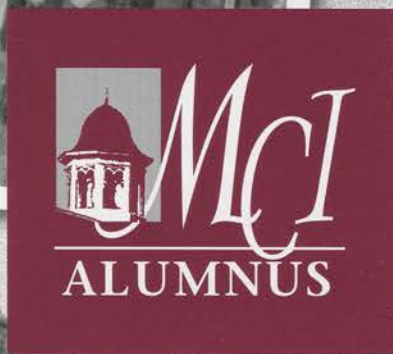
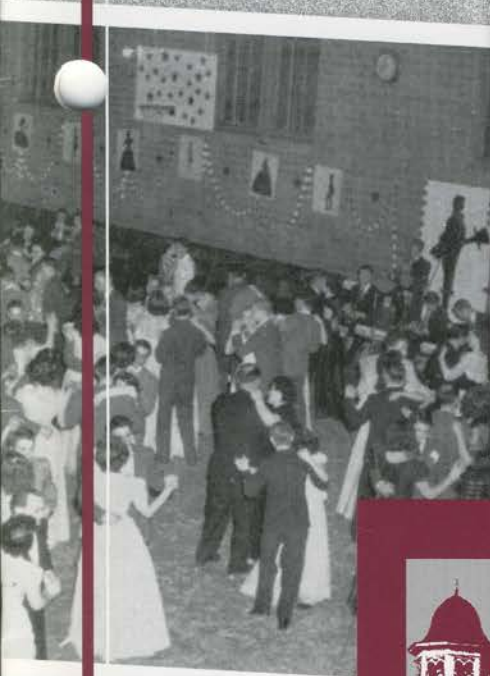
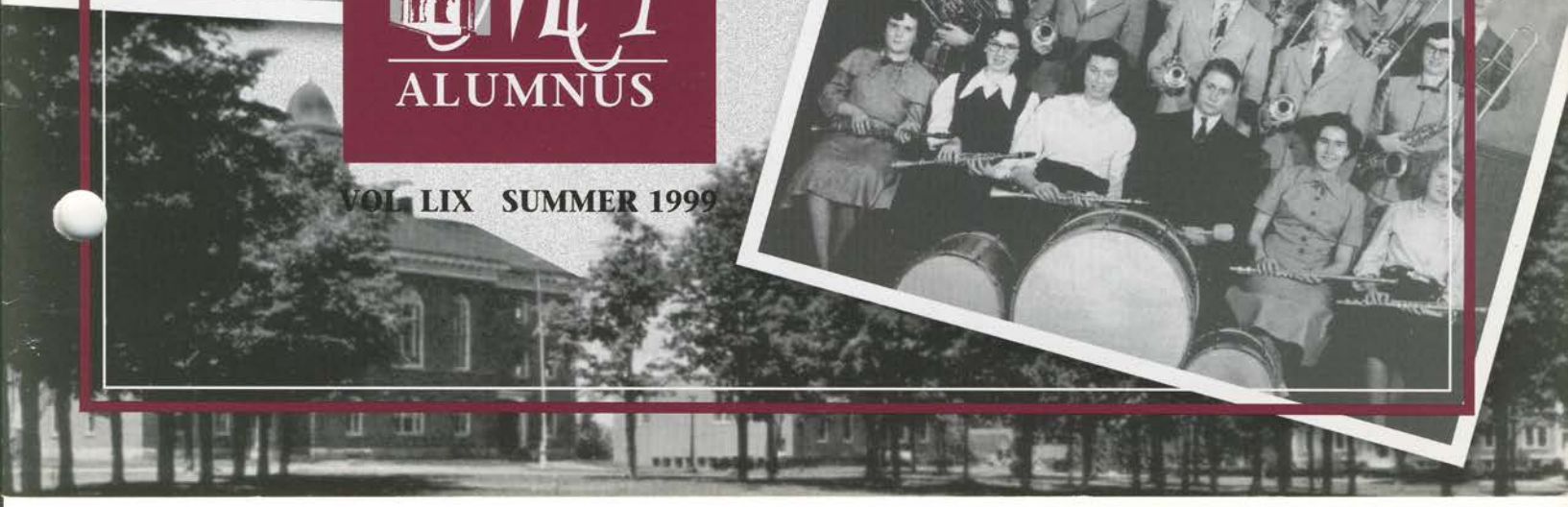


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MISSION STATEMENT

MCI pledges to provide a rigorous, comprehensive educational program to a multicultural student body with a wide range of abilities and interests. In a safe and caring atmosphere, students will acquire knowledge, self-esteem, social responsibility and the critical thinking and communication skills necessary for global citizenship and lifelong learning.

From the Head of School



As always, it is a pleasure to bring greetings to our 7,000-plus alumni all over the world from everyone here at Maine Central Institute. The school is a dear place to so many of us and it is very exciting to share the successes of students today with those who may have had a common experience during their time at MCI.

The graduating class of 1999 is the last class of the millennium. It is a special group which has experienced special success through their years at Maine Central Institute. The class is very diverse in nature and consistent with our mission to enroll a multicultural student body. Demographically, they number 119; 56 percent male, 44 percent female; 31 residential students and 88 day students. There are 10 countries represented in this year's graduating class: Bermuda, Canada, Hong Kong, Germany, Japan, Korea, Norway, Russia, Spain and the United States. From the United States there are students from 13 states. This creates a wonderful opportunity for a great group of students.

During the four years these young people have attended Maine Central Institute, some wonderful things have happened. Our percentage of students going on to colleges and universities has increased 10-plus percent over the past four years. In 1999, nearly 80 percent of the graduating class will go onto college compared to 61 percent state wide and only 47 percent in Somerset County. During the past four years, the school drop out rate has gone down to less than one percent. In the state of Maine, the average drop out rate exceeds 3 percent.

From the standpoint of fine arts, during the last four years, the music program has grown to exceed more than 100 students. The vocal jazz group has won the state championship two of the four years the current graduating class has been at MCI. A member of the class, Mat Zarolinski, was named the State of Maine male vocalist of the year for two consecutive years. The instrumental jazz group has gained every year, finishing fourth this year in the State of Maine with the highest rating possible.

In the area of theater, over 60 students have participated. As a result of our great success in competing in the one-act play Division II, we were forced to compete this year in Division I. We upset several large school powers to win the regional and go on to the state competition. We were named an alternate to the New England One-Act Play Festival. Enthusiasm and participation continue to grow.

