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LINWOOD S. DUNPHY
"Red"

Burnham, Maine

Dance Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4;
Band 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 4; Variety
Show 2; Pop Concert 2, 3, 4.

Whenever there's a jam session, you'll
find this guy. Those three keys spell
success, "Red."

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MARY E. DYSART
"Dice"
Pittsfield, Maine

Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1,
2; Pep Band 2; Band 3, 4; Glee Club 1,
2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2;
Talisman 1; Girls Athletic Council 1, 2;
Field Hockey 4; Pop Concert Committee
1, 2; Talisman Show 2, 3; New England
Music Festival 3, 4; Dance Band 2, 3, 4.

Sweetheart, you're playing's like Illinois
Jacquet; I wish I could make such a
beautiful racket!

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2



JEROME S. HALLEE
"Horse"
Pittsfield, Maine

Cross Country 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4;
Baseball 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 3, 4; Pop
Concert 1; Track 1; Alumni Prize Speaking 2;
Orchestra 3, 4.

Here's to one swell guy whose varied abilities
have made him the envy of his classmates.

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DOROTHY M. GRAHAM
"Dot"
Pittsfield, Maine

Class Secretary 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Y-
Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3;
Field Hockey 2, 3, 4; Cheer-leader 2, 3, 4;
Student Council 3, 4.

It's a friendly heart that has plenty of friends.

*Members of the
Class of 1950*

On May 5, ten members of the Class of 1950
returned to the steps of The Institute Building,
now known as Founder's Hall, to see each other,
exchange memories, renew friendships and have their
pictures taken for the cover of this *Alumnus* before they
joined MCI's new Director of Development, Carolyn Smith,
for dinner at the Auction that evening.

Dorothy traveled all the way from Naugatuck,
Connecticut and Jerome, now known as Jerry, drove up
from Arlington, Massachusetts. All ten are enthusiastic,
as you can see, about Reunion 2000, their Fiftieth! Please
do join them in Pittsfield on August 5 for an absolutely
unforgettable reunion and celebration of your todays!

Class of 1950 members, take note: Richard and
Mary are wearing their authentic 1950 letter sweaters, Red
is holding his trumpet and Jerome is balancing the very
same upright bass he played in high school (it has been
safely stored in Mary's attic all these years!) with his
Master's Cup. Mary and Al, by the way, still play their
saxophones... perhaps we'll hear them on the 5th!

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ALBERT C. HITTIS
"Fitzy"
Pittsfield, Maine

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Pop
Concert 2.

Many a ref's wanted to quit
his job
When he hears Albert's cry of
"I wuz robbed!"

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BERNICE E. WRIGHT
"Bunny"
Pittsfield, Maine

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4;
Varsity Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4;
Freshman Prize Speaking; Softball 1;
Talisman 4.

The owl and the pussycat went to sea
In a beautiful pea green boat.
And they took some honey
And kidnapped Bunny
They weren't too dumb, you'll note.

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HAZEL K. WATSON
"Duchess"
Skowhegan, Maine

Band 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4;
Octette 3, 4; Y-Teens 3; Field Hockey 4;
Girls' Dorm President 4; Student Council
Secretary 4; New England Music Festival 3;
Maine Music Festival Variety Show 3.

A day for toil, an hour for sport,
But for a friend, life is too short.

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JOYCE A. CHAPMAN
"Jo"
Pittsfield, Maine

Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Debating 2;
Basketball 2, 4; Pop Concert 2.

Jo, your ambition, friendly manner, and
loyalty to your friends should bring you great
success.

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RICHARD A. DOHERTY
"Red"
Palmyra, Maine

Class Marshall; Football 1,
2, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3;
Prize Speaking 1, 2; Orches-
tra 1; Class President 1, 2;
Student Council Treasurer
3; Trumpet Board 4; Cross
Country 4.

It must be his red hair that
turns the trick! The guy with
the personality plus!

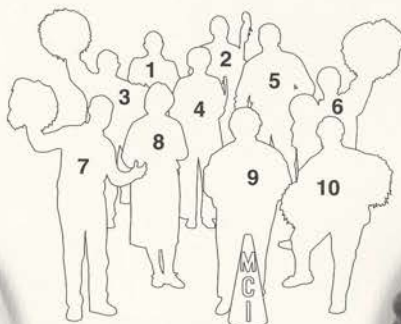
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VIRGINIA M. COOLBROTH
"Ginny"
Pittsfield, Maine

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 1, 2; Treasurer
3; Vice President 4; Prize Speaking 1, 2, 3;
Student Council 4; Talisman Assistant Editor
4; Trumpet 4; Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; Head
Cheerleader 4.

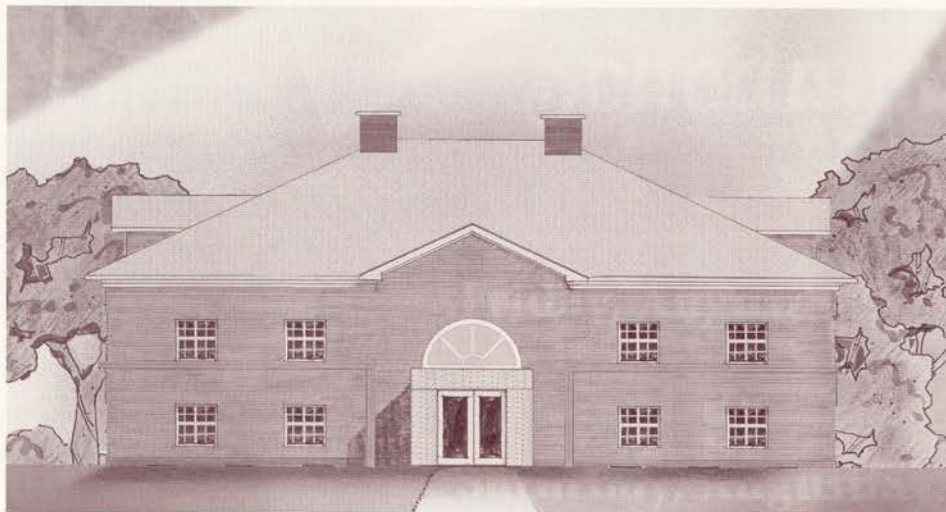
Vivacious -kind- a brilliant mind.
All this in Ginny you will find.



Ground is Broken MCI's Newest Building

IN THE NEWS

By Carolyn J. Smith, Director of Development



The Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center

On Tuesday morning, May 16, the entire Maine Central Institute community, Board of Trustee members, major donors and members of the Class of 1948 joined Helen Cianchette and members of the Cianchette family at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for MCI's new Math & Science building.

Named in honor of Chuck Cianchette, a former trustee of the school and his wife Helen, both members of the Class of '48, the edifice will stand on the site of the former Industrial Arts Building, which was razed the first week of May, and adjacent to Wright Gymnasium, overlooking MCI's athletic fields.


The new three-story, 23,000 square foot building will house a total of 14 instructional spaces for math and science classrooms, laboratories and computer facilities. Designed by Portland architect Stephen Blatt, the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center, constructed of red brick, blends well aesthetically with the traditional architecture of the older nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings on the Pittsfield campus.

The ceremony began with a presentation of the construction time frame and recognition of the lead givers for whom the three floors of the building are named: Gregg Patterson, Class of '69, who is the benefactor of the third floor which will house the physics, chemistry, biology and general science classrooms, a small botany lab and several science storage and prep areas; Michael Savage, Class of '62, who funded the first floor which is designated for seven math classrooms; Carl Wright, Class of '43, who donated funds for

the second floor that features three life science classrooms, two computer classrooms, a conference room, the offices of the Associate Head of School and the building's main lobby, as well as several lab storage areas.

Another major donor, Robert Libby, Class of '48, was recognized for his gift of the chemistry lab, named in honor of his brother Blair, Class of '46. A number of other significant donors, for whom classrooms and building areas are to be named, were also applauded: Trustee President Michael Fendler, '70; Kenneth Cianchette, '42; the EE Ford, Davis Family and Libra Foundations; and a number of area businesses and philanthropic organizations.

The groundbreaking, on the site of the new building complete with commemorative shovels, was followed by a coffee reception on the school lawns for the more than 650 people who attended the ceremony. The Cianbro Corporation, based in Pittsfield, has most generously committed to construct MCI's magnificent and sorely needed new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center. Cianbro will serve as the general contractor at no cost to MCI. Cianbro's contribution will reduce the cost of the building to Maine Central Institute in excess of 30%, which represents a major gift-in-kind to the school's current Capital Campaign. The school currently has 515 students enrolled and is expected to grow significantly in the near future. Students from around the world are enrolled at MCI, which was established in 1866.

Chuck Cianchette was Chairman of the Board of the Cianbro Corporation at the time of his death this past January. 

"Chuck"

By Douglas C. Cummings, Head of School



Within the MCI extended family, if anyone is asked to name the individual who totally epitomizes our school and all it stands for, "CHUCK" is all that needs to be said in answer.

Chuck Cianchette is the granite foundation upon which we have relied for several decades; this is a fitting analogy for the man who has stood for integrity, honesty, dedication and diligence in the construction industry in the Northeast. He was, perhaps, the most critical member of the passionately committed team of people who pulled MCI from the ashes during the 70's and 80's, giving of himself and his resources.

However, he never gave time, energy or financial support to this institution for the purpose of self-recognition. As a matter of fact he always opposed any recognition of his personal commitment to and tremendous support of the school. He took the 'hard stand' when it was necessary for the school to move forward and he felt there could never be anything more important than to preserve the best possible education for the students of Maine Central Institute. The ways in which he supported and nurtured MCI students are infinite.

Chuck was a visionary. Look at Cianbro! In just 50 years it moved from four brothers with tremendous energy, will power and an ungodly commitment to a company of nearly 2000 team members recognized as one of the most outstanding constructors in the United States.


