron Rogerson Award is given in memory of a man who made the very best of what he had been blessed with; Rogerson was head football coach at Princeton from 1984 to 1987. This award, which is a tribute to Ron Rogerson's motivation, his inspiration of others, his pride and loyalty was given to Elitherios Minas, because he has exhibited all of these characteristics. Elitherios, son of Mrs. Fani Ferris of Pittsfield, also received the Richie Under a cloudy sky, eight colorful flags, representing the graduates' nations, flew in the wind -The United States, Korea, Russia, Greece, Japan, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia and Bermuda - while overhead drifted the occasional bright-hued parachutes of sky-divers during the ceremony.

McCorkill Memorial Scholarship, the Elks Lodge #2713 Scholarship and the Ira Berry Chapter #57 Royal Arch Mason Award. A Commencement Marshall, Elitherios participated in a number of sports and was on Student Council for two years. He will be attending Eastern Maine Technical College.

The Margaret Witham Challenge Cup, given to the senior who best demonstrates the ideals of setting high goals and challenging himself to fulfill them, was awarded to Daniel Davis. Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davis of Orrington, also received the Bertha Wheeler Carter Memorial Scholarship. A native of Ethiopia, Daniel has overcome many challenges and obstacles. Orphaned at a young age, probably about age seven, Danny began fending for himself and was homeless and alone until he persuaded an American adoption agency representative to send him, an older child, not a more adoptable infant, to the United States. He entered middle school in Orrington for the first formal education he'd ever received. His incredible determination, dedication and drive to succeed in life led him to MCI and on to Champlain College where he will matriculate as a freshman in the fall.

The Dean's Award recognizes that residential student who has exemplified the highest qualities of scholastic effort, leadership, citizenship and service, as well as a strong commitment to succeed. The recipient of this award, highly respected by his classmates, the faculty and the community, was Yeun-Hoon You,



Paul Bertrand '59 ~ Graduation Speaker.



Board President, Michael Fendler '70 presenting a diploma.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Sang You of Korea. At MCI Hoon voluntarily served as mentor to the younger Korean students who were new to MCI. To ensure their smooth transition he gave up much of his free time to answer their questions and help them adjust. He participated in track and soccer and was a

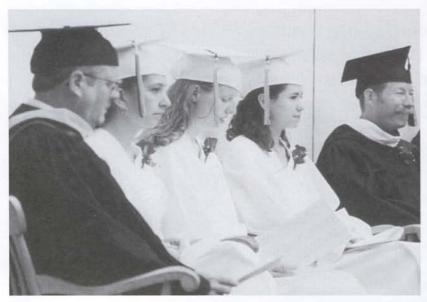
member of the Math Team and Dorm Council. Hoon will attend the University of Indiana.

Kyle Crabtree, First Honor Essavist of the Class of 2000, was the recipient of the Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship, which is given annually to 160 graduating seniors in Maine who will attend Maine colleges. The Mitchell Institute awards scholarships to students in which it recognizes great potential. Kyle received the award for his academic performance and potential, his community service and for demonstrated financial need. At MCI, Kyle achieved Highest Honors for all four years and he was named to National Honor Society his junior year. Kyle was the recipient of the Maine Scholars Achievement Award and First Place Manson Essay Contest winner his junior year. At MCI's Sunday ceremony, Kyle also received the Rosalie Williams Speaking Award, the Myrtle Main Sherman French Award, the Pride Manufacturing Business Scholarship and the Skowhegan Savings Bank Business Scholarship. Son of Ted and Brenda Crabtree of Pittsfield, Kyle will be attending the University of Maine this fall.

Hillary Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stevens of Pittsfield, was the Third Honor Essayist. At graduation she received the Malaka Russell Field Hockey Award and Pride Manufacturing Merit Scholarship. A member of the Math Team since her freshman year, she was Secretary of MCI's National Honor Society and of Student Council her senior year. Active in music, drama and athletics, Hillary was a High Honors

student all four years. She will attend Elmira College next year.

Cass Barnes, daughter of Ms. Diana Sampson of Pittsfield, was named Athlete of the Year and also received the Iva Cregnole Softball Award, the Edna Reed Scholarship from the Pittsfield Tuesday Club and the Pittsfield Kiwanis Ideal Award.