In the area of athletics for the past two years, the boys' soccer team has won the Eastern Maine Championship and the golf team has finished first or second in the state each of the last three years. Postgraduate basketball has won the New England Prep School Tournament for the last two years.

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In schools across the country, there are many, many outstanding students. Some schools have outstanding academicians, others outstanding athletes, thespians, artists or musicians. At Maine Central Institute in the class of 1999, in addition to possessing many talented people, three individuals have been recognized nationally for their extraordinary performance.

Academically, Evan Sposato was recognized as a recipient of a National Merit Scholarship. Evan is the class valedictorian and will be attending Harvard in the fall.

In the area of fine arts, Mat Zarolinski, already mentioned for his vocal talents, will be joining "Up With People" an international tour group which selects the finest young musicians from across the country. He will return the following year to study music in his college life.

DerMarr Johnson, a student at MCI who will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall, was named the Parade Magazine basketball player of the year.

It is rare enough for a single graduating class to have one student at this high level. We have three people recognized nationally for their outstanding performance in athletics, fine arts and academics this year.

Even more important than the achievement of these three people is the achievement of the 119 students who have completed their high school careers at Maine Central Institute. All of them possess extraordinary personal attributes. All are highly valued and important members of our student body. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them the best of luck.

In August, we will be celebrating our 133rd annual reunion as an institution. Anniversary classes this year are those ending in "4" and "9".

From the Head of School ... continued


Alumni Reunion is always a special time because it allows all of us to come back and reminisce about the wonderful days at MCI as well as to catch up with the lives of many friends since the last time we were together. I would encourage everyone to take the opportunity to come back, visit the school and visit many old friends and acquaintances. The Alumni Association Executive Committee has been working hard to plan a great reunion weekend.

Likewise, class agents have been busily planning their class parties at various locations in the Pittsfield area. We hope many will be able to take part.

We are also excited about the induction of Michael T. Savage '62 into our Hall of Fame. We are particularly proud of his involvement as a trustee. Mike is an individual with great passion and vision for the institution.

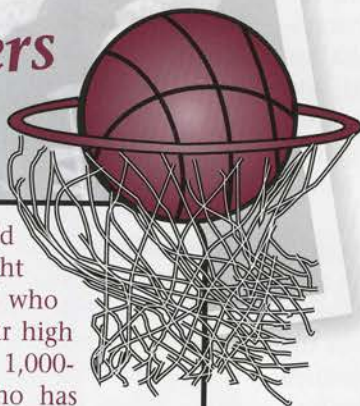
In closing, it is my hope that everyone who has some association with Maine Central Institute will remember it fondly and consider it a place where as a students they were assisted in their development by able people. It is also a place that continues to serves youngsters in a similar manner. We are continually working to improve ourselves and be the best institution possible. We encourage all alumni and friends to visit the school and share in the excitement we have from the school today. I love talking with alumni and sharing with them their excitement and remembrances of their days as students at MCI.

Best regards,


Douglas C. Cummings, Head of School

Calling All 1,000 Point Scorers

The MCI Basketball Boosters would like to purchase a banner for the Wright Gymnasium in honor of those alumni who scored at least 1,000 points during their high school basketball career. If you are a 1,000-point scorer or know of a player who has reached this milestone in MCI's history, please contact Julie Treadwell, Associate Head/Athletic Director. All names will need to be verified for accuracy with items such as newspaper clippings and plaques.



1999 Hall of Fame Inductee

Michael T. Savage '62

The Hall of Fame was established in 1983 to honor alumni and friends who, by their accomplishments, service or philanthropy, have made extraordinary contributions to MCI. It is our most prestigious award.

This year's inductee is Michael T. Savage '62. Mike has a true passion and love for Maine Central Institute. His father, Boutelle Savage was a key leader on Maine Central Institute's Board of Trustees during the 1950's and his brother Tom, graduated from MCI in 1964. Mike attended as a residential student from 1958-1962 and indicates that the four years he spent here were the most crucial in his life and that MCI gave him the tools for whatever success he has had.

Mike currently serves as treasurer, chair of the Finance Committee and member of the trustee Executive Committee. He has also served as chair of the Development Committee leading the charge in terms of preparing MCI for the 21st century and beyond. Due to his leadership and incredible commitment to MCI, he was the perfect choice as campaign chair for MCI's capital campaign and currently serves in that role. Mike has a full-time job volunteering his expertise and wisdom to MCI. He has made unbelievable commitments of his time, energy and resources to MCI. We are fortunate to have Michael Savage as part of the MCI Family.

You will hear in detail about Mike's service to MCI at the MCI Hall of Fame Induction at the reunion banquet on Saturday, August 7, 1999, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Wright Gymnasium. Please join us in honoring Michael T. Savage '62.

A Message from the Alumni Association President

Go Huskies!

As your Alumni Association President, it gives me great pleasure to report on another active year. MCI has had an exciting and successful year. Two weeks after last year's reunion, we held a very successful Alumni Open. As a result, we contributed \$5,000 to MCI in support of math and science technology as well as a gift of \$2,000 to the annual fund.

A young alumni event was held at the football game on Friday evening during Homecoming Weekend in September in an effort to encourage young alums to return to MCI. There was also a pizza party held in the Rowe Hall Dining Room following the game with a record 200 people in attendance.

The alumni basketball games held over Thanksgiving weekend were again a success this year. Approximately 35 male alums and 15 female alums participated in the event with a good turnout of parents, alumni and friends to cheer the teams on. The Alumni Association sponsored the event with free admission and concessions for the evening. It was a great way to say thank you to the many parents and community members who support students involved in athletic programs at school as well as another opportunity to bring alums back to MCI. Many thanks to Julie Treadwell for organizing the women's team and to Clint Williams '86 for organizing the men's teams as well as to Jamie Richards '84 and Wayne Richards '57 for donating the alumni t-shirts for the event. Mark your calendar! November 27, 1999, is the date for this year's alumni game.

The Alumni Association also purchased the awards for the prizespeaking programs, donated an engraved MCI wall clock for the silent auction in support of music and athletics and awarded a \$500 scholarship at graduation. This year, the Alumni Association also purchased t-shirts for the newest



Young Alumni Event
Homecoming '98

group of alumni at MCI with all of the members of the class of 1999 listed on the t-shirt.