Chuck never forgot a face. He made everyone around him just feel good. If Chuck were part of any project you just knew it would be successful. This was true for many reasons, a couple of which really stand out for me. First, Chuck made everyone feel so good about what we were working to achieve, but beyond that everyone worked even harder to achieve the given success because Chuck was a part of it. He was working just as hard as everyone else and because of that everyone would stretch themselves just a little more than ever before. None of us

could ever let Chuck down! The thought of failure just never occurred to him. The Cianbro Corporation commemorative tribute to Chuck begins: "Chuck Cianchette's smile was infectious. When he walked into a place - be it a local restaurant, or a conference room or a construction-site trailer - he brought along the sunshine. If you were having a bad day, by the time he left, it was behind you." Chuck knew how to interact with people!

A master at creating the true "WIN WIN" solution, Chuck was compassionate, kind, supportive and caring for the people he was associated with, above all else. He had the gift of resolving conflict in the most supportive manner of anyone I have ever known. He would identify the common goal, then work with groups of people who had conflicting opinions and identify great points of argument from each of the opposing segments. With consummate skill and finesse he would merge these divergent thoughts and facilitate a totally different solution from the respective groups that was far better than either of the conflicting solutions originally posed. He treated people with dignity and respect and they reacted in kind.

Chuck loved life. He loved building things. He took great pride in doing things well. He loved to watch others find their way and loved seeing them grow and succeed. His daughter Lynn said, "He was a special, one-of-a-kind person. It is heartwarming to see so many others also recognize this. We did not realize how far he spread and how many people he touched. He gave us the tools and showed us how to use them. Now it is up to each of us what we choose to do with them."

One of his granddaughters, Teplyn, summed him up well. "Pop Pop was a life-loving, people person."

He was the greatest mentor...and a great role model for all of us at Maine Central Institute. 

"When he walked into a place - be it a local restaurant, or a conference room or a construction site trailer - he brought along the sunshine."

-Cianbro commemorative tribute

Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette

IN MEMORIUM

Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette, prominent Maine businessman and former state senator, died Tuesday, January 18, 2000. An enthusiastic collector and pilot of antique airplanes, Chuck died of injuries sustained when his 1948 Cessna Model 195 single-engine plane crashed in Willard, Kentucky. He was 69.

Chairman of the Board of Cianbro Corporation, Chuck had been in Maine for his company's annual stockholders' meeting in Portland and was on his way back to his winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the time of the accident.

Born in Pittsfield, May 18, 1930, Chuck was the youngest child of Ralph and Edna Steen Cianchette. Since 1986 he and his wife Helen Esty Cianchette had made their home in Palmyra where Helen continues to live.

Highly respected in Maine, Chuck was known to be a team builder and a skilled motivator. Governor Angus King dedicated his January 24, 2000, State of the State Address to his friend, Chuck, a four-term Maine State Senator, and told the citizens of Maine it was because "Chuck represented the best of Maine: positive and enthusiastic, creative and receptive to change and deeply caring about his family and neighbors throughout the state."

Cianbro President Peter Vigue commented, "Chuck, along with his brothers Carl, Bud and Ken, founded this company on a can-do spirit which, coupled with the Cianchette brothers' philosophy - treat people with dignity and respect, your word is your bond and give back from which you take - lives on in the company today." Cianbro Corporation has grown to one of the East Coast's largest and most successful construction companies with offices in Maine, Connecticut and Maryland. Chuck's favorite job, over the years, was the large Madison Paper Industries Number Three paper machine undertaken in 1980. Another was the construction of the Piscataqua River Bridge between Portsmouth and Kittery. Capable of accomplishing things others thought impossible, Chuck, in 1978, "led a charge of eight construction teams into Holyoke, Massachusetts and accomplished a 'two-year sewer job' in less than two weeks," states local writer Ann McGowan, biographer of the Cianbro Corporation's *The First 50 Years*.

A member of MCI's Class of 1948, Chuck went to work full time for his older brothers immediately after graduation and, except for a stint in Korea with the US Army, he never worked for any other firm. He

was appointed President of Cianbro in 1979 and became Chairman of the Board in 1991.

In the mid-1970's Chuck served two terms in the Maine State Legislature and proved to be a highly effective state legislator who was motivated to return for two more terms in the early 1990's, after watching a tumultuous era in state government. Chuck was credited with helping to stabilize the Legislature by leading a consensus process in the State House. "A Democrat, he worked with both Democrats and Republicans. He was very kind, sincere and very positive," noted Secretary of State Dan Gwadosky, who pointed out that the results achieved were long-lasting. "Cianchette has a gift of bringing people together."

During his lifetime, he worked countless hours for causes dear to his heart. He gave and also raised a great deal of money for his alma mater, Maine Central Institute, and he was a former president of the school's Board of Trustees.





In a statement written just after Chuck's death, MCI Head of School Doug Cummings said that the school's new math and science center would be named in honor of Chuck and Helen Cianchette, both members of the Class of 1948, and two of the School's most enthusiastic and important benefactors. He emphasized that the Cianchettes' contributions included every facet of the School. "The greatest contribution they made is the manner by which they have served as role models for all of us and the youngsters we serve." Doug Cummings added that while Chuck was the more visible, his wife Helen stood firmly behind him in his commitment to the school. In the Cianbro memorial tribute to Chuck, his daughter Lynn is quoted, "Dad may be the eagle, but Mom is the wind beneath his wings."

Chuck's philanthropic and civic efforts were many; he served as President of the Pine Tree Council, which honored him in 1990 with its Distinguished Citizen Award. He formerly was president of the New England Council and the Northeast Region of Boy Scouts and had been a member of the Executive Board and of the National Advisory Board of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a trustee of the Susan L. Curtis Foundation, which sponsors a camp for underprivileged children; in 1981 the Foundation chose him as its Distinguished Maine Citizen. In 1993 Chuck was the recipient of the Spurwink Foundation's Humanitarian Award and in 1990 he was co-recipient, with his brother Bud, of the Business Leaders of Maine Award. Chuck was a former



president of the Maine Good Roads Association and a former director of both Key Bankshares of Maine, Inc. and Maine Hydro Electric Company. He served as Chairman of the Environmental and Economic Council of Maine and was a former member of the executive board of The Maine Alliance. His hobbies involved antique aircraft and automobiles and for forty years his passion was collecting and restoring old cars. With his brother Ken he had recently completed a three-year project, building a high-performance aircraft. In 1976 Chuck served as charter president of the Maine Pilots Association and was the recipient of the Association's Gaddis Cup Award in 1981. A trustee of the Staggarwing Museum Foundation in Tullahoma, Tennessee, he was also on the President's Council of The Experimental Aircraft Association of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. A great supporter of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Chuck loved the Maine outdoors, especially the camp at Daggett Pond where he and his family fished and boated.

Chuck Cianchette is survived by his wife Helen, three daughters and one son, nine grandchildren and three brothers. **MCI**

By Carolyn J. Smith, Director of Development, with thanks for their inputs to: The Cianbro Corporation's The First 50 Years and its commemorative tribute to Chuck Cianchette, A Man We All Admired; Ann McGowan; Douglas Cummings; The Bangor Daily News; The Waterville Sentinel

"Chuck represented the best of Maine: positive and enthusiastic, creative and receptive to change and deeply caring about his family and neighbors throughout the state."

- Governor Angus King

Class of 1930

70th Reunion

In 1930, we were faced with an unpredictable and uncertain future. Now, 70 years later, it is appropriate that we sum up what actually happened to the Class of 1930.

Senior members of the boys' athletic teams of 1929-1930 produced a surgeon, a judge, a dentist, a fire chief, a city manager, two mechanical engineers, a shoe factory owner, a high school principal and a lumber business owner.

Those in wartime military service included the surgeon, the dentist and one of the several nurses that our class produced.

There were teachers, an owner of sporting camps, a national accounts manager for a big company, a florist, a pastor and one Latin student became involved in defining the shapes of one of the earliest helicopters and a flying wing.

Some owned small businesses, and there were others who served in some of those necessary tasks that are so often overlooked and under appreciated. Some gave of their time and effort in church and community service and are still involved in unselfish volunteer work.

These are only some of the contributions of our class, but enough for us to know that the Class of 1930 has made a difference.

Nelson Tibbetts, Class Agent '30, 3965 S 166 St., Seattle, WA 98188

Class of 1935

I wrote a letter to each classmate since the New Year to start interest in some news and in our upcoming 65th Reunion on August 5. I have only heard from three class-mates.

Bob Kinney says he was very successful as a chairman of General Mills. He lives in Minnesota, but has a home in Hulls Cove that he and his wife come to each summer. They have three children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Bud Homstead and Tina enjoy their winters in Florida. They say they see quite a few MCI alumni in St. Pete that they socialize with. That shows we all link together.



Harry Hanson says he is enjoying his retirement as supervisor of a furniture manufactory. They are busy with church work. I am sad to say that **Iva Cianchette Cregno** passed away February 10. She was inducted into the 1984 Hall of Fame. She had three daughters, all graduates of MCI.

I am enjoying a retirement of 23 years. I have three sons and they are all graduates of MCI.

Elizabeth "Reynolds" Sobey, Class Agent '35, RR1 Box 6850, Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1939

On Saturday, August 4, the Class of 1939 celebrated our 60th Reunion. With 23 present, which included classmates and spouses and three guests, we met for our luncheon at the home of **Maynard and Charlotte Ames**, two wonderful and gracious hosts. We had a delicious luncheon and toasted ourselves with some vintage champagne.

Stan Fletcher and his wife, Faith live in Portland and do volunteer work. They are very loyal alumni.

Glenn Cookson and his wife, Lou came all the way from Fall River, Massachusetts and took many pictures for all of us. **Harold Harding** and his wife, Margaret, live in Plymouth. Harold keeps busy golfing and tending to a large flower garden and vegetable garden.

Gordon Hollis came with his daughter. He now lives in Saco, and doesn't look much older than when I saw him five years ago.

After 60 years, I was so happy to see **Eleanore Davis Perkins**. Her daughter Carolyn came with her. Eleanor taught school for many years and now is retired. She keeps busy tending to three houses, one is her husband Fred's family home. She said she had a wonderful time and will try not to miss the next reunion. **Barbara Tilton Inman** who lives in Pittsfield comes and keeps me informed of the local news. She does volunteer work for some of her charities.