Above: Class Advisor Joseph Veilleux, left, with Hillary Stevens, Christina Moyer, Emily Collier and Board President Michael Fendler '70. **Right:** Abby Fendler, right smiles at Mayuko Toriumi as she admires her diploma.

Class of 2000 continued...

Cass participated in soccer and ski team at MCI, attended Girls State, was a Manson Essayist and was a member of the National Honor Society. Cass will be attending Bryn Mawr College this fall.

Scott Giallombardo, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eric Giallombardo of Pittsfield, was named Athlete of the Year and received the Gladys Gleason Award, the Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Nash Scholarship, the Christopher Dionne Basketball Scholarship, and the Masons Grand Lodge of Maine Award. A member of National Honor Society, Scott participated in baseball, soccer and basketball. Scott will attend the University of Maine at Farmington.

Justin Ladd received a number of awards at Commencement including the Gary S. Deupill Sportsmanship Award, the Tilson D. Thomas Scholarship, the SAD 53 Association (Sons/Daughters) Award, the Pride Manufacturing and Maine State Golf Scholarships and the Wright Family Scholarship. A member of National Honor Society, Justin was very active in music and athletics at MCI. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Ladd of Pittsfield, Justin will attend the University of New England.

Michael Thompson, son of Ken and Peggy Thompson of Pittsfield, was the recipient of the MCI Coaches' Award, the Ruth Plummer Cook Music Award, the Promise Award, the Hazel and Maurice Earle Integrity Scholarship, the Student Council Scholarship, the W. Howard Niblock Scholarship, the Wright Family Scholarship, the MCI Drama Award and the Burns W. Knowlton, Jr. American Legion Scholarship at Commencement. Active in music, athletics and drama, Michael served as Vice President of the Student Council, was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Maine Principal's Award. He has deferred his enrollment at Franklin Pierce College for a year; he will be joining the Air National Guard this summer.



**Russell Connors** received the MCI Citizenship Award and MCI Key Club Scholarship, as well as the Husson Medal and the Wright Family Scholarship. A member of the National Honor Society, he was Treasurer of the Senior Class and active in basketball, Yearbook, Student Council and Key Club. Rusty and his partner Christopher Lowe earned first place honors for their outstanding senior project - a 164 page Website for Maine Central Institute. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Connors of Pittsfield, Rusty will attend Husson College.

Shannon Post, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Post of Pittsfield, is one of MCI's top ten students scholastically. She received the Frank T. Haseltine Biology Award, the Cook Music Fund Award and the Wright Family Scholarship. She participated in track, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the chorus and was a member of the Civil Rights Club. Shannon will enroll at College of the Atlantic.

Katrina Saucier, also one of MCI's top ten scholars, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Saucier of Pittsfield. At Commencement she received the Tammy Bodwell Memorial Scholarship. Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Katrina was selected to attend Girls State. She participated for four years in soccer, skiing and softball. Active in the Drama Club since her freshman year, she also participated in French Club the past two years. Katrina will attend the University of Maine.

Jennifer Williams, daughter of Ms. Rebecca Williams of Pittsfield, received the Masons Grand Lodge of Maine Award and the Pittsfield Kiwanis Scholarship. One of the top ten scholars, she was a member of the National Honor society. Jennifer participated in soccer and gymnastics, French Club and Math Team. In the fall she will enroll at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



## MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE Commencement 2000 Awards

#### SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD

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Betty Webber Human Development Award	Haley Bickford
Dale McDonald Baseball Award	Israel SanFilippo
Jill Quint English Award	Tarik Seville
John Slagle Soccer Award	Shaun Souza
Mark Porter Memorial Award	Stephen Allen
Sanger Cook Track Award	Robert Pleasanto
George M. Parks Award (Junior)	Rachel Fendler
Hazel and Maurice Earl Integrity Scholarship	Jennifer McKenz
MCI History Award	Jennifer McKenz
Detroit Fire Department and Auxiliary Memorial Scholarship	Sadie Perkins
	Jessica Shaw
Detroit Good Cheer Club	Sadie Perkins
Donald M. Billings Memorial Scholarship	Jamie St. Clair
Mabel S. Andrew Scholarship	Aimee Young
Pittsfield Kiwanis Ideal Awards	Marc Gray
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire Department	Earl Bryant
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire Department	Darcie Carter
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire Department	William Holmes
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire Department	Peter Gilbert
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire Department	Tim Riley
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire Department	Ian Wright