With reunion approaching, we are excited to announce some additions to the banquet and the expansion of entertainment at the golf course. Last year at the banquet, we prepared a slide show along with music of the era for the 25th and 50th classes which was narrated by a class member. The slide show was well received and we plan to have a slide show this year for those special classes. We are prepared to expand the slide show for any honor class whose classmates purchase at least 15 advance tickets to the reunion banquet. Plan to make this year's reunion an exciting part of your honor class weekend!

A qualifying honor class should choose a maximum of 20 pictures for slide production as well as music and a class narrator. The slide show is limited to five minutes. All honor classes please supply classmate superlatives and classmates that deserve mention during the roll call of classes at reunion banquet. For details, contact Mary Sawyer, Director of Alumni Affairs at (207)487-5915.

As has been tradition following the banquet, Leon Southard '64 will be performing after the banquet at J.W. Parks Golf Course. Then the band "Loose Change" will be performing outside under the "Big Top" until 1:00 a.m. in an effort to draw a broader base of alumni to the reunion weekend. It should be a great time for all! Remember, reunion is August 7-8 this year with reunions for years ending in "4" and "9". Call a classmate today and make your plans to attend.

In closing, I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you who share with MCI your two most precious commodities: your time and your spirit. It is with pleasure that I serve as your Alumni Association President and look forward to seeing you on Reunion Weekend.

Obituaries

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

Gloria Abbott
Phyllis James Eggers '37
Agnes Moors Gray '25
Victoria Hamilton Jozwiak
Norman R. Lyon
Myrtle Main Sherman
Vernon Smiley '42

Arthur Williams '53
Roger Speer '53
Sandra Brown Hovey '61
Cecil Lancaster '37
Kenneth Shaw
Joseph Small '60
Urban Braley '51

Molly Shorey Woodworth '49
Barbara Reynolds Woodbury '55
David Willey '54
Frank Wilson '54
Geraldine Cargill Soper '33
Margaret Shaw Starbird '43

*The Alumni Office tries its very best to make sure we have accurately recorded the names of alumni and friends who have passed away. It is difficult to keep track of those who live outside of our local news area, so please feel free to contact the Alumni Office if you know of the death of an alum or friend of MCI.

1999 ALUM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 6-8, 1999

Friday, August 6

8:00 a.m.-4:30 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 7

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 "4" and "9"
Contact your class agent or the Alumni Office

12:00 p.m. Class of 1949's Golden Anniversary Luncheon in the Ella Powell Room of the Powell Memorial Library

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 1949 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 by "Loose Change" under the "Big Top" until 1:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 8

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

MCI REUNION

1999 RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____

REUNION BANQUET FOR ALL CLASSES

Please reserve _____ banquet ticket(s) at \$15 per ticket.

RESIDENCE HALL ROOM RESERVATIONS

Please reserve _____ rooms (double occupancy) at a cost of \$10 per person per night (linen and pillow are included) for the nights of

_____ Friday, August 6

_____ Saturday, August 7

GATHERING AT THE J.W. PARKS GOLF COURSE

For all alumni and friends following the banquet featuring Leon Southard '64 followed by outside entertainment under the "Big Top" by "Loose Change" until 1:00 a.m. at the J.W. Parks Golf Course.

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$10 each

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SCRAMBLE

Name _____ Class of _____ Handicap _____

Name _____ Class of _____ Handicap _____

Name _____ Class of _____ Handicap _____

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I have enclosed \$_____ for the following:

- _____ Banquet tickets at \$15 per person
- _____ Gathering at the J.W. Parks Golf Course at \$10 per person
- _____ Golf Scramble at J.W. Parks Golf Course at \$10 per person
- _____ Cart Rental (\$17 per cart)
- _____ MCI Chair Raffle Tickets at \$5 each or five for \$20
- _____ Residence Hall Reservations at \$10 per person per night

Please make your
check payable to:

"MCI Alumni Reunion"

and return the completed form to:
MCI Alumni & Development Office
125 South Main Street
Pittsfield, ME 04967

For further information, contact:
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Alumni Affairs
207-487-5915 or
msawyer@mci.mint.net

PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 23

Class Notes

Class of 1930

Of the 65 members of the class of 1930 listed in the *Trumpet* of that year, 20 are still on the class mailing list. Evidence of class togetherness came in the form of Christmas cards received by your class agent from half of the surviving members of our class. Age may slow us down but it doesn't stop us. **Eleanor Toothhaker** continues to be the authority on history of her home town of Dixmont, Maine and the genealogy of the extended area thereabout. **Evelyn Farnham Hersey** has received a special award in recognition of her community service. **Elizabeth Kimball Langlois**, **Lois Folsom Lewis** and **Marguerite Gee Douglas** continue their seasonal travels between Florida and various points in the North. **Joe Stevens** still has interest in the local affairs of Unity where he lives in the house in which his grandmother was born. **Charles Ludwig** is active in Kiwanis, Masonic Lodge and plays bridge several times a week at his home in Ormond Beach, Florida. **Pauline Mahoney Door** in Medford, Massachusetts, keeps busy clipping newspaper items including those dealing with her native Maine. **Georgia Fuller** travelled from Brunswick to Ohio to spend Christmas with a nephew. It's hard for me to identify any particular activity. I just putter around and do a lot of what I like to call "quality loafing".

Class Agent: Nelson Tibbetts '30; 3965 S 166 Street; Seattle, Washington 98188; home telephone (206)242-9448.