Mildred (Mimi) Merrithew Monahan lives in Twin Mountain, New Hampshire and visits Pittsfield often as she has relatives there.

Walt Sherman came from Wiscasset. His wife was having a family reunion, so he came for a short while. Walt lives in Wiscasset, the prettiest town in Maine so my son George says, as he lives there.

Ray Whitney and his wife came from Dexter. His wife, **Dot**, is also an MCI graduate in a later year.

Jean Purinton Maynard was our guest. **Norris Cianchette** and **Marilyn** came to help us celebrate.

Carl Estes planned to come from Yuba City, California, but a few weeks before the reunion he had to have an unexpected operation.

Talked to **Bernice Stewart Swanson**. She lives in Santa Barbara, California. She has two sons still not married. She doesn't get back to Pittsfield as both her parents are now deceased.

Rita Bouchard Norton couldn't make the reunion. She had unexpected company. I hope to see her this spring.

Class Notes ... continued

Evelyn Jamieson calls me often as she has retired from her real estate business and lives in Worcester, Massachusetts.

I was sorry to hear **Betty Knight Webber** had other commitments and couldn't make our reunion.

Grace Wilson Hesselstine's husband is not well and she could not leave him.

Millard Boss lives in Ottawa, Ohio and is now retired. His wife, son and daughter are well.

Bob Blake passed away December 13, 1999.

I would also like to thank my daughter, Marsha, who helped me with the luncheon.

Ervena M. Belcher, Class Agent 1939, 61 Draper Avenue, Mansfield, MA 02048

Class of 1944

Hi Classmates: For our 55th reunion last year, we had a luncheon at the J.W. Parks Golf Course. Those attending were **Donn Fendler, Irene Furbush Dudley, Clinton Piper, Velma Ireland Chick, Richard Clark** and me. Some of the spouses attended also.

Had a big surprise at the banquet at the Gym in the evening when **Barbara White Harthorn** attended with her daughter, her first time at the reunion. Velma, Irene, Dick, Clark, Irene and I were also there.

I was also pleased to hear from **Gloria Getchell Pomerleau** who had hoped to be in the East at that time.

Gene Hamilton, Bud Cianchette and **Annie Bouchard Van Asselberg** were unable to attend as they usually do because of conflicting events. So glad to hear from all of them. If anyone has something for me to put into this, I would appreciate hearing from any of our classmates. Irene and I usually try to attend reunion activities, so keep me up with your news.

Helmi Paakki Perry, Class Agent '44, 37041 Chancey Road, #263, Zephyrhills, FL 33541

Class of 1946

Class Agent **Donna Hodgins Graham** heads overseas again this year to Prague, Krakon, Budapest and Vienna with the N.H. Friendship Chorus. With three all-day Saturday

rehearsals under her belt and two each month until the end of June. She's returning July 14. Any stowaways?

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

Class of 1948

Martha Buker Keist and **Keith** have a home in Mesa, Arizona, but seem to be on the road most of the year. The Albuquerque balloon festival was awesome! The train ride to the Grand Canyon and a summer cool-off in California kept them away.

Traveling on some remote back road in Maine, you might meet a car with **Theo Bryant** and his wife Shirley. Retired from teaching in Dexter, he now works part time for some large insurance company seeking out real estate that they need pictures and location sites for. Shirley seems to be the driver and he is the navigator and photographer. They have covered parts of Maine many locals are not familiar with. "The fun time is also plenty of lunches out," said Shirley. Eating out is a popular hobby of females from the Class of '48. Kitchens are not very popular after 50 years!

One of the Bryant's neighbors is **Toni DeRaps Osgood '49**. Arey and I were pleased to chat with her at last summer's Alumni Banquet. Nice to see her classmates having a great time. Arey and Toni recalled their employment at Humphrey's Drug Store. It was the "in place" for us all!

Alice Shaw Patterson and **Ed** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The super event was at Wrights MCI's Gymnasium, given by their three sons, **Patrick '68, Gregory '69** and **Edward, Jr. '74**. **Marie Starbird Turner** and I were lucky to sit near the buffet table. We took care of a scallop and cheese dish that was delicious. Belated 50 year congrats to **Marguerite (Peanut)** and **Bill Fowler's** anniversary a year ago. The photos prove it was a great occasion too.

Locals **Emma Susa Arena, Joyce Beattie Williams, Alice Shaw Patterson, Marguerite Coolbroth Fowler, Helen Esty Cianchette** and **Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen** had pot luck

lunches this summer. We enjoy the get togethers with plenty of assorted foods and lots of laughs. We try to avoid the medical news which is prevalent at this age. Peanut hosted a special lunch for Helen before she returned to Florida after Chuck's accident. Everyone has such fond memories of that "great guy"!

Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen, Class Agent '48, P.O. Box 636, Hartland, ME 04943

Class of 1950

50th Reunion

I have some sad news to share with you. We have some losses in our ranks. **Bill Strout** passed away shortly before Christmas. **Dorothy Graham Obar** lost her husband last year after a long illness, and **Julia Jackson Rodenbeck's** sister, **Joyce Jackson Daily** died last fall. Please be aware that we share your losses and your grief.

I have had contact with some of the class of 1950 this year. **Joan** and **George Benoit** posted via e-mail to tell me their are now in Vermont and perhaps close enough to attend our reunion next summer. I had a chance to visit with **Bunny Wright Ames** and her husband **Ray** when Rudy and I were in Pittsfield for "Chuck" Cianchette's Memorial Service. They are retired and live in Hartland at the lake. I'll bet it is beautiful all year there, Bunny. We had a great trip around the lake when we stayed there last summer during the week of reunion.

I talked with **Richard Doherty** recently. He has now retired and appears to be enjoying the good life. He is on his way to Alaska to visit **Clarence Furbush**. Clarence reports that he had a wonderful time in Maine last summer. Richard, who is soon to be a grandfather for the first time, plans to visit his daughter before he returns to Portland! Have a great time, Rosie and Rick, and share lots of stories about the good old days.

Barbara Morrell Neal is giving her husband a trip to Maui for his 70th birthday. Of course, she plans to go with him. She also plans to attend the MCI Reunion in Florida, and hopes to see some of us there.

I have been trying to find **John** and **Cy Wentworth**. I talked with **Milton Seekings** who gave me some phone numbers. John, I replied to the e-mail that you sent and got a "failed mail" response. Also, I seem to have lost **Ray** and **Terry Pettengill**. The message I sent via the net didn't find them. Would anyone who has changed their address or is recently online please let me know. We need to get a group together and make plans for the reunion in August. **Rick Doherty**, **Jerry Hallee** and I hope to get together with some of the Pittsfield folks and anyone else who would care to join us sometime this spring. Jerry says he cannot do anything until after April 15th when the Income Tax season is over. How much time will you need to recover, Jerry? My e-mail address has changed as has the MCI Alumni address. Mine is now **ginoland@lamere.net**.

I get occasional mail from **Harold Burbank**. He refers to me as "old girl", and it gives me a chuckle every time I see it. You got that about right, Harold. Harold is active in the Kora Shrine Band and contributes articles to their publication. He says his biggest event this year is beating cancer without surgery or chemo. Congratulations, Harold.

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ginoland@lamere.net, 207-284-6255

Class of 1953

The class extends its sympathy to the family of **Donald A Stockwell**, who died January 24 after a courageous battle with cancer. He had worked as a vice president and general manager of RIS Paper Co. in Woban, MA, and since his retirement in 1988, had resided in East Boothbay.

In early February, I enjoyed lunch in Waterville with **Catherine "Kay" Doyle Mooers**, **Gloria Beattie McNichol**, **Loretta Doherty Brown**, **Cynthia Brown Johnson** and **Terry Dean Clark '54**. We are planning another luncheon in the spring and hope that more of you can join us.

Kay and **Walter '50** are very much involved in their church and with their grandchildren. Kay spends a great deal of her time painting and cannot imagine she has been retired seven years. Once again, they will spend March and April in Florida.

Gloria and her husband Joe continue to live on Cross Street here in Pittsfield. She too keeps busy with grandchildren and various activities.

Loretta and **Armour '52** flew to Puerto Vallarta in May to be with their children and grandchildren. Since their son is a fisherman in Alaska, it was a wonderful reunion for the entire family.

Cynthia and **Arthur '51**, who have been married 46 years have three children and eight grandchildren. For 25 years they lived in Wells but now reside in Belgrade. Even in his retirement Arthur preaches at the South Gardiner Congregational Church. They both enjoy visiting family in Waterboro and Michigan.

Priscilla Foss Rende phoned to say that she and husband Newland are retired but still live in Augusta. They have three sons and six grandchildren. Both of them are looking forward to a spring trip to Kansas to visit one of their sons.

Elizabeth Matteson Clark e-mailed that she has been busy looking out for her mother, who now resides in a nursing home; many of you may remember **Hazel Matteson**, who at one time worked in the lunch room at MCI. Elizabeth is looking forward to a trip to Florida and plans to attend the MCI reunion there.

Dale Raye Seaburg and husband Bob write that they are very excited about the impending birth of a boy grandchild, since their other two grandchildren are teenage girls. They also plan to attend the MCI reunion.

Thelma Sennett Vining and husband Cliff are still dividing their time between Florida and Maine. We extend our sympathy to them on the passing of Cliff's mother this winter.

In October your class agent enjoyed a bus tour to Washington, D.C. I traveled with a wonderful group and visited many historic places. This was my "official" retirement trip, a gift from my teaching colleagues. I am now exploring the possibilities of another trip for this fall. Best wishes to you all, and do keep in touch with me and with each other.

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Class of 1955

Frank (Francis) and **Anne McCready Bowen** have been retired from the workforce since 1989 and spend their retirement traveling in their RV cruising and playing golf. They live near Pensacola in Florida and have lived there since November 1991. They do volunteer work for the Senior PGA Tournaments there and Anne tutors at the Santa Rosa Adult School for Literacy Volunteers of America. Frank has a part-time job with Hertz, transporting vehicles in a tri-state area as an over-the-road driver. They have two grown daughters and five teenage grandchildren who live within 60 miles of them.