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COLUMN AND IN COLUMN	Earl Bryant	\$100
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#### SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD RECIPIENT AMOUNT Rodney Johonnet Scholarship Mayuko Toriumi \$100 Burnham Extension Scholarship Dana Robison \$150 Robert H. Libby Scholarship Rebecca Mitchell \$150 **Christopher** Dionne Memorial Scholarship Israel SanFilippo \$200 Pittsfield Grange Scholarship Becca Cianchette \$200 Pittsfield Grange Scholarship Sadie Perkins \$200 **Beth Hathaway Memorial Scholarship** Becca Cianchette \$250 Hancock Lumber Scholarship Jamie St. Clair \$250 SAD 53 Association Robert Pleasanton \$250 SAD 53 Association Alyssa McElroy \$250 Gordon Construction **Corporation Scholarship** Becca Cianchette \$300 Night Drifters Snowmobile **Club Scholarship** Jessica Shaw \$300 Pittsfield Arts Club Scholarship Shaun Souza \$300 MCI Dean's Residential Leadership Award **Kevin Smith** \$380 MCI Football **Boosters Scholarship** Stephen Allen \$400 **Robbie Tibbetts Memorial Scholarship** Nicole Smith \$500 C.M. Almy and Son Scholarship Jamie St. Clair \$500 Pittsfield Kiwanis Scholarships Sadie Perkins Pittsfield Kiwanis Scholarships Becca Cianchette **Pride Manufacturing**

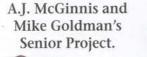
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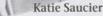
**Timothy Riley** \$1,000 Stephanie Owens \$1,000

# A TRULY UNIQUE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT Senior Projects!











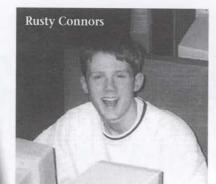
n a pretty evening in late May, a number of people were clustered around a bright royal blue tent canopy in front of Parks Gymnasium for the first of the six best Senior Project presentations of 2000.

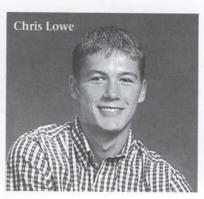
Under the fluttering edge of the canopy was an equally bright royal blue and very shiny senior project - a Pro Am stock car! A.J. McGinnis and Mike Goldman proudly discussed the lengthy process they had undertaken to construct the fiber glass chassis and connect the mechanicals of the dazzling car on display. Their presentation was complete with photographs of the car-in-progress and informative discussions about why a stock car must be constructed as it is.

Seth Johnson's senior project centered on his job shadowing of the school's athletic trainer, Kari Vanadestine, and learning all he could about the anterior cruciate ligament. Seth's presentation was complete with a demonstration of the testing done to determine if a person's anterior cruciate ligament has torn or been damaged. He examined "patient" Mike Thompson's knee most competently.

The presentation of "Sweet Revenge", a novel by Kyle Crabtree, featured a colorful and intriguing cover. Kyle spoke at length about the creative process and the complexities of developing and maintaining a plot. His nearly-45 minute discussion included comments about the development of characters and how these led to some of his very original plot twists.

Katie Saucier's rendering of a new performing arts center for MCI was an excellent example of her spoken rationale for designing the building as she had. The reasoning behind her placement of rehearsal spaces in a performing arts building, for example, was very sound, pun intended. Noise pollution would not be a problem in the building she so clearly envisions. She even





Each graduating senior at MCI must complete a senior project in the final weeks before graduation. The process, which involves a written proposal, daily logs and weekly journal entries, is an arduous and valuable one, for, in many cases, the student is exploring a subject of interest that could conceivably become his or her life's work. The range of topics is extremely broad.

Judging of the oral presentations is stringent; delivery, organization/preparation, content and response to any questions are the main criteria. The presentations by the nine finalists were particularly noteworthy in their spoken delivery. Each student was extremely poised, confident and controlled. They conveyed conviction and excitement, maintained significant eye contact, projected their voices extremely well and spoke with measured rates of delivery. They were interesting and sincere, they were prepared and polished, they were commanding and concise. Each of the nine was organized and focused and informed.

Very few schools undertake such a strenuous and time-consuming graduation requirement. Maine Central Institute is to be highly commended for requiring such an ambitious and valuable experience for each of its graduating students!