Class Day Speakers — Class of 1939

**60th
REUNION**

Class of 1939

I'm very happy to report that I have heard from some of you after many, many years. **Carl Estes** was in Pittsfield last June to attend his mother's funeral. Carl stayed in the service after he and **Edward Buckley** (who was killed in the war) enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He retired in 1973. His wife died three years ago and has two daughters. He flew 48 different types of aircraft. He was in the South Pacific, Korea and Vietnam. Carl is coming to help us celebrate our 60th reunion. Received a letter from **Harold Harding**. He is in good health and enjoys playing golf with a foursome. He has a large two-acre lawn and lots of vegetable and flower gardens. Hopes to see us at the 60th reunion. **Glenn Cookson** and his wife decided to return to New England after living for six years in Florida. He especially missed our lovely fall weather, the fairs and the foliage. His new address is Four Winds, 5500 N Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts 02720. **Walter Sherman** has retired. His wife Betty died in 1992. He has remarried and enjoys bowling, golfing and lives in Wiscasset. Hopes to see us at reunion. **Grace Wilson Haseltine** sent me a nice letter. She has a daughter in Washington, D.C., who works for the Secret Service on the Vice-President detail. She has a son who sells real estate and lives in Salt Lake City. Grace retired 15 years ago from Bangor Hydro as did her husband Gordon. **Willard Bass** came to MCI after attending Foxcroft Academy. He went to the Panama Canal and then to officers school where he was assigned to ordinance in the Pentagon. He lived in Lowell, Massachusetts until he finally retired to Ottawa, Ohio. He and his wife, Jean have two children, Jeffrey and Michele. **Bob Blake** and Barbara are well. They spend a bit of their summer in Castine. **Stan Fletcher** and Faith are doing just fine. She does volunteer work and Stan helps out at the railroad. **Rita Bouchard Norton** is going to England for a visit. She hopes to make our reunion. I saw her last year when she went to her reunion from Eastern Maine General Hospital in



Debating Teams — Class of 1934

Class of 1936

I received a letter from **Evelyn Marie Dodge Joy** in April. She says her husband of 53 years passed away in January. She is unable to drive now due to health problems but is moving into an assisted living home soon. **Goldie McInnis** wrote me for the first time. So good to hear from her. She writes that she congratulates me for being class agent year after year.

Class Agent: Evalene Pendexter White '36, Parkview Apt 18, Pittsfield, ME 04967, home telephone (207)487-5464.

Bangor. **Barbara Tilton Inman** was at MCI on Saturday morning of reunion last year. I'm sure she'll be at our 60th. **Maynard Ames** and Charlotte would like to have us for lunch at their home on the Webb Road in Pittsfield. I'll keep you all posted.

Class Agent: Ervena Frederick Belcher '39, 61 Draper Avenue, Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048, home telephone (508)339-1481.



1944 MCI Orchestra

Class of 1950

Bill Strout is retired in Milbridge but he is still jitter-bugging! I am impressed but not surprised. **Bob Larrabee** writes that the study habits he formed at MCI got him through his college years including graduate school. He is retired from teaching and coaching. He and his wife are raising a grandchild. He says he has lost touch with his dorm friends and would like to reconnect. **Jerry Hallee** and **Red Dunphy** have offered to help with the 50th reunion. I am delighted with their offer. Volunteers are much appreciated. **Clarence Furbush** e-mailed me from Alaska where he has lived for 30 years. He and his family plan to vacation at their camp in St. Albans, Maine this summer. Perhaps we can arrange a 49th reunion. **Ray** and **Terry Kelly Pettengil** also send e-mail with a home page, and I found **Barbara Morrell Neal's** address on their list. Barbara winters in Florida. She said she attends the MCI reunion there every year but has found no one else from our class. I had lost contact with my old and close friend, **Dot Graham Obar**, so it was a pleasure to hear from her. Dot says her husband has been very ill and she has had to develop nursing skills to care for him in their home in Connecticut. Most recently I have received mail from **Bernice Wright Ames** in Hartland and **Colleen Roundy Rohrer** who is summering in New Hampshire. I received a long informative letter from **Julia Jackson Rodenbeck** who

told me she hopes to attend our 50th. **Ben Miner** who sat beside me in Mr. Muzroll's algebra class wrote from South Carolina. Ben said he was only at MCI for two years but enjoys receiving the *Alumnus*. **Milton Seekins** has done a good job of staying in touch. He called one morning and told me he has talked with **Cy** and **John Wentworth**, **Blair Perkins**, and **Al Fitts**. Several folks have asked me what I hear from **Joan Coffin Benoit** and **George**. Where are you Joan and George? Many of us would like to hear from you. The Internet is such a grand venue for contacts. I am delighted when I find someone else on my computer. But wouldn't you know we would be the Y2K class? Our place in infamy continues! In addition to those I have mentioned I received posts from **Muriel Barker Reynolds** in Washington state, **Harold Burbank** who is just down the road in Kennebunk, **Dr. Richard Doherty** in Portland. **Mary Dysart Quint** found Richard Doherty who was no longer on our list and has offered either her home or her cottage on the Sibley Pond for a gathering next year. I hope to see some members of our class at this year's reunion, and get something started for our 50th next year. Being a class agent felt like a job when I volunteered, but now it is a pleasure. I am anxious to hear from everyone and to share the updates with the Class of 1950.

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Class of 1953

My special thanks to the classmates who responded to my letter, and my apologies to all of you for not including my regular mailing address. I continue to enjoy my retirement after 40 years as a high school English teacher.

Catherine Doyle Mooers e-mailed that she and **Walter** '50 spend part of the winter in Zephyrhills; while in Florida she see our class advisor Roderic Smith and his wife Persis; **Faye Ellingwood Shaw** and **John** '52 and many other MCI grads at the Florida Reunion. Kaye and Walter are very active in community and church affairs in Manchester, Maine. **Thelma Sennett Vining** and husband **Cliff** '55 divide their retirement living between Newport and Zephyrhills. Their son Mike and family live in California, where Mike is western representative for the Dole Company. Other son Mark is a pediatrician in Massachusetts. **Dale Raye Seaburg** and Bob spend the winter in Tavares, Florida and the rest of the year in Chester, Connecticut. Bob is president of their park association and Dale and he are very much involved in the many activities that the park provides.