Leona Cross Lovely, Class Agent '55,
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Class of 1960

Fred Turner works for Champion International Corporation as a woods contractor, a middleman who hires crews to chop down trees; he and wife Trudy have two daughters, Angela and Amy.

We lost **David Wood**, **Joe Small** and **Dick Bates** this past year. David Wood was one of the quiet ones in our class, but hopefully people knew what an individual he was. Dave was a great outdoorsman, and just before his death, he passed the requirements for becoming a Maine guide. He was also very active in the Fish and Game Association. After the 1995 reunion, David took Sam on a canoe trip on Loon Lake and gave her a lesson in Indian hieroglyphics and the logging industry.

Before his death in 1998, **Dick Bates** had overcome polio as a child, and indeed had become a track star in college. He ran Wilkins & Bates Corporation in Windsor, Vt. The company produced bar stools. Dick's daughter, Beth, talked to Sam about her dad and also about his children and grandchildren. Dick and wife Margaret had two daughters and a son.

We were sorry to hear of the death of **John (Randy) Baxter's** mother, Connie; John lives in Boulder, Colorado. Michael has also lost his mother.

Sherm Lahaie is the fire chief of Veazie, Maine.

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Sally Eastman Grignon lives in Athens, Maine and works at Red Ware Butler in Skowhegan. Her husband, Amos, died in 1991. Sally loves dancing and traveling. She has scheduled a trip to Florida. Sally and siblings **Roger '63** and **Linda '64** all attended Miss Stacy's ballroom dancing classes in their youth, so they all kicked up a storm at the 1999 reunion.

Gary Hussey works for Lave Construction.

Dr. Roger Nightingale has had his classmates' children as patients in his pediatric dental practice in Bangor.

Rachel Field Fleming is still a whirlwind of activity. She is very active in her cancer support group and is currently working on a United Way grant proposal for the group, as well as maintaining her family's "back to basics," almost completely self-sustaining lifestyle. They grow all of their own produce and have chickens and beef cows for meat, eggs, etc. They also provide respite foster care. Rachel's daughter Jan works for Sweetser Home, Loretta works for the juvenile court systems in Connecticut and Brent works for Bell Atlantic.

Bill Steele has appeared in many Maine productions. He submitted a play to Marilyn Nash's Theatre Group in California. **Janis Withee Lahaie** has ushered at a theatre producing one of Bill's plays.

Rochelle Feldmann Mackey may not make it to reunions, but she is thinking of us on those days. In 1995, we received a letter for classmates at the reunion. In 1999, she did one better. She called during the reunion. She worked for Dr. Stein the summer following graduation then completed a nursing degree at Boston University. She then worked as a stewardess for Pan Am, complete with trips from the Orient to Alaska. After beginning her career in nursing, Rochelle now works in the operating room at Tucson Medical Center. However, she is now pursuing her lifelong dream of writing by completing a double major in English Literature and German Studies at the University of Arizona. Rochelle owns a home in Santa Barbara, California, which is a couple of hours from Sam Nash. Rochelle also

has three sons, Trevor Barrett, 24, a security guard in Tucson, Michael, 26, who works in silk screening, and Travis, 29, who lives in Seattle and works at Woodby Island Naval Station. Travis and wife have just had a son, Sean.

Patty Reynolds loves her job repairing railroad cars 365 days a year in Waterville, Maine. She does a lot of camping.

Verna Humphrey Southard and husband spent many years working on estates in Newport, RI, Massachusetts and New York before returning to Maine. Verna now works for C.M. Almay in Pittsfield. Verna was maid-of-honor for Rachel Fields. Verna and husband own a camp in Winslow and are very involved with their grandchildren.

Eloise Reynolds Bane has been very active since graduation. She works with crafts and has completed several classes encompassing every subject from crafts to computers. In fact, she ran into **Carole Gordon Kershner** in a computer class taught by Carol's daughter.

Deanna Leavitt Walsh has sold her home in Pittsfield. She is wildly in love with her daughter Kelly's son, so we wonder if Deanna has changed her mind about eventually retiring in Pittsfield.

Glennis Brown Fields is married to **Dana (Bubba) Fields** and works part-time at a Christian school. She takes care of her mother.

Corrisann Dunton is town clerk in Mattawamkeag. She has raised two children and nine stepchildren, and yes, that is 11 children, and yes, they were raised at the same time. I believe that is the record for most children raised by a 1960 classmate.

John Gould and his wife begin their daily exercises at 5 a.m. John runs three miles daily, and he is taking Tai Chi. He works at his mortgage financing out of the home they built after their children left for college.

Kathy McGowan walks two miles almost daily. She is very active with her grandchildren.

Marilyn Nash, Class Agent '60, 469 W. Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre, CA 91024-2380

Class of '62

"Hi Class of '62" from your Talisman Editor, **Donna Penney**. Sorry it has been so long since my last contact, but my excuse is best paraphrased in a line from a well known John Lennon song, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." I am living in Portland, Maine (a great city). I have two sons, Ande, an attorney and Shane, a computer programming consultant. I'm still political with a degree in Political Science and still a caregiver, a nurse. 'Often think of the days at MCI and of all the wonderful sons and daughters of Pittsfield and the State of Maine who made the Class of '62 both interesting and unique. It was a super time to be youthful and idealistic, wasn't it? Take care. See you all in 2002—Donna.

Class Agent **Peter Redfern**, 52 Cloyster Rd., South Portland, ME 04106

Class of 1964

If you are reading this, I guess you made it into 2000. Congratulations! I bet you are sitting there thinking, well only four years and four months until our 40th. Hey, did I say 40th, right! For those of you who are on the sentimental side and like to go back in time every now and then. Here is the recap from our 35th reunion at **Georgie and Ron Farrins**. We had 34 for the 35th, so it was mentioned, why can't next time have 40 for our 40th. Okay, how about it?

We had four first timers, **Maurice "Mo" Atwater**, **Tom Savage**, **Larry Guptill** and **Brian McMann**, eight people who have attended two of the reunions, five people who have attended three times, 15 have made four reunions and two folks have made five out of five, one being **Ted Grant** from Florida.

Those attending this summer were as follows: **Dorothy Creasy Ackerman**, **Marlene Hunt Anderson**, **"Mo" Atwater**, **Joe Barnes**, **Steve Barnes**, **Chip Carlton Bemis**, **Frank Chaffin**, **Ralph Damren**, **Linda Tozier Dean**, **Mike Dyer**, **Linda Eastman**, **George Brown Farrini**, **Mike Gordon**, **Ted Grant**, **Richard Howe**, **Joey Knox**, **Charlie**



Philbrook, Pat Elkins Pratt, Donna Brooks Rolfe, Tom Savage, Jim Scribner, Leon Southard, Eddie Toulouse, Carole Daily Vigue, Mike Vigue, Barbara Vigue Day, Rita Flood Bubar, Brian McMann, Larry Guptill, Jane Woodcock Woodruff, Greg Wright, Jim Cyr, Glen Wihrwein and Bonnie McGaffin Baker.

People who planned on coming, but at the last minute circumstances lead them elsewhere were **Connie Baxter Marlow, George Kennedy, Carolyn Dutil Belanger, Ben Doody and Rosalie Small** who was on her way back to Queensland Australia, where she lives since the 60s with her husband and three children.

Connie Baxter Marlow, Box 554 Snowmass, Colorado 81654, e-mail: FlywEagles@aol.com. Connie has been very busy with her book "Greatest Mountain: Katahdin's Wilderness". She would like to hear from her old pals. She has three beautiful daughters. (Thanks for the picture.)

Olive Knowles Nortin is living in Corinna, **Rae Pease** is in Dexter and **Dianne Wilber Whalen** is over in Canaan. **Richard Howe** continues with his volunteer work at Seton Hospital Rehab Unit. "We are proud of you Richard". I spoke with **Charles Anderson** and **Robert Ervin** this summer also. They are busy men. Maybe next time they can join us. **Ralph Damren** is very, very busy working as president of the Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Linda M. Eastman of So. San Francisco, CA is now an endurance athlete. She completed the 26 mile marathon for the Leukemia Society. She raised over \$4,000 for her effort to a cause dear to her heart. Hats off to her, excellent job Linda!

George and Lisa Kennedy bought a house in Benton.

Starting new jobs this year are **Joan Van Derveer Gould**, RN administrative assistant in health care in Lakewood Colorado. I am now working at Birch Grove in Pittsfield, instead of Waterville.

Past friends we spoke to this past summer were: **Frank Dunton, Ben Doody, Susan Chizman, Gene Humphrey, Janet Rowell Nadeau, Richard and Robert Hinman**. Also I enjoyed talking to **Linda Snowdeal Brown, Linda Allen Gould, Glenda McMann Weymouth, Tommy Hasetine, Anita Butler Welch, Jan Starbird, Harry Huff, Carl Curtis, Joe Bennett, Crystal Hunt Cyr** and spoke with **Joe Cirillo's** wife. It certainly would be wonderful if these great folks could make it to our next reunion.

A special thanks again to **Georgie and Ron Farrin, Carole Daily Vigue, Rae and Charlie Philbrick "Mo" Atwater, Ralph Damren, George Kennedy** for all their time and hard work to make the 35th a great reunion. Also thanks for the pictures **Ted, Pat, Rae and Charlie, Linda, Mary and Jane**.

So Class of '64, drop me a line or call and share your news with the other folks. Have a great spring folks. Let's hear from you.

Barbara Vigue Day, Class Agent for 1964, 27 North St., Hartland, ME 04943, 207-938-3565.

Class of 1965

James Michael Harold, age 51, passed away November 9, 1998. During his year at MCI, Mike made lifelong friends. He completed his education at the University of Maine in 1969, and his career was in the field of communications. He is survived by his wife of 23 years and a son, Paul who graduates in May from UMO as well.

Class of '70

Spoke to **Arnold Dunning** recently. He's doing well and is helping foster children up in Bangor.

Marcia Bickford is in St. Albans, Maine. **Marcia, David England, Steve Hodgkins** and I are looking forward to the 1970 class reunion this summer.