~ Carolyn J. Smith

Summer Wyly and Hilary Cofer

went so far as to suggest the proper campus placement for a new building such as this one.

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Maine Central Institute

Oh, those dancing feet of Hilary Cofer's and Summer Wyly's were wonderful! Although the girls usually concentrate on serious ballet, they decided to learn something very, very different. In traditional black tails, the girls moved in astonishingly perfect precision to the music they chose. Both spoke of the unexpected difficulties in choreographing a dance sequence in a medium so unfamiliar to Summer, especially. Sometimes hours of diligent practice would result in only a few seconds of performance material.

Rusty Connors and Chris Lowe chose to collaborate on a joint project which was an amazing 164 pages of a beautifully researched and presented MCI Website. They took turns describing the process of its development. The Connors-Lowe Website project showcased the various buildings on campus; the boys photographed the campus areas with a digital camera. Athletics were most comprehensively covered as were the various clubs and organizations of the school. The Website senior project was judged the most outstanding of the Class of 2000 presentations. In fact, Buck LeVallee-Davidson, Director of Information Systems, and Carolyn Smith, Director of Development, want to use parts of Rusty's and Chris's project on the official MCI Website.



# National Honor Society Inducts 43 Outstanding New Members



Self-portrait by Rusty Connors '00, member of the National Honor Society.



1999-2000 National Honor Society.

In the National Honor Society induction ceremony Tuesday, May 30, 2000, the 18 seniors and 13 juniors who are current members of the prestigious honor organization tapped one senior, 8 juniors and 34 sophomores for membership in the 2000-2001 society at MCI. To be eligible for membership a student must exhibit outstanding scholarship and exceptional qualities of leadership, character and service to others.

The 1999-2000 President, Cass Barnes, spoke about scholarship and the necessary commitment to learning. "We must continue to learn even when formal education has ended, for education ends only with life." Ethan Ross, Vice President, commented on leadership and that the price of leadership is sacrifice - the willingness to yield one's personal interests for the interests of others. Speaking about service, Treasurer Katrina Saucier explained that it requires the willingness to work without monetary compensation or without recognition for the benefit of those in need. Secretary Hillary Stevens talked about character and how National Honor Society members must demonstrate such qualities as reliability, honesty and sincerity in order to prove by example that character is valued.

Other current active members of the National Honor Society at MCI are seniors Hilary Cofer, Rusty Connors, Emily Collier, Kyle Crabtree, Abigail Fendler, Marc Gray, Scott Giallombardo, Justin Ladd, Christina Moyer, Joshua Richardson, Michael Thompson, Erin Trask, Jennifer Williams and Summer Wyly. NHS juniors are Katherine Adams, Elizabeth Allen, Daron Caraballo, Jason Cook, Rachel Fendler, Tyler Inman, Mariel Lancaster, Mitchell Mailman, Timothy Monk, Risha Moskalewicz, Micah O'Brien, Laura Perry and Cecelia Royal.

All senior members of MCI's National Honor Society have, this year, continued to meet the rigorous NHS selection criteria, demonstrating academic excellence and continuing evidence of character, leadership and service; they were all awarded tassels in recognition of their achievements at the May 30 ceremony which they proudly wore at graduation the following Sunday. Newly inducted senior Stephanie Owens was also awarded a NHS graduation tassel.

Students inducted at the May 30 ceremony included: Senior Stephanie Owens; Juniors: Heather Campbell, Jenny Derosby, Christopher Gerry, Benjamin Hall, Casseopia Sullivan, Michael Susi, Amanda Trombley, Steven Weeman; Sophomores: Heidi Andrews, Jeremiah Adam, Crystal Baker, Sarah Berryman, Cameron Bryce, Jennifer Cummings, Shelby Dyer, Erin Fitts, Stephanie Fletcher, Elizabeth Fraser, Daniel Gibson, Colin Hubbard, Corrie Johnson, Jasmine Jones, Amy Knowlton, Megan Ladd, Richard MacDaid, Heather McLaggan, Alisa Melvin, Lucy Orloski, Renee Paradis, Carrie Perkins, Laura Robison, Katie Salisbury, Eric Saucier, Danielle Scribner, Andrew St. Clair, Meredith Susi, Jessica Thompson, Lindsey White, Kelly Williams, Brian Wintle, Nicole Woodworth, Luke Zarolinski.