Jack Hartleb recently retired as Faculty Emeritus from Oregon Health Services University School of Dentistry after 22 years. His son Blane operates his own business in Oregon, while daughter Darcy is a homemaker and mother to Jack's

grandson. Jack is planning to return to his country home in Bath and hopes to join us at the next reunion. **Olive Hustus Blodgett** is semi-retired and resides with her husband in Winchendon, Massachusetts. Both are delighted with their year-old granddaughter, the child of their daughter and son-in-law. **Loretta Doherty Brown** and **Armour '52** have retired from their life in the Navy and now live on Branch Lake in Ellsworth, where they are busy with various activities. Recently they traveled to Mexico to visit son Dean and family; daughter Diedre lives in San Diego, California. **Betty Gagne Calise**, now known as "Liz," phoned from Palos Verde, California, where she and her husband Bill reside. Betty traveled to Bhutan to hike in the Himalayas and then toured India. Elder daughter Kim lives in Chicago with Betty's eight-month-old granddaughter; younger daughter Andrea is majoring in international affairs at Columbia University. **Edward "Ned" Jewett** recently retired after working for the government for 42 years--20 in the Army and 22 for the National Park Service. During the summer he and his wife are at 6 Park Street in Bar Harbor (would love to have visitors) and have built a new home in Valle Vista, Arizona. **Jackie Smith Bennett** graciously agreed to assist with this column and was a tremendous help. She has an apartment in the house in which her daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons also live. Jackie visits her other daughter and son-in-law in Las Vegas, where she enjoys the beautiful weather. We are delighted to know that **Elizabeth Matteson Clark** is recovering nicely from recent knee-replacement surgery. Our best wishes to you, Elizabeth. **Philip Buker** is still operating his floor covering business and resides in Orange, California. We are grateful for his making the long journey to attend the reunion. **Lorraine Swift Burns** of Greely, Colorado phoned during the reunion to speak with several of us. She is making a splendid recovery from corneal transplant surgery. **Gary Goodrich** is retired from the Pentagon and now lives in Augusta where he keeps busy with volunteer work. **John Page** and his wife surprised many of us all by traveling from the mid-West to attend the reunion. John is still active in his ministry. **Glenwood MacDougal** has retired from teaching and resides in Glenburn. **Cynthia Brown Johnson** and **Arthur '51** reside in Belgrade where both are busy with family, church and community activities. Arthur continues his ministry by serving various churches. **Eletha O'Reilly** has retired from her job at Sears and still lives in Rockland with her brother. Since the reunion last summer the class has been saddened by the deaths of **Roger Speer** and **Arthur Williams**. We extend our sympathy to their families.

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Talisman Staff
Class of 1954

**45th
REUNION**

Class of 1954

Thanks to all of you who sent me information this past year. I would like to share some of the notes from our former classmates.

Larry Foster resides in Sarasota, Florida. He and his wife stopped smoking 14 years ago and started running. They have run about 400 races since turning 50—including 30 marathons and a 50 mile race. He is retired and enjoying it immensely. **Elwood Lovejoy** lives in Gardiner, ME and retired in May. **Janet Lander Erskin** is enjoying her retirement traveling and visiting her family. She lives in Connecticut and worked for the US Postal Service for 28 years. **Ken Hallee** writes he has now reached his twentieth year in his second career with the IRS and is considering changing gears and starting a third career in financial planning. He hopes to attend this year's reunion. **Barbara Brooks Nichols** lives in Hartland. She has been in ill health for some time, but her family live near and she enjoys having them close. **Peter Grenier** wrote that he has retired from MDOT and is enjoying retirement in Augusta, ME. **David Hall** and his wife, Irene, live in Fairfax, VA. David retired from IBM in 1996 after just over thirty years with the company. The last ten years he did project management with IBM World Trades companies, being assigned to Tokyo from '90 to '93. They spend much of their time now volunteering. **George** and **Leah Heffren Newhouse** have spent the winter in Arizona. They are retired and spend summers at their at their home in Pittsfield. **Ada Mae Lewis Priest** lives in Meritt Island, Florida. She works in security for Rockwell International, which builds the space shuttles. She and husband, Bud hope to see everyone at reunion time. **Joe Gould** writes that after 32 years at Commercial Union Insurance Co. he decided to retire. He stills broadcasts the class B-C-D tournaments for Maine Public Television. This year marked his twentieth year with them. **Joyce Elkins Cronk** went back to school at age 59 and took a course for personal care assistant with certification in CPR and first aide. She's now working for Helping Hands for Waterville. Our class had a great loss

this past year with the sudden death of **David Willey**, our hardworking, long time class agent. We will certainly miss him. I have finally taken the BIG STEP and will be joining the RETIRED GROUP. I will be retiring in June from the Brewer School Department. I'm looking forward to the August reunion and hope to see you there.

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Snoball 1959

Class of 1960

Fellow classmates, this is to let you know that I have volunteered to help **Marilyn Nash** with the Class Agent duties. I hope to coordinate things here at the local level. I hope you are all looking forward to 2000, a special year for our class. Just imagine 40 years. We'll be contacting as many of you as we can to make plans. Our get-together five years ago was most enjoyable. To catch you up with what's been



Talisman Staff — Class of 1964

happening with me, I have been working as the Town Clerk and Tax Collector for the Town of Palmyra for five years. For the five previous years my husband and I ran a bookstore in Pittsfield. I have four children and four grandchildren.

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Class of 1968

Hi to everyone! We had about a dozen classmates together at Rose Ann and **Ellery Hathorn's** camp last August. **Jean Hammond Watts** had just returned from Russia where her son Riley danced in a ballet cultural exchange. They lived for two weeks with families there and had a great trip. **Pat Patterson** returned for his first reunion. He is a professor at Iowa State. He has engineered a prosthetic arm and has a patent pending on a new ice skate being tested by the pros. **Arline Daily Hillestad** came all the way from Wisconsin to visit MCI and all of us. Others who attended were **Becky Huff DeRaps, Emily Scott, Eric Cianchette, Harold Mosher, Kathy Starbird Warburg, Doug Lloyd, Al Cates, Pamela Inman, and Mike Bailey.** We were a small group, but had a nice get together. We were very pleased to receive several responses after sending out a letter in February. **Cindy Jones Hinckley** wrote from Aurora, CO. where she has been delivering mail for the USPS for 10 years. She says the winters are wonderful and she hikes, skis, and rollerblades with her dog. Her oldest daughter is expecting the first grandchild in July, and her youngest graduates from Colby in June. Her two middle girls attend school and work in Denver. **Steve and Dora Barrett Miles** keep busy following their nephew **Adam Friend '92** who races in the Bush North Series. Their son **Gavin '93** graduated from Bridgewater State and works for GMAC Mortgage Co. near Boston. After working at MCI for 17 years, Dora took a job working as a Title Clerk for the National Division of Vehicle Donations. Steve is in his 15th year with Maine X-Ray. Dora keeps in touch with several former students via e-mail, and she and Steve still get in a game of golf now and then. Their e-mail address is milesds@mint.com and they would love to hear from you. We received a letter from **Rich Young** who was a PG in '68. He enjoys news of MCI but feels a tad detached and hopes for more PG involvement. He spoke highly of his year at MCI and said it gave him a "new beginning". He completed a career as a Navy Pilot in 1995 and is now employed by World Airways where he currently flies the MD11 on contract throughout the world. His two children are grown and on their own, and he and his wife Lisa will move to St. George, Maine in the spring. He hopes to attend a reunion soon. In her Christmas card,