We are actively looking for all alumni from class years **1969, 1970, 1971** and the PG classes for the same years. Everyone can help by calling a fellow MCI classmate and reminding them of the 30th reunion. Information about addresses and phone numbers can be sent to the following e-mail addresses:

Roy Milke:
73761,430compuserve.com
Marcia Bickford:
mbickfrd@tdstelme.net
Steve Hodgkins:
abercrombes45@aol.com
David England:
surf82850@aol.com

The class of 1970 regrets to report the loss of fellow class mates - **John Baroni (1998)**, and on March 24th of this year **Jim Charles**. Both of our friends died of heart attacks.

David England (aka. SURFER - class of 1970) and **Susan Smith Norris**, (class of 1973) have announced their engagement, and plan to wed in October of this year!!!!

Roy Milke, Class Agent '70, 10659 E. Carol Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85260-6079

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Class of 1975

25th Reunion

Hello members of the class of 1975. It's unbelievable, but it's time to plan our 25th reunion. A few of us have been touch via e-mail, and have come up with the following outline:

9-11 A.M. - Open House at MCI. Tour the school, see the displays and look through old yearbooks!

11 A.M. - 3 P.M. - Family get together at Bryant's, 18 School Street. Bring bathing suits, kids, food for the grill, potluck to share.

5:30 - 7:30 P.M. - Alumni banquet at MCI.

8:00 P.M. - midnight - Dancing and visiting at the Pinnacle - open to all classes!

We have been trying to come up with a list of former classmates who moved away, went to Skowhegan or for other reasons didn't graduate with us. Please help us find these folks so they can be invited! Any ideas, suggestions and information can be sent to **Kevin Bryant** at 21 Greeley St. in Pittsfield, or e-mailed to him at aaaaabigkev@yahoo.com. Look for more details in a letter soon!

Karen Reynolds Wagner, Class Agent '75, 81 North Main Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of '76

SEE YOU AT THE EGG FESTIVAL IN JULY! News and notes are needed from all members of the Class of '76. They can be sent E-mail to me at photoman_flash@yahoo.com. Thank you.

Don Hallenbeck, Class Agent '76, 7 West Branch Terrace, Pittsfield, ME 04967-1468

Class of '79

Well, it's been a great 20 years and was so nice to see everybody at the reunion. It was great that **Sherry Mayhew Littlefield** and **Craig Littlefield** shared their house for the occasion and also **Sandra Moody Perkins** and **Jeff Perkins**. Maybe for the 25th we can get a few more of the gang to turn out.

I see **Dan Plante** daily, he still lives in Pittsfield and works at E.S.T.; he had to miss the reunion to visit family out of town and couldn't pass up the trip.

Quin Bartron is doing well and lives in Massachusettes with his wife Kim and daughter Kayla. I hear **Scott Merrithew** and wife Tammy, daughter Holly and son Dustin have just built a new house in Burnham. Scott was working and couldn't make it to the reunion this year. I see Tammy in the local store now and again.

Elaine Lester is still in the area. She works at E.S.T along with some

other alumni and couldn't make it this year either, but is doing fine.

I see **Beth Cookson Bickford** and Shawn Bickford now and then they are doing fine and the three girls also.

I had an opportunity to run into **John Braley** this year, he happened to work at E.S.T. for a little while this winter and he was doing fine.

I have run into **Craig Lary** a couple times this year as well and he and his wife Terry and two kids are fine. Sorry if I forgot to mention anyone I have talked to. If anyone would like to e-mail, feel free. I hope we got everyone's e-mail and addresses at the reunion and those who didn't make it please contact us for the 25th. Start now and we can be ready.

Trudi Bickford Ames, Class Agent '79, E-Mail: clause@midmaine.com, RR Box 3414, Pittsfield, ME 04967

Class of 1981

While snowmobiling on Sunday afternoon, my husband and I came across **Brian Taylor** and his fiancée. He tells me they are living in Somersworth, New Hampshire and are looking forward to our 20th.

Gregg Newhouse and his wife, Laurie are living in their new home in Standish, Maine. They have a two year old daughter, Sophie Ann, and are expecting their second child in September. Gregg is working for Cianbro as a project engineer.



Family life certainly agrees with him and he says that the birth of Sophie was the "shining light of his life."

I ran into **Warren Smith** at the Shop 'n Save. He looks great. Warren is living in Portland and has some dogs that he is very proud of.

I was absolutely thrilled to receive a letter from a long time friend of mine, **Theresa Whitley Howland**. She and David are now living in sunny Dade City, Florida. They have two children, Kristen 16 and Matthew 14. Theresa is a full time mom and **David '78** is working for a computer company. **Wanda Richards Butler '81** is Theresa's dear friend and they make time to chat on the phone. Wanda lives just the next town up from Theresa.

The first phone call I received was from **Mark Walker**. He tells me that he has had quite an eventful life since high school. Boxing was his passion until three bouts with cancer left him disabled. He is living in Unity with his cat Tiger. We should all wish him well on the possibility of a documentary being done on his cancer survival.

Rhonda McGowan Kennedy has been living in Plymouth for seven years with her husband (our classmate **Mark**) and her two beautiful daughters, Ashley 16 and Kristi 12. I bet Mark spends a lot of time chasing off the boys! They have a black lab, Bayley. Rhonda works in Newport as a medical receptionist and Mark is a salesman. Rhonda and Mark are both looking forward to our 20th reunion.

It was also great hearing from postgraduate, **Mike Lance**. He tells me that he lives in Greene, Maine, teaches Biology and, no surprise to me, he is a football coach. His wife's name is Terry and they have a five year old daughter, Erica. Hopes to see you at the 20th.

Susie Marcia MacDonald is living in Bowdoinham with her husband of five years, Ken. They have two darling daughters, Julia, four and Kathleen, one. Susie is a busy at-home mom who truly loves spending her time taking care of her family.

I spoke with **Mark Bickford**. He is doing great. After his three-year sabbatical from work, he has moved back to California from Denver. (I hope I get this right, Mark.) He is working on spinal implants for pain

management. He sees **Dan Donnell** and his son, Dakota, quite a bit. Mark tells me he is going to try to make it home for the 20th.

Lucretia Leavitt Robichaud and her husband Dan have been living in Old Orchard Beach for 15 years. They have two daughters, Tiffani, 13 and Kaitlyn, 8. Here is Lucretia's e-mail address: Lucretiarobichau@netscape.net. She would love to hear from us, or if you are in the area, look her up. She lives on a golf course. Sounds like a good time to me.

Mike Ouelette also e-mailed Wayne and writes that he is living in N. Conway, New Hampshire. He did not have time to write more at this time. Please fill us in, Mike.

Kathy Thomas says "Hi." Wayne also heard from **Tina Jones White**. She is presently working at the Department of Agriculture, Animal Welfare Unit. Way to go, Tina! She and her husband, Roger live in Jefferson. Congrats on being cigarette free for three years. Sounds like she is doing superbly.

Betsy Jones Sharma, D.O. and her husband Pritx Sharma M.D. have had their child Vraj Austin, born 9/18/99. Betsy is working as a family physician in Rose Hill, North Carolina. Go Girl! I spoke with **Trayce Caldwell Fortin** at one of the MCI B-ball games, and she had just returned from visiting Betsy. She says the baby is adorable and can Betsy's husband cook!

Suzanne Lynch Guild lives in Manchester, Maine with her husband Don and her children, Emily, 8 and Cameron, 5. She works part-time for the Maine Association of Realtors Foundation, volunteers in second grade and kindergarten and has a brownie troop. They enjoy going to camp and skiing. Suzanne mentioned that **Jenny Archibald** is married with two children and lives in Vermont. Also, **Jane Hamel** is married, has a son and lives in Ohio. She is a psychiatrist.

Beth Stauble Bord has been married to her husband, Chris for 4 1/2 years. They have a two year old daughter, Teresa, and reside in Hudson, New Hampshire. Chris is a software engineer for Compaq. Beth is a full-time mom and loves it. She works per diem as a physical therapist, covering vacations for a local hospital. Great hearing from you, Beth.

Kendall Call has been married six years, and has a son, Morgan, four. He owns a construction company, and lives in Burnham. His family business and snowmobiling keeps him busy.

Janet Quint Clements and her husband, Shawn are living in Surry. Yes, guys, I said her husband. Janet is working at Eastern Maine Medical Center, and is doing great. She is glad to be back in Maine, and I am thrilled. Love ya, Janet.

Anna Watson Peterson is living in Pittsfield. She has been married 15 years, has three boys, wow. They are living in Archibald's farmhouse. Cool. Anna is the guidance counselor for Warsaw.

I would like to remind everyone to continue to write to Wayne and me. It has been wonderful hearing from you. Our lives change daily and we need to keep in touch. What better way than to have it in the Alumnus. My life has changed a little since you heard from me in October. I started watching two children temporarily (four and six). We have so much fun that I decided to do it permanently. I am busier than ever.

Nancie Breau McLeod, Class Agent '81, RR 1, Box 3353, Pittsfield, ME 04967-9733

Class of 1983

It is that time once again when we hear and read about our classmates and who is doing what where. I heard from a couple new people this time around and was very excited to get their letters.

Mary Elizabeth Connolly is now out in San Diego, California working for a community college as a Financial Aid Director. She loves her work and the people whom she deals with at the college. She reports that all is well and that she hopes to finish up her doctorate by December 2000. Good Luck, Liz.

I also heard from **Anne Humphrey-Goodblood** in July. In June of 98, Ann married a wonderful man whose name is Luke. She has a stepdaughter, Maegan and they are living in Burnham, Me. It was so good to hear from both of them. I also report from Ann that she has heard from **Cindy Dunphy-Haynes** and family, who are doing well and will be returning home this summer

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for Mike's reunion. Gayle Nelson-Liimatainen is well also.

That's it for class notes this time around. I would love to hear from more of you and also back from those of you that have already responded to Ann and me. It is nice to hear what is happening with those who are a part of our past. You can reach me, **Charice Sullivan (Ouellette)**, 8 Drew Road, Somersworth, NH 03878-1402. My e-mail is: **Crazyknits@aol.com**. Please write to let us know what is going on with you. Hope everyone has a great summer.