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MCI's National Honor Society chapter advisor is Mr. Ronald Bessey, '62.

~ Carolyn J. Smith



# *The Golden Apples....* Appropriate Tributes

At a sumptuous early morning breakfast June 14 eleven golden apples shone on the head table. A number of veteran teachers were presented the lovely mementos as tributes to their years of dedicated service to Maine Central Institute. Presenters Doug Cummings, Rosalie Williams, Julie Treadwell and John Marquis spoke glowingly of the honorees' loyalty, dedication and outstanding contributions to the life of our school community.

For her twenty years of truly meritorious service to Maine Central Institute, Tanya Kingsbury was loudly applauded by all in attendance. "One of the most highly respected and seasoned teachers at MCI, Tanya is adored by her students", commented a senior faculty member. Head of the Foreign Language Department for 19 years and advisor to the Student Council since 1996, Tanya has taught Spanish

Honored for five years of dedicated service were: Kenneth Brown, dorm parent and academic block teacher; Sandra Gerry, maintenance; Dena Hall, Business Office; Philip Hendricks, humanitieshistory instructor and Rowe Hall residential supervisor; Peter Oliver, ESL teacher; Sharon Barker, educational technician in the special education department.

Praised for their ten years of meritorious service were Debra Billings, Registrar, Ann Kondax, Department Chair of Special Education and instructor in that department and Dean Neal, Music Department Chair and instrumental instructor/band director.

Fifteen year veteran Anne Miller's many contributions to MCI were extolled; she is now the Powell Library's media specialist. During her many years at the school, Anne has taught Humanities-English, been Director of the Public Speaking Program, advisor to the Scott High-Q Program and a residential parent and ski coach.



*Twenty-year veteran teacher Tanya Kingsbury leading the faculty procession at Graduation 2000.* 

since coming to MCI. Her first year at the school Tanya was the dorm head of Alumni Hall, where she continued for five years. Her son Nathan, Class of 2001, was born the second year of his mother's residency in the dorm and he loved the "dorm grills" who were his other "mothers". Tanya's daughter Teresa is a member of the Class of 2003.

Tanya is currently planning her eighth trip abroad for her Spanish students. Her first chaperoning adventure was to Puerto Rico in 1987; all other trips, with from 5 to 25 students, have been to Spain.

Class advisor to the classes of 1990 and 1994 Tanya said, "I think of those kids every day and I enjoyed every single minute I spent with them." Her fondest memory is of Tommy Bertrand '90, who was one of the class marshalls that year. "When he came up to get his diploma he hugged me. I cried all through the rest of graduation. I loved working with those kids!"

~ Carolyn J. Smith

# Congratulations Are In Order

Rosalie Williams, who has been associated with Maine Central Institute since 1977, has been named Associate Head of School/Director of Studies

graduate of Bates College, Rosalie began as an English, ESL and Latin instructor at MCI and directed its public speaking program. In 1984 she became Co-chair of the Humanities Department and the English Department's Chair, positions she held until 1994. Additionally she became the Director of Restructuring and led the faculty in the development of innovative programs while teaching humanities and AP English, initiating a program for the training of new teachers and supervising student teachers at MCI. In 1994 Rosalie became the Director of Studies.

As Director of Studies, Rosalie directs the development and review of the total academic program and supervises and evaluates the faculty. To keep abreast of educational developments Rosalie has taken courses and workshops from such eminent educators as Grant Wiggins, Ted Seizer and Heidi Hayes Jacobs.

Her experiences are broad and varied. In 1999 Rosalie and her husband Peter spent the fall semester at Beijing Polytechnic University as visiting professors. After graduating from college, she and her husband served as Peace Corps volunteers in Sierra Leone, West Africa. She later taught workshops in Jamaica and was a trainer of incoming Peace Corp volunteers. She also was an instructor at Indiana University Laboratory School.

Rosalie is the Chair of the Steering Committee for MCI's self-study for its ten-year re-accreditation by New England Association of Schools and Colleges; she has been on a number of NEASC visitation committees to other schools. She serves on the Facilities Committee and is a member of the Administrative and Academic Teams. For a number of years Rosalie has been the school's liaison to the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees.

As Associate Head of School, Rosalie will act as Head when Doug Cummings is away from the campus.