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Dawn Peterson Cox wrote that she is sorry she missed the reunion. She is an RN and works as the Health Dept. Coordinator of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Her husband works at the Smithsonian. Her oldest daughter lives in Georgia and her youngest is in 11th grade. An e-mail from **Darlene Kvingedal** states she is well and working hard at Central Maine Power where she is on an interesting project due for completion 3/1/2000. She is the proud grandmother of Dominic, age 2, and DeAnne, born in February. **Lolly Susi** sent an e-mail saying she spent January filming a movie in the Catskills in NY called "A Murder of Peacocks", an adaptation of Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler". Keep your eyes and ears open. She is back in London preparing for a reading of the play she wrote about her experience with breast cancer. If the reading is successful, the play will be included in next year's season at the Hampstead Theatre in London. She will be performing in the Singapore Comedy Festival in a play adapted from a book about Hollywood by the author of "Cheers". She hopes to get to the next reunion. Rose Ann and **Ellery Hathorn** e-mail that their family is well. Their oldest daughter is a sophomore at UMaine and loves it. Their youngest is a sophomore in high school and gets high honors. They spent February break in Florida visiting family and going to Universal Studios.

They extend an open invitation to our class alumni to their home on Unity Pond this summer and say, "the door is always open". A big thank you to them for hosting last year's get-together. **Seven Starr Shaw** e-mailed that she has two teenage sons, John 15, and Kyle 13. They both enjoy playing in their school bands. Seven lives in Corte Madera, California...located in the San Francisco Bay area. Her e-mail address is, starrsev@aol.com. She enjoys working in a local health clinic. **Richard Adams** sent us a line to say hello and has been at Guilford Industries for seventeen years. He lives at 189 Elm St, lot#1, P.O. Box 462 in Newport, Maine 04953. Richard has been married for thirteen years to his wife Bunnie along with two grown children. His daughter Stacy, has three sons. Shane, his son, has a daughter. Richard also has a stepson, Jonathan, of fifteen years old and attends Nokomis High School, along with a step-daughter, Erica, who is fourteen and is in the 8th grade. **Nancy Harris Waldron** sent a nice note letting us know that she lives at Rt. 3, Box 5155, Ft. White, Florida 32038. Nancy was married to her husband, James, for twenty years. James passed away March 10, 1997. Nancy works as a Manager for a Chevron Foodmart, located just off I-75 in Lake City, Fl. She has two daughters

of whom both live in Portsmouth, Virginia. One works in a hospital and the other is stationed there in the Coast Guard. Nancy has a grandson and a granddaughter... and is anxiously awaiting a third grandchild. **Norman Mitchell** has been married for 29 years and lives and works in Pittsfield. He has been with Edwards Systems Technology (formerly Edwards Company) for 28 years, has done a lot of traveling for the company and is working hard on the Y2K project. He has two grown sons, **Christopher**, class of '88 and a graduate from the University of Vermont, **Norman**, class of '96 and attended Champlain College in Vermont, and a daughter, **Michelle**, of whom also attended MCI. Two granddaughters, Lexus, six years old, and Hannah, five months old. **Sharon Hanson Ringnette** lives in Gardner, Massachusetts, where she works as an RN in a busy family practice. She has been married 28 years and has two grown daughters and a 2-year-old grandson whom she adores. As your class agents, we plan to attend the annual class agent meeting at the summer reunion on August 7, 1999. We would love to get a group together for lunch if anyone is interested. We love hearing from all of you. Keep it up and let's see if we can take up the biggest space in the Alumnus! Where this is our first year as class agents, we have worked hard to make sure all of the information sent to us has been reported correctly. We apologize for any errors that we may have made. Please let us know so we can correct any errors that might have been made. For those of you that haven't had a chance to respond, please do, anytime.

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Class of 1974

**25th
REUNION**

Class of 1974

The class of 1974 is planning a 25th reunion party on August 7 at 8:00 p.m. at **Randa Wright's** house on the Weeks Road in Pittsfield. Randa and **Vera Lloyd Bryant** are planning the party and if you have any suggestions or would like to help, please contact Vera at (207)487-2751; email verabryant@excite.com or Randa at (207)487-5307, email wright1@mint.net. We encourage everyone to attend the banquet. MCI will be honoring the 25th reunion class by creating a slide show that will be presented at the banquet. Hope to see all of you there.

Class Agent Needed!!!

Class of 1976

Well, here we go again with what news I have of our class. In the January 8, 1999, edition of the Waterville Morning Sentinel, **Jolene McGowan** was described as a spokesperson for L.L. Bean announcing the special sale at the old Rich's Department store in the JFK mall in Waterville.

John Crosby is back to work after knee surgery last fall. He is currently working at Land Air Express based in Pittsfield. **Eileen West Wright** is working in the Pittsfield Town Office. As for me, I'm hanging in there. Still involved with Central Maine Egg Festival, the Pittsfield Historical Society, member of the pool committee and a member of the cemetery board of trustees. Hope to see some of you this summer at reunion, Egg Festival or otherwise.

Class Agent: Don Hallenbeck '76 #7 West Branch Terrace, Pittsfield, ME 04967, home telephone (207)487-2254.