Class Agents '83: Charice (Ouellette) Sullivan and Ann (MacLaughlan) Manian.

Class of 1986

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who contacted me with information.

Victoria Weymouth Nichols and her husband Tim celebrated their 10 year anniversary in October. They live in a big old farmhouse in St. Albans with their three boys. Both she and Tim work at Seabcook Farms and she also works as a substitute teacher at the St. Albans Elementary School.

Steve Wintle graduated from UMS with an associate's degree in Jazz and Contemporary Music after MCI. He also attended and graduated from Cedarville College in Ohio with a bachelor's degree in Saxophone Performance in 1992. There he met and got married to his wife Janet that year. He received his master's degree in Saxophone Performance from Ohio University in 1996. While in Ohio, he entered the ministry. He is now the pastor at the Albany Baptist Church working in the teen music programs. He and Janet reside in Albany, and welcomed their first child in December.

I also heard from **Shawn Sidelinger**. He has been living in Alaska since 1994, and has run the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race since 1997. He is entered in the 2000 race, working with three-time champion Jeff King. Shawn would like to thank many of the alumni for their support. He enjoys returning to Maine every year to talk about the team and the Iditarod. Good luck, Shawn! **Melanie Sanborn** writes that she will be moving to Odyse, Denmark in April. Anyone who

wishes may e-mail her at **Melanie-Sanborn@hotmail.com**.

Clint Williams is Director of Admissions at MCI. He is married, and he and his wife, Sara, expect their first child in July. They reside in Newport. Clint keeps in touch with a lot of the guys, and he also likes to golf. He says that he really enjoys Maine, and looks forward to the future.

Unfortunately, some of our classmates lost loved ones in 1999. I would like to send condolences to **Charity Bagley Condon** on the loss of her father; **Craig Dionne** on the loss of his sister, Cheri; and **Lisa Stein** on the loss of her brother. I myself lost a grandmother as well as a grandfather.

In parent news, some of our classmates celebrated parenthood last year. **Cathy Soucy Snowman**, **Jessica Bane Robert**, **Julie Heaton-Jones**, **Steve Wintle** and **Bill Dow** are all proud parents. Congratulations!

Congratulations also go to **Lisa Stein** and **Lori Day** on their engagements.

As for myself, I graduated from Kennebec Valley Technical College in 1998 as a certified medical assistant. In 1999, I went on to school for personal care attendant, graduating second in my class. I have worked at KVTC for the past two years as a Technical Writing Tutor. I live in Palmyra with my boyfriend, Greg Hamilton, our dog Harley and our cat Regis. Last September, I started using an insulin pump for the treatment of my diabetes. So far, I have had a lot of success and I am feeling great. I also became class agent last year, as well. That's all for now.

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Class of 1987

Nate Allen shut down production on his newspaper, The Valley Times, in May of 1999, and decided to shut down the print shop, N.W. Allen Printing Co., in June. Last I knew, he was working for American Greeting Cards in Maine and New Hampshire.

Heidi Moon Hollis wrote in December to let me know that she married Mark Hollis in 1997, and they have two daughters, Jillian (06/18/98) and Kiersten (11/29/99). She, Mark and the girls live just outside of Washington, DC, in

Herndon, VA, where Heidi holds down the 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, job of "Mom." It was good to hear from Heidi, and I really enjoyed the newsletter with the photos of her adorable little girls.

Tim Lovely is out of the navy and studying radiology at a technical college in the area.

Wendy Petroskey Hopkins lives in Pittsfield, and says, "There's not much new with me."

I've been working as a church secretary, an office clerk and a cashier at Wal-Mart since last July; all part-time, but between the three jobs, it's full-time work and more. I've seen a lot of classmates at Wal-Mart, including **Jeff Howes**, **Kathy Bouffard Kitchin**, and former classmate from fifth grade, **Tracy Ballard Hamm**. The list is far too numerous to mention everyone. My new e-mail address is **davemave@mint.net**. I would encourage anyone in the Class of 1987 to e-write me at that address. I promise to e-write back!

Barbara J. Pomeroy, Class Agent '87, P.O. Box 53, Detroit, ME 04929, e-mail: **davemave@mint.net**

Class of 1988

Paul Pietranico reports that things are going well at Charles Schwab and that he will be appointed to Director in the coming weeks. He is currently enrolled part time at Stanford in search of his graduate degree. Also, he and his wife Barrie are searching for a new home in the San Francisco area.

Matt Lee is currently AWOL as he has taken a leave of absence from his NYC EMS job. He is currently touring the USA living out of a van in search of a less stressful life. He reports that although homeless - he is very happy.

I, **CJ Mitchell**, recently accepted a new position as a Senior Systems Software Consultant within the same company (IDX). My wife and I are expecting our second child at the end of April and rumor has it it's a boy!!

Louise Grignon Douglas reports that they have recently added a new addition to the family. Madison Paige Douglas was born Nov 10th weighing in at 4 lbs, 12 oz as she was born 5 weeks earlier than expected. She is currently healthy and has recently hit the 10 lb mark.

Donna Deckert Handoe and her husband are currently living in Seattle but will be moving to Germany in the fall where her husband will be stationed.

Michelle Shortreed has recently been engaged to be married.

Gail Reed has recently purchased a house in Hartland.

Heather Inman is still running her business (VirtualFactory) with her business partner in the Boston area. She reports that although business is going well she has been taking more time off to travel and make art.

Tara Norris Cowgur reports that they recently had their third child (Robert Volney II). They have decided to call him Volney. He was born Dec 27th (the day before her birthday). Tara will now stay home full time in order to spend more time with the kids.

CJ Mitchell, Class Agent '88, 176 Main Street, Winooski, VT 05404-2027

Class of '88

Loren Martin (LaValle) had a new baby, Jacob, on July 15, 1999. He is a happy new addition to our family. We are all doing well. Still living in New Hampshire. I work for the Town of Merrimack and Dan works for Overnite transportation. Our oldest son Jeffrey is 9 years old and in third grade. He is very active in school and sports and is playing on the football team again this year.

Kendra Turo (West) and her husband John just bought a house in Rhode Island. Kendra is teaching school in Connecticut. It is very challenging, but she loves it.

Richard York and his wife Michelle wrote to inform us that although their son Dana had undergone a bone marrow transplant and although the transplant last year went well Dana lost his fight with cancer earlier this year. I hope everyone keeps Richard and Michelle in their thoughts and prayers through this very trying time. We are so sorry for your loss, Richard & Michelle.

Wendy Higgs is working for the Town of Pittsfield in the Town Clerks office. Wendy is also engaged to be married to her long time boyfriend Bob.

Also my brother, **Jim LaValle (class of 1990)** is married to a wonderful girl Mary and they just had a beautiful baby girl, Isabella Brianna

August 12, 1999. They are living in Arlington Virginia. Jim just started a new job as a leasing consultant.

Loren LaValle Martin, Class Agent '88, 679 Blackbrook Rd., Goffstown, NH 03045

Class of 1999

Hey there, Class of '99! Well, first of all, thanks to all of you who replied to my letter. It was great hearing from you! It made writing this letter a lot easier. So here's an update on your fellow newest MCI Alumni.

Kerri Frost wrote and told me that a lot has happened to her since graduation. She is now living in Corinna with her fiancée and expecting a baby in another month. She is also going to school to become a medical transcriptionist.

Krisie Paresson is loving life at Unity College where she says that the size is perfect, the people are friendly, and you won't see anyone litter, which of course she loves!

Artyom Oganessov is studying in St. Petersburg, Russia, and he thinks that he will be visiting Pittsfield this summer.

Nate Cota said that the engineering program was a little wake up call for him at UMO. He is trying really hard, though. We all know that he is doing well.

Kristal Trott is at Mississippi State University, where she is studying business and loving it. Though she is the only Bermudian there, she says that she has adjusted well. She may come up to Maine in March to visit.

Crystal Richards is at UMO studying to get her master's in social work. She says that she is also involved in the theatre program and getting involved with the Student Woman's Association.

Jen Moyer is also enjoying life at school, though it left her with only two weeks at home during break because of a three credit winter course she took.

Unlike Jen, **Emily Parkhurst** got her share of the cold during her six week break this Christmas. The cold weather must have been quite an awakening compared to her school, the University of San Diego. Though she has been living it up down there by going snorkeling, and traveling with the school's orchestra, she is

planning on transferring back east, possibly to Ithaca College.

Barbie Kitchin is also doing very well at school. With an outstanding GPA, she says that the transition from high school to college was not that hard with the help of her new friends and one of her other fave past times-cheering on the men's hockey team!

Brian Patterson says he is enjoying school at Eastern Maine Technical College and his field of study, Diesel Mechanics. **Jess Court** is playing ball at an all boys prep school in Connecticut, but he is going full boat to Saint Rose College in New York next year.

Rob Findlay is at Brown University playing ball, and doing well. **Matt York** is at Colby where he plays football. **Josh Lambert** is at UME, where he played soccer last fall. **Katie Baker** is at school in Canada where she did really well in field hockey. **Jenn Crudell** is living in Rockland, hoping to get a job at MBNA soon. **Ashley Miles** is living in Pittsfield with her fiancée. **Katie McAlpine** and Diana Hodges are both studying at USM in Gorham and doing well. **Natalia Mayhew** is commuting to UMO, where she is studying Communications, as well as working full time at ICT in Pittsfield.

Nikki Cianchette is at Endicott College where she loves living in the mansion that she calls her dorm.