~ Carolyn J. Smith

A dedication to Rosalie as it appears in the 1988 Maine Central Institute yearbook.

### DEDICATION



Because of your tireless effort as a teacher and a friend, the Class of 1988 dedicates this yearbook to you, Mrs. Williams. We thank you for your time, your knowledge and your kindness. Not only have you been a wonderful teacher, you have given of yourself in helping us prepare for the future.

For This and More, We Thank You The Class of 1988 Carlene Engstrom has been named the Director of Alumni Affairs.

member of the Development Office staff since February, Carlene had previously worked in the Alumni Relations Department at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti where she assisted in the planning for alumni events,

participated in the university's fundraising initiatives and helped with alumni outreach and communication.

At the university, Carlene previously worked in the athletic department, was associated with the human resources division and was the supervisor of communications for the campus police department.

Earlier in her career Carlene was, for ten years, a distinguished and highly praised officer in the Woodhaven and Brownstown Township of Michigan police departments. She was forced to retire from active police work due to a duty-related injury and subsequent disability. She majored in criminal justice at Wayne State University and later was an instructor for the police academy.

As Director of Alumni Affairs at MCI, Carlene will work directly with the Development Office; she will organize and oversee major events such as Maine Central Institute's annual reunion, Alumni Golf Tournaments, the annual Spring Auction and the Florida Reunion held each March. Carlene will maintain close ties with MCI's 6000 living alumni, compile the class notes sent to her by the various class agents and assist with the publication of the school's Alumnus and Highlights magazines. She hopes to significantly strengthen the ties between MCI and its alumni by greatly increasing communication and the sharing of information within graduating classes and with the school.

Carlene will have responsibility for Development Office oversight of the school's Website. She will share responsibility for the school's Annual Fund appeals and solicitation with the Director of Development, Carolyn J. Smith, and will provide excellent support to the Capital Campaign endeavors.

~ Carolyn J. Smith

# A Daughter Remembers

Persis and baby

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Smith Bryant '61

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her father Rod

Smith was a

coach and Athletic Director for

27 years. Sally

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It was the fall of 1945, World War II had just ended, 21 military veterans were enrolled at Maine Central Institute and many were living in Alumni Hall. Howard R. Washburn was MCI's Principal and Roderic L. Smith, his wife



THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE 1949-50 SPORTS YEAR was provided by the Faculty Quintet when they defeated the local Kiwanians. Paced by the terrific attack of Siesta Smith, the Faculty roster included M. Earle, H. Talbot, L. Muzroli, Conch. Grover, N. Young, Smith, P. Legga.

Newspaper clipping featuring Roderic "Siesta" Smith and his faculty teammates courtesy of The Talisman, September 1950.

apartment in Alumni Hall when she was a tiny toddler. She fondly remembers that she and her sisters Judy Smith Chapman '64 and Sue Smith Norris'73 would be all dressed up in their Sunday best to go to Sunday dinner in Weymouth Hall with parents Rod and Persis and other faculty families.

Roderic taught biology in the Science Department with Paul Legge, Frank Haseltine and Wally Cunningham for many years. In addition to being Director of Athletics, Rod also served as Chairman of Physical Education and Athletics for a number of years until his retirement in 1972. "He loved coaching and teaching and being with young people," Sally commented, and, after having her father as her advanced biology teacher, realized "that he was an all-encompassing teacher, multi-faceted and respected."

"His great passions were soccer and baseball. After attending Deerfield Academy, my father graduated from Springfield College in 1936 where he was captain of the baseball and soccer teams and a soccer All-American. He later got his Masters Degree in Education from the University of Maine."

"An avid athlete, Dad remained involved in sports all his life. He coached women's field hockey in the late 40's at MCI and baseball and soccer for much of his tenure there. His close friend Michael Loebs was the Director of Athletics and a physical education instructor at Colby;





Sally's senior picture from the 1961 yearbook.

SALLY ELLEN SMITH Band 1, 2, 3, 4 Chorus 1, 2, 3 Chapel Choir 1, 2, 3, 4 Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4 Maine All-Star Hockey Team 3, 4 Softball 1, 2, 3, 4 Key Club Sweetheart Candidate 4 Delegate Girls' State 3 French Club 2, 3 One Act Plays 3, 4 Manson Essay 3 Dad and Michael had a mutual love of soccer. Together they introduced soccer to Maine in the 50's. At the time MCI played Colby, Bates, Bowdoin and University of Maine freshman teams, as well as prep schools like Hebron, Kents Hill, Fryeburg and Higgins Classical Institute. Soccer became a sport accepted by the Central Maine Coaches and Soccer Officials League and eventually fed into the public high school athletic curriculum."