Class of 1978

Well, I got a good response back from the forms I sent out to you and even received a couple e-mails as well. **Ashley Hart** writes that he is living in Hartland and continues to drive truck throughout the United States. Look for him on the road. **Jack Burns** is living in Beaverton, Oregon with his

wife **Lindsay** and their three children, Taryn 9, Delaney 7, and Keon 5. Jack works for Nike and also coaches soccer and basketball. He says he ran in the Portland Marathon last October, but he didn't say where he finished but hopefully it was near the top. **Valerie Vicnair Cianchette** is living in Pittsfield with her husband and family, and is teaching 6th grade at the Warsaw School. **Lois Pease Richmond** and her husband **Jim Richmond '79** are now living in Tampa, Florida with their daughter Hillary. She says that she does get to come home to Maine each summer. Look us up next time you are home. **Tom Snowman** and his wife **Pam Peters Snowman '73** are living in Newport where Tom is a salesman for Carl Smith Foods. He says he is now a grandfather and enjoys that role very much. Tom says he also enjoys the summers at camp in St. Albans. **George Sanborn** is living in Pittsfield and says to say hi to all his classmates. **David Howland** e-mails that he and his family are now living in central Florida and he is working for Reynolds and Reynolds as a computer hardware technician. **Gary Liimatainen** also e-mailed, and says he and his family are living in Pittsfield where he is working at Kleinschmidt and Associates. **Jim Killam** and his family are now living in Pittsfield and Jim is working in Hartland. That's all I have for now, but for those of you who haven't sent back that form or e-mailed me yet please take the time to do so. That way there all our classmates will know where you are and what you have been up to since graduation.

Class Agent: Robert Stackhouse '78, 56 Somerset Avenue, Pittsfield Maine 04967, (207)487-6028, (207)487-6629, e-mail bstack@mint.net

Class of 1979

Twenty years have come and gone since Lanco was our President and Trent and Judy our King and Queen and Robin the lead academian of the great class of 1979. **Sherry** and **Craig Littlefield** are hosting an afternoon pool party for classmates and their families and would like to extend the invitation to our buddies from neighboring classes as well. Speaking of Lanco, we have lost track of his address, so if any-

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REUNION**



Class of 1979

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one has contact with him, please let MCI know! **Sherry Mayhew Littlefield** is teaching science at Warsaw and still lives at Littlefield's Orchard with Craig and Blaine, 17 and Jessi, 14. On a recent shopping trip in Freeport with Sherry, we were greeted as we walked into Big Dogs with, "What's this? an MCI reunion?" We looked up to find **Jimi Fotter** working there. What a small world. I have also heard from **Nina Rochette** (formerly Juanita Hohman) who is the Human Resource manager for a pest control company in Bruswick where she lives with her husband Jim and their son Drey who will be two this year. Her other children are Keith, 18 and Sara, 16. Nina sends word that **Mark Stackhouse** lives in Wiscasset. **Shawna Rogers Baugh** is teaching in Virginia. She and Chris have a new home and three sons, Max, 6 and twins, Jordan and Tyler, 4. She is coming to reunion. **Rosalyn Littlefield Bowne** lives in South Carolina with Hays and daughters Whitney and Audrey. **Nancy Quint** lives in Windham and is a nurse at Maine Med. She is getting her Masters in Nurse Anesthesia at UNE. She sends me gas-related jokes via email periodically. **Peter Cianchette** is in his second term as a State Representative from So. Portland. He and **Carolyn Twomey** '83, have two children, Evan and Maria. And from the class of '78, **Jill McGowan** married Dave Hembre on the rocks at Schoodic Point last August (very scenic!) and they've just bought a house in Falmouth Foreside. Her line of women's shirts is very successful and can be found in high-end boutiques across the country. As for me, I am going back to work as a hairstylist in Yarmouth after a year of staying home with my baby Willie (he'll be 2 in August), and my 8-year old, Kyle. That's all for now!

Class Agent: Ann Cianchette Ball '79, cball1@maine.rr.com or write at 47 Delwin Drive, No. Yarmouth, ME 04097. Hope to see you all in August!

Class of 1980

I saw **Richard McNichol** and **Scott Williams** at a cook-out last August. Richard has a daughter, Monique. **Angel Morse Levin** and her husband, David live in North Carolina. She works at Concurrent Technologies Corporation. Her responsibilities are with the Electric Commerce Resource Center Program funded by the Defense Logistics Agency. **Brenda Lovely** lives in Pittsfield with son, James. Brenda works at KVCAP in Skowhegan as a counselor. **Douglas "Buzzy" Daily** I found in Oklahoma City, where he is serving in the Navy and has over 6,000 hours of flying time. **Peter Kohler** and his son Ryan and daughter Sara live in the Waterville area. He is an eye surgeon. **Lynne Estes** and husband Keith live in Carmel. They have two children, Travis and Amber. **Mark Luce** and his wife, Donna live in Detroit with their two children Nicole and Ryan. Mark is a sawmill foreman for the Maine Fence Company. Donna is also employed at Maine Fence Company and at Eastern Maine

Medical Center. **Mike and Cindy Dunphy Haynes** '83 with their daughter, Oliva Ann are moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado. He will be an instructor at the Air Force Academy in the field of civil engineering. **Tina Kelly Duplisea** and husband, Kenneth along with their two children, Brian and Rita live in Palmyra. **Bob Engelhardt**, wife Linda and two children Lindsey and Julie live in Mt. Vernon. Bob is employed by Wahlco Engineering Products as manager of product management. He trains and breeds dogs professionally. Bob also works with **Mike Cianchette, Zeb (Everett) Pike** and **Allen Knowles** lives up the street. **Terry and Tina Pelletier Marks** live in West Gardiner with two children, Bethany and Terry II. As for me, I live in Waterville with my fiancée Carl LaFlamme and my two sons, Chris and Nick. I am presently taking a CNA class, am a certified CPR instructor, PCA and working at H & R Block.