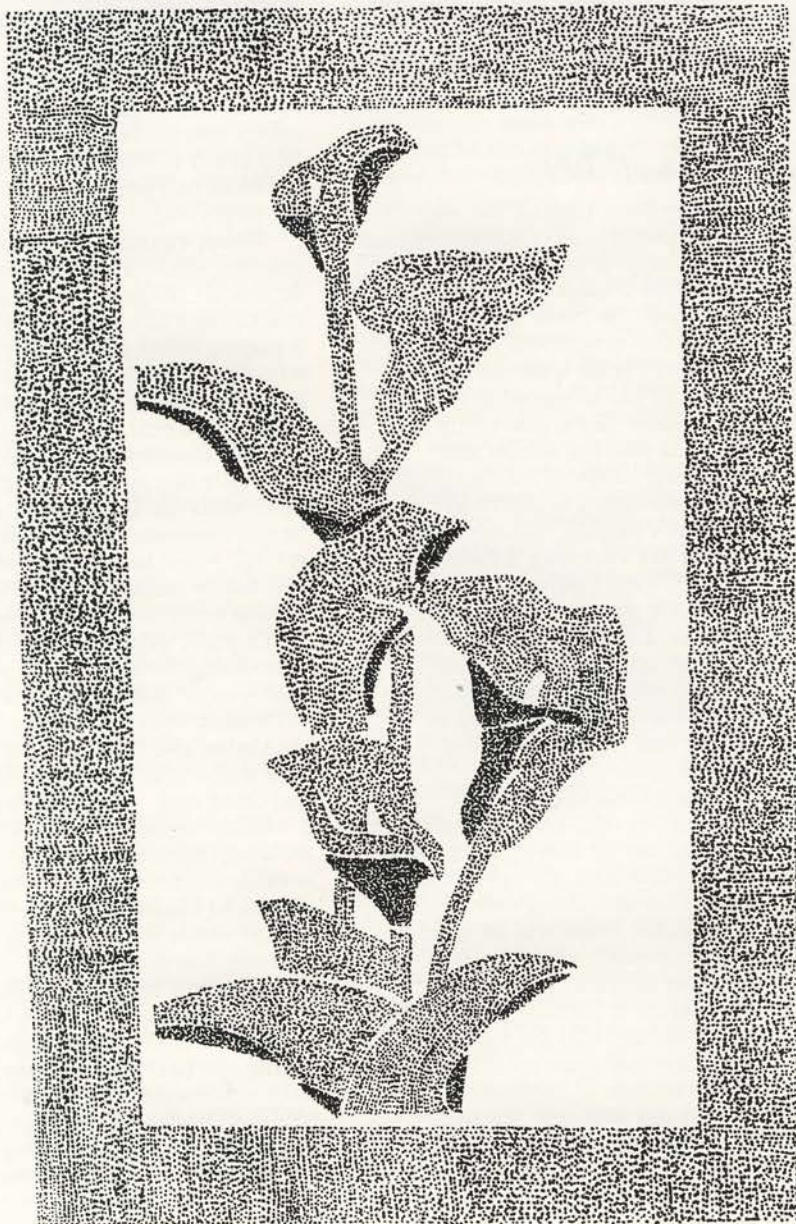
Faye Mack is studying at University of Maine Machias, and doing very well in school as well as playing basketball. **Kristyn Graham** is at UME, where she is also doing very well in school as well as playing basketball. She will be playing softball this spring. **MaryAnn Petela** was going to the art school, White Pines, where she did very well, but she transferred to UMO for the second semester, where I am sure she will do excellently too.

And, as for me, I am at St. Anselm College in Manchester, where I am doing well and trying to balance my work in the theater, field hockey, volunteering and of course, school!

Congratulations to everyone. I hope that everyone continues doing well, and is happy with the choices that you've made! Good Luck!

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By Carolyn J. Smith, Director of Development

Fifty-five years ago at Maine Central Institute, at the end of World War II, a general science course, two sections of biology and two levels of physics were offered, although there was no Physics Lab in Founder's Hall, then known as the Institute Building. Science at MCI in the late forties was largely lecture-based with few opportunities for hands-on experiences because of the restrictions posed by a dramatically overcrowded and over-utilized facility. Biology students could not conduct experiments until 1955 when a biology demonstration table was finally purchased for classroom use.



1970 B.C. (before computers) a student in a language lab in The Institute Building.

In 1950, before the construction of the Cianchette Hall science building now on the campus, just over one-third of the students who attended Maine Central Institute took science classes.

In his article, *Science - The Abstract World*, in the June 1970 MCI Alumnus, Paul W. Legge,

Science Faculty Chairman, began by saying, "Science is a vital part of modern culture and as such is a very necessary element in the education of all children....it is not just a collection of facts which can be learned; it is a highly intellectual structure of concepts that give a meaningful and integrated picture or model of world in which man lives." Mr. Legge went on to comment that the complexity of science was, in his opinion, the heart of the problem in which science educators in the late 1960's found themselves. The Russians had launched Sputnik in October of 1957, putting that country well-ahead of the USA in the race into space, although America later triumphed with the first man to walk upon the moon in August 1969.

In 1970 Mr. Legge wrote that he felt that "the problems of the science educator have been magnified by the impatience of some educational reformers and by the complexity of science itself." It must be noted that MCI students first began using a biology demonstration table just two years before the first Russian spacecraft soared through the October night sky.

Mr. Legge notes, in his article, that for the science-minded and college-bound student there were the following classes: Intro to Advanced Science I and II, Biology, Chemistry, Physics II. He went on to say, "our excellent lab facilities enable our programs to be strongly laboratory

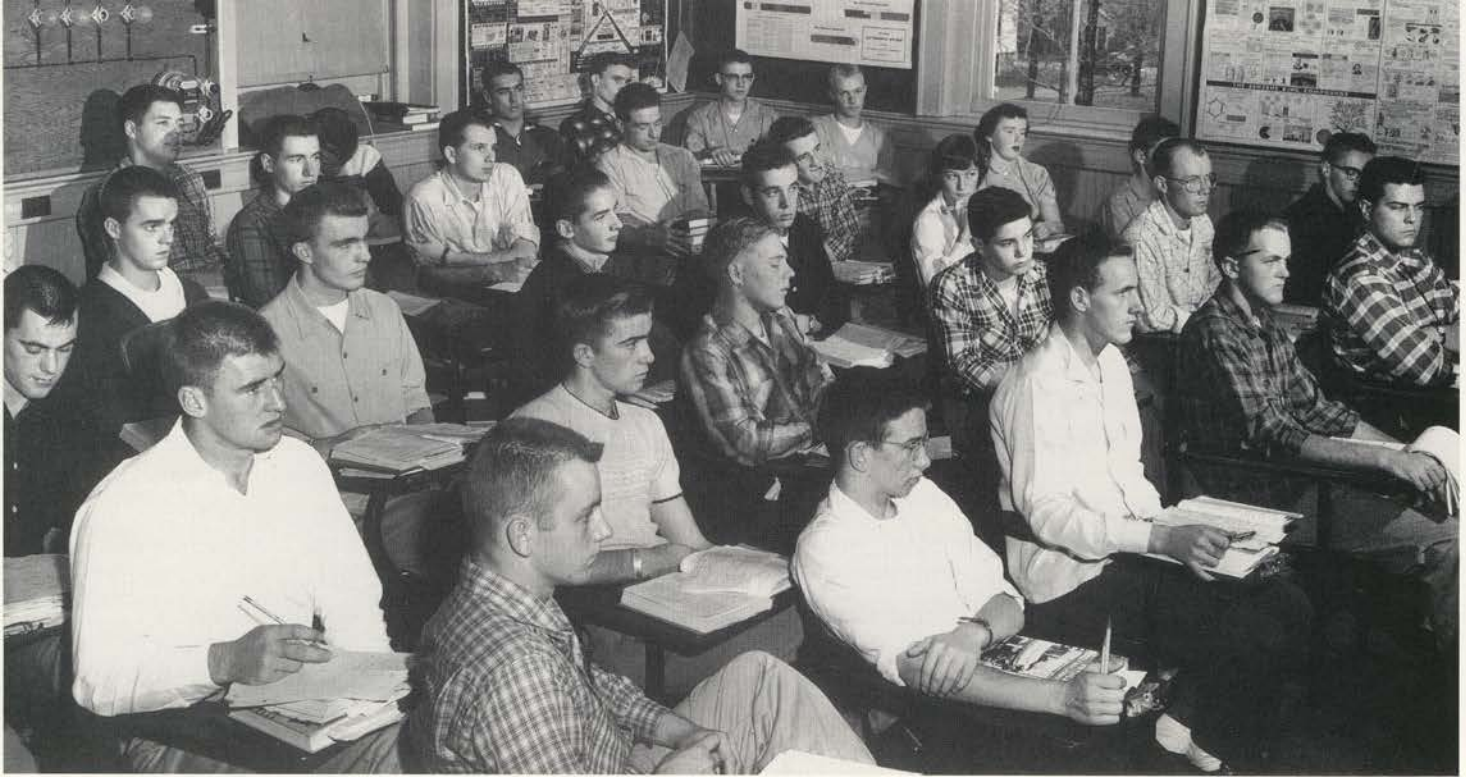
oriented...the student has the experience of learning for himself....is motivated toward greater interest in science."

Despite the limitations of space and equipment and

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therefore program through the war years and the early fifties, a number of MCI graduates went on to distinguished careers in the sciences, which speaks eloquently to the quality of instruction during those years.

Through an intensive strategic planning process and implementation plan, MCI has dramatically improved in many ways in the past several years. In 1995, MCI faculty members completed a masterful **Strategic Plan For Mathematics and Science** with a stated goal that MCI would develop a world class program in math and science for all students. "It is simple to design a program for the elite - for the few academically gifted. It is **much more challenging to design an elite program for all the students.** Educationally, it matches the mission of the school...and morally, it is the



Science class circa 1954.

right thing to do. All MCI students need to acquire the important additional skills and knowledge that are an integral part of a dramatically new approach to teaching math and science."

MCI recognizes the important role that math and science plan in contemporary society and the need to provide students with strong math and

science skills. Consequently, the math and science curricula have been improved with a new emphasis on problem-solving and critical thinking coupled with the use of technology as it relates to math and science. The national standards of curriculum and assessment in math and science have become the standard subscribed to by the MCI faculty.