Lead donors, like Sally and her husband Peter Bryant, who have given \$25,000 or more to MCI's Capital Campaign, may designate and "name" an area or classroom within the new math/science building. Large gift donors may also choose to name one of the four faculty fellowships for advanced professional study or one of the two Masters Faculty Chairs. Each of the two Masters Faculty Chairs will be awarded annually at Commencement to outstanding faculty members who have excelled in their teaching and service to students and to the school.

Sally and Peter have chosen to name one of the prestigious Faculty Masters Chairs in her father's memory and in tribute to his long years of service to MCI. Inducted into Maine Central Institute's Hall of Fame in 1994, Rod died five years later, on October 3, 1999 at home in Pittsfield. The first Roderic L. Smith Faculty Masters Chair will be awarded Spring 2001.

A longtime Trustee of MCI, Sally is a member of the Capital Campaign Cabinet which is charged with oversight of The Campaign for MCI, and the fund-raising necessary for the construction of the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center and for increasing the school's endowment. Sally is also a member of the Capital Campaign corps of volunteers who are personally contacting alumni and friends of MCI to solicit donations for the campaign.

~ Carolyn J. Smith

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR MCI

Many major donors have already contributed to the construction of the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center. Donors of gifts in

the \$250,000 to \$499,999 range include Chuck and Helen Cianchette '48, Gregg Patterson '69, Michael '62 and Priscilla Savage and Carl Wright '43. The three floors of the new building are named for Mr. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Savage and Mr. Wright. Other major donors, who have given in the \$100,000 to \$249,999 range include Robert E. Kinney '35, Michael J. Fendler '70 and Frank L. Woodworth '74; Mr. Woodworth has pledged a gift-in-kind to the construction project.

Robert H. Libby '46 has named the chemistry laboratory in honor of his brother Blair Libby '44. Donors in the \$50,000 to \$99,999 range include Leona Haseltine, Jennifer Archibald Williams '81, and Thomas Savage '64. Mrs. Will-

iams and Mr. Savage have selected mathematics classrooms to name. The faculty and staff of MCI have donated, to date, more than \$72,000. In the \$25,000 to \$49,999 donor category are **The Herbert F. Newhouse Family**, **Roger Percival '45**, **Richard** and **Carol Dutting** and **Bob** and **Bonnie Brooks**, The Alumni Association, for which the teacher workroom will be named, and **Jeffrey Hazell '79**, for whom a renovated classroom in Founders Hall will be named.

A number of foundations and corporations have given large gifts to MCI's Capital Campaign. An updated list of donors will be posted on the school's Website in September.

There are, at present, a number of naming opportunities still available in the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center: five science laboratory/classrooms; four math classrooms; the administrative office of a senior administrator of the school; two computer lab classrooms; the elevator; four Faculty Fellowships for Advanced Study; one Master Faculty Chair. The Endowed Faculty Chair requires a financial commitment of \$500,000 - \$999,999.



## THE MCI HALL OF FAME INDUCTS Roger Berkley Percival '45

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This year's inductee, Roger Percival, was a member of the Class of 1945 and, during that tumultuous last year of World War II, he was called to service in the Navy. While at MCI Roger distinguished himself in public speaking, winning the Sophomore Prize Speaking Contest with his oration "Meet a Great American -The Bell". The topic for his Manson Essay was Eddie Rickenbacker, appropriate for those war years. During the war years there were few athletics offered at MCI; Roger was on the track team and was a guard on the football team before he left for the Navy three weeks after school started. He graduated with his class but on graduation day 1945 he was halfway around the world, stepping off his naval ship onto Espiritu Santos Island, south of the Solomon Islands and near New Caledonia. At the moment of his high school graduation he was 12,000 miles away from MCI.

After his military service Roger attended the University of Maine, and graduated in 1950 with a BA in Business Administration. He was an ROTC cadet and, upon graduation, he was commissioned an Army officer. He was called to active duty during the Korean conflict in which he served from June 1951 to May 1953.