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Class of 1983

Many thanks to those of you who checked in with Ann and I to let us know what has been happening in your lives since you left MCI. It is exciting to hear from former classmates. **Eric Batchelder** was the first person on the Internet to write me. It was great to turn on the computer and see his letter. Eric is doing well and resides in Pittsfield. **Lillian Flood Hussey** and her husband currently live in West Pittsfield. They have two children, James and Melissa and she works for KVCAP in Childcare in Waterville. **Robert Williamson's** mom was good enough to check in letting us know we had the wrong address and gave us a current one. Thank you Mrs. Williamson. **Frankie Lam** is happy in New York and moving along strong in his chosen profession as a Computer Tech Analyst. He has been happily married to his wife, Jacqueline, for over two years now. No children yet. **Duane Morin** is down in Massachusetts and works for a Honda Dealership doing what he enjoys the most, reconditioning cars. He has also found a love for the Arts. He is involved in the Community Theater and has performed in front of hundreds of people. Way to go Duane. **Mark Cooper** has written in saying "All is well with he and his wife Lauri." He has three children, Marcy, Molly, and Mitchell, when he wrote in December with another on the way. It should be four by now since the newest arrival was due in late January. Congratulations Mark and Lauri. He is a Physical Education Teacher and enjoys coaching softball and basketball. He and his family live in Fairfield, ME. He reports that his brother **Colin Cooper**, is down in VA with his wife MaryJo. He has three children of his own, Candace, Ashley, and Grant. He joined the Navy after graduation for four years and now, is a long haul truck driver. He likes to play basketball when he is

not away from home. I arrived home one day to find a letter from **John Quigley** in my mail box. He is doing well down in Vero Beach, FLA working for the Dept. of Agriculture and has recently enrolled at the University of Florida Agriculture School. Time for that degree he says. John would love to hear from you. His address is: John Quigley, 1905 18th St., Vero Beach, FLA 32968. Drop him a letter. Ann heard from **Diane Penney Barrett**. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Lewiston and have two little boys. **Cindy Dunphy Haynes**, her husband, Mike, along with their daughter, Olivia just moved from California to Colorado for his new post in the Air Force. She also hears from **Gayle Nelson Liimatainen** every now and again. All is well with them. I hope we haven't missed anybody. Let us know if we have and we will get it into the next issue. Again, it was great hearing how all of you have been and how you are doing. As for me, **Charice Ouellette Sullivan**, in August, I married the man of my dreams in a fairy tale wedding tucked high in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. I have two beautiful children, Jessica and Christopher and run a small business out of my home, besides working a full time job. Life is very busy. **Ann MacLauchlan Manian** and her husband, who is a CPO in the USNavy, are currently stationed in Illinois. She has two children, Kaitlin and Ryan and all is well with them. Thanks again to those who responded to our letter. We hope to hear from more of you in the future.

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1984 Drama Club

Class of 1987

Gary Soucy is in Network Management for Cianbro, at the Baltimore, Maryland, office. He's enjoying his job. Sadly, two of our classmates have lost their mothers recently. **Nate Allen's** mother, Bette Allen, passed away in November, 1998, after a long battle with breast cancer. And **Dave Oviatt's**

mother, Marilyn Oviatt, passed away unexpectedly in January, 1999. My condolences to Nate, Dave, and their families. In better news (or maybe it's not), the vast majority of our class has either celebrated the big 30, or will be celebrating it, this year. Congratulations, everyone... of course, you can still say you're twenty-something, it's just that you're "twenty-ten". I heard that **Wendy Petroskey Hopkins** has a message board on the internet for the Class of 1987. Anybody know how to access it? **Charlotte Reynolds** writes that she is currently working at an art museum as the Youth Education Coordinator. If anyone has plans to come out to Yellowstone to be sure to drop by and see her at the National Museum of Wildlife Art. Congratulations to Jack and **Karen Pike Fecteau** on the birth of their son, Jared Jackson Fecteau on May 10.

Class Agent: Barbara Pomeroy '87, PO Box 53, Detroit, ME 04929, home telephone number (207)487-5537, email nwprint@mint.net

Class of 1988

CJ Mitchell and wife, Sheryl had a baby girl (Hannah) Oct 9th weighing in at 8lbs 10oz. Mom and baby are very happy following the decision to stay home and become a full time mother instead of return to work. CJ has recently taken on a new job (same company) as a Senior Project Leader working on the upcoming Year 2000 issue. **Lee Nolan** and his family have recently moved into a new house in the town of Burnham. **Paul Pietranico** says "I don't have too much to add. I'm currently studying for the level 2 CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) exam, which will take place in June. **Matt Lee** is coming out to visit in early March for a week. I'm looking forward to that. Barrie and I are currently looking to buy a home here in the Bay Area, probably in Berkeley or Oakland. Working on an application for additional study at Stanford.

Dan and **Loren Lavalle Martin** are expecting are their second child July 12th. Our eight year old son, Jeffrey is very excited at the prospect of being a big brother and will keep everyone updated after the arrival **Wendy Higgs** is still living on Spring Road with her longtime beau Bob. She is currently employed for the Town of Pittsfield in the Town Clerks office. Congratulations on a great new job, Wessir. **Richard York** and his wife have been very busy since their little boy is ill. That's why Richard couldn't make it to the reunion. Please keep Richard and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Larissa Vigue will spend six weeks at Oxford University this summer (1999) completing her fourth summer of work toward her Master's degree in English Literature through Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English. After Oxford, Larissa returns to Maine to begin a second Master's degree, in American and New England Studies, at University of Southern Maine in Portland, where she hopes to begin work on a book about her grandfather's life in early 20th-century New England. In addition to working at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, for the past five years, Larissa

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has built up a small freelance writing business and plans to continue that work while attending school in Maine.

Also, for the update for Class of 1990. **Jim LaValle** just got married on New Years Eve 1998, in Manassas, Virginia. They honeymooned at the Sandals Resort in Jamaica. They are expecting their first child later this year.

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Class of 1994

Class of 1994 it is time to plan some fun! All classmates who have not gotten in touch with me need to soon. **Courtney Cianchette** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maine at Orono last year and got her B.A. in Art Education. She is currently living in Pittsfield with her boyfriend and long-term substitute teaching at Atwood Tapley Elementary School in Oakland. **Celeste Dunphy** graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington and is teaching kindergarten in Cornville. She is also taking classes towards her Master's degree. **Peggy Booth Rines** is married to **Gene Rines '92**. They have a 2-year-old son named Christopher and Peggy stays home with him. She loves it! **Josh Mathews** graduated last year from the University of Maine at Orono with a degree in chemical engineering. He is still in school working on his Master's. We are waiting to hear from the rest of you! Please email, write, or call and fill us in.

Class Agent: Emily Walker, 134 S. Main Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967, email ewalker@mint.net, home telephone (207)487-5410.

Florida Reunion 1999



Leon '64 & Leedra Southard



Margaret Webb Emery '47 and
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Chuck Cianchette '48 & Rita Wright

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Schools

by Douglas C. Cummings, Head of School

In recent years, Stephen Covey's book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, has created a great deal of dialogue concerning personal and professional growth. Having read the 7 Habits as well as a number of other Covey works, I find