Today, in 2000, virtually every MCI student, male and female, is required to take four years of science and four years of math; that is very significant, for many other very good New England independent schools require only three years' study of each of these subjects. **This requirement, however, has made expansion of the current facilities critically important and the completion of the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center an urgent necessity for MCI students.** MCI's enrollment has grown 27% in the past five years. The current number of classrooms do not adequately support the current and future needs of the academic programs.

Freshmen at MCI this academic year studied Integrated Science I, an overview and preparation for all of the more sophisticated courses to follow; the sophomore level, Integrated Science II, is biology-based.



Science Department Chairman Paul W. Legge instructing a 1970 physics class.

Upper classmen may elect courses like Oceanography, Anatomy and Physiology, Botany, Astronomy, Geology, Environmental Science, Forensic Problem Solving, Chemistry and College Preparatory or Advanced Placement Physics.

The mathematics curriculum includes regular and college preparatory study at each level through Trigonometry and a statistics course. The highest level math course is Advanced Math/Calculus.

Technology courses available today at MCI are equally impressive: Computer Animation; Auto CAD (Computer Assisted Design) 2000, Architectural Drawing, Electronic Publishing and Mechanical Drawing. This coming summer the school will

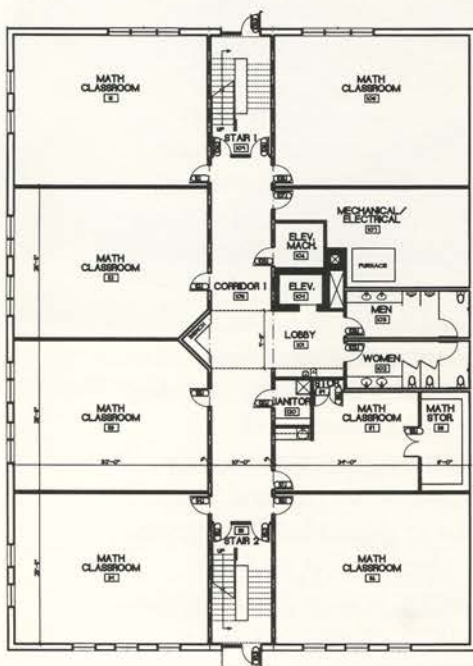
be building a new AutoCAD lab, furnished with 15 new high-end student-accessed PC's with the newest version of the whole AutoCAD Suite. Other science software includes: The Sky Meteorology program, Pindar, Virtualab, Interactive Physics, Charged Particles and Discovering the Universe.

To support courses such as these and to enable students to easily access the Internet, MCI will dramatically increase its number of computers and computer labs in the next 15 months. Currently there are 54 computers available to the 515 students on campus. Upon completion of The Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center, the ratios of students to computers will improve from the present 9.6 : 1

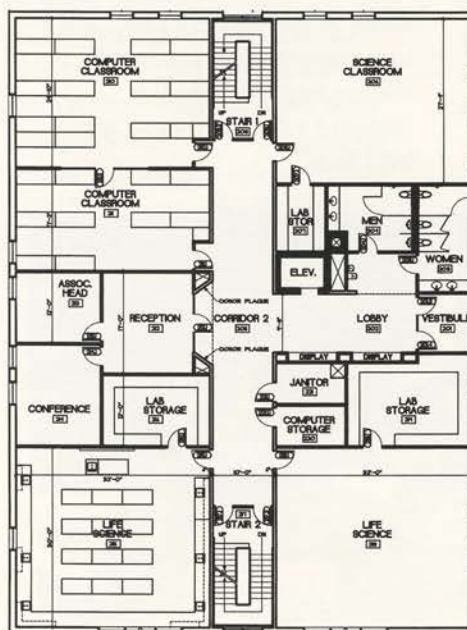
to 4.3 : 1. The school will be leasing additional student computers for Fall 2000; the student/computer ratio in September will be 7.5 : 1.

Paul Legge had a vision for Maine Central Institute's Science Department when he joined MCI in 1944 and his vision was realized with the construction of the current science building in the late 1950's. His successors have continued to dream and to envision a math/science facility that will continue to meet the needs of students of this, the Twenty-First Century. When he visits the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center upon its completion, we at MCI know he will approve! *MCI*

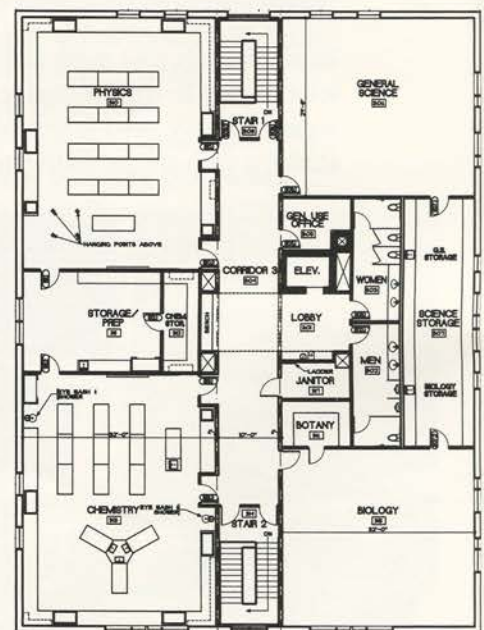
A copy of Science Department Chair-man Paul W. Legge's June 1970 article in the MCI Alumnus is available upon request.



1 FIRST LEVEL PLAN
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2 SECOND LEVEL PLAN
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3 THIRD LEVEL PLAN
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Current floor plans for the three floors on the new Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center

NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AT MCI

By Douglas C. Cummings, Head of School

Carolyn J. Smith of Cumberland Foreside has joined the Maine Central Institute staff as Director of Development; she comes to MCI with a wealth of experience in independent education administration. Most recently, Carolyn was employed at the Stoneleigh-Burnham School in Greenfield, Massachusetts as Director of Admissions, Marketing and Financial Aid. During her three years there, Stoneleigh-Burnham realized a 28 percent growth in its enrollment. The previous seven years, Carolyn was Director of Admissions, Director of Summer Programs and a drama and music instructor at North Yarmouth Academy, which also enjoyed excellent enrollment growth, 43%, during her tenure there.

She brings a tremendous amount of knowledge about all aspects of school management to MCI. Prior to NYA, Carolyn worked at Saint Margaret's-McTernan School in Waterbury, Connecticut, where she served, at various times during her ten years there, as Director of the Lower School, Director of Communications for the Development Office and Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. A dedicated teacher, she taught English, drama, music, journalism and reading; she directed more than 50 productions while there. For eight years Carolyn also functioned as Chair of the Performing Arts Department of SMMcT, overseeing more than ten major productions and concerts each year for this K-12 school. Carolyn is a graduate of Northwestern University's Drama School with an English minor and has a masters degree in education.

In publications, event planning and fundraising, Carolyn has demonstrated extraordinary abilities in her work with schools, symphony boards and other philanthropic organizations in the past thirty years.

In her role at Maine Central Institute, as Director of Development, Carolyn will work directly with me, as Head of School, as well as with the Board of Trustees, in all institutional advancement activities. She will coordinate all public relations, oversee alumni affairs and initiate all fundraising activities for Annual Fund and Major Gifts. Since arriving on campus in late April, Carolyn has committed herself unselfishly to the total life of the school and has already become a familiar face at school events and activities. She has been working diligently with the Capital Campaign Cabinet on the fundraising that will make the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center a reality on the MCI campus and which will continue to build the endowment in support of faculty salaries. She's been communicating regularly with the anniversary classes to help them with their planning for Reunion 2000 this August. A major Capital Campaign piece has been designed, as well as two Annual Fund mailing appeals, a reunion 2000 brochure, the spring *Alumnus* and Highlights.

Carolyn brings a strong work ethic and outstanding enthusiasm and energy to a school community which thrives on such characteristics. She is extremely passionate about the education of young people and their pursuit of personal excellence.

Florida Reunion

MEMORIES



Leon Southard '64 with his almost-parents Tina and Bud Homstead '35.



Blake Bartlett, MCI Trustee and former faculty member with Leedra Southard, Leon's wife.



Schedule of Events

August 4 - 6, 2000

Friday, August 4

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Residence Hall Registration in the Cianchette Alumni and Development Center. Overnight guests may stay in our residence halls Friday and/or Saturday evening

Saturday, August 5

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Registration in the Parks Gymnasium. The Parks Gymnasium will serve as headquarters for reunion activities and events. Come early to see old friends, anniversary classes pictorial display, the chance to purchase some bookstore items and rocking chair raffle tickets.

10:30 a.m. Class Agents' Social and Business Meeting in the Rowe Hall Dining Room. Open to all class agents and alumni

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Class Reunions for years ending in "5" and "0"
Contact your class agent or the Alumni Office

12:00 p.m. Class of 1950's Special Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon in the Ella Powell Room of the Powell Memorial Library

12:00 p.m. Class of 1930's Special Seventieth Anniversary Luncheon in the Parlor of Cianchette Alumni Development Center.

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Reception in honor of the 50+ year classes at the Manson House (Head of School's residence)

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Social Hour in the Wright Gymnasium

5:30 p.m. Alumni Banquet held in the Wright Gymnasium
Reserved seating in honor of the class of 1950 as well as the 50+ year classes

After the Banquet Gathering for Alumni and Friends at the J. W. Parks Golf Course featuring Leon Southard '64 until 10:00 p.m. followed by outside entertainment under the "Big Top" until 1:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 6

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet at the J. W. Parks Golf Course

10:00 a.m. Alumni and Friends Scramble at the J.W. Parks Golf Course

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Midnight

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Feb. 15, 1950

Powers Hall

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Lestard, Miss Greenwood's chauffeur
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Joe Nichols, Joe's friend
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a photographer

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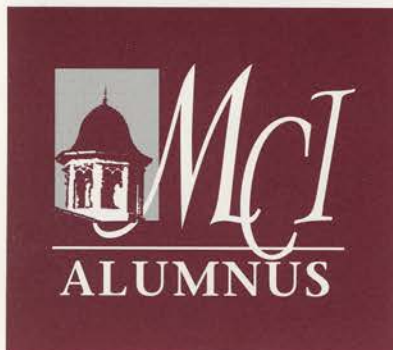
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