When he returned to Maine in 1953 Roger resumed his career as a bank examiner for the State of Maine. In 1958 he joined Portland Savings Bank. During the next several years he attended several postgraduate programs including the three-year Graduate School of Savings Banking at Brown University sponsored by The National Association of Mutual Savings Banks.

At Portland Savings Bank Roger was promoted to Treasurer in 1964, Vice President and Treasurer in 1967 and to Senior Vice President and Treasurer in January 1975. Later that year he became Clerk of the Corporation. He became Executive Vice President of Peoples Heritage Financial Group after helping to take Peoples Heritage Bank public in December 1986. He served as a director of Oxford Bank and Trust, a subsidiary of Peoples Heritage Financial Group.

Peter G. Vigue, President of Cianbro Corporation and a current director of Peoples Heritage Bank, stated that Roger was one of the mainstays who helped Peoples Heritage to become, today, the third largest bank in New England.

Roger retired from Peoples Heritage Bank in 1991. In 1994 he was instrumental in arranging financing for a group of investors purchasing the manufactured homes company, Burlington Homes, and he currently serves as a director of that company.

A dedicated and effective trustee of Maine Central Institute from the early 70's, serving on the Executive, Development and Investment Committees, until his retirement from the Board last "ear, Roger has remained active with the affairs of his alma mater and continues to serve it in a truly outstanding manner. Roger feels that one of his most major contributions to MCI was his participation in the organization of the school's trust funds into an investment portfolio, which has been managed by David Wendell Associates, Inc. "For a number of years," Roger said, "I insisted that the school's budget include provisions to replenish and rebuild the trust funds drawn down during the school's turbulent years of the late 70s and early 80s."

Jennifer Whitesel, MCI's Chief Financial Officer, commented, "The recovery of these stocks' value has been significant. Since the end of June 1985, MCI has increased its invested assets from \$345,875 to \$3,206,849. Some of this increase is due, in part, to the generosity of alumni and friends of MCI. All of this increase has been managed by the Investment Committee. The school has developed outstanding investment policies which should guarantee the financial security of the institution for many, many years." Roger continues to serve on the Investment Committee.

Roger's community service, in addition to the many years he has so tirelessly served MCI, has been extensive. He was a member of the World Affairs Council of Maine, the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club and the Portland Yacht Club. He is past president of The 75 State Street Home, past treasurer of Goodwill of Maine and the St. Albans Episcopal Church. He is a trustee of the Maine Financial Insurance Trust. Last year's Hall of Fame recipient Mike Savage stated, "Roger has always been incredibly effective in all the different areas of the Board in which he has served. In fact, for years we car-pooled together to Board meetings and I couldn't wait to get in the car to pick his brain about the stock market."

Roger currently serves on the Capital Campaign Cabinet. He is also captain of a team of volunteers who are calling upon their classmates in the Classes of 1944 through 1947 to help MCI with its campaign to raise money for the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center now being built and for the school's endowment to improve faculty salaries.

Roger and his wife Lydia have been happily married for nine years after both losing their first spouses to cancer. Roger and his first wife Dorothy had three children: Marjorie Percival of Belfast, Maine; Suzanne Percival Schneider of Marblehead, Massachusetts and William Roger Percival of Naples, Florida.

He continues to enjoy tennis and sailing and his five grandchildren of whom he is very proud. Each winter, while in Florida, Roger participates in the Habitat for Humanity Program, building homes for low-income families.

As the Hall of Fame inductee for 2000, Roger joins an outstanding group of men and women who have been honored for their outstanding service to and support of Maine Central Institute.

~ Carolyn J. Smith

#### MCI'S HALL OF FAME

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 Cregnole '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.



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#### **CLASS NOTES & PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Please continue to send** your classnotes and photographs to your class agents. The Alumni Office would like to expand the Classnotes section of the Alumnus but we need your help to do that! We'd like to hear from many more of you.

> Carlene Engstrom Director of Alumni Affairs

#### PARDON OUR BLOOPER - ACTUALLY OUR MAILING HOUSE'S BLOOPER!

The final Annual Fund 2000 mailing was done electronically and, unfortunately, last names were omitted by the computer doing the envelope addresses. Some of you received multiple copies as well. Again, the mail house computer malfunction is to blame. MCI is being compensated for materials and postage for the flawed mailing. We truly apologize for the error and any aggravation.

-The Development Office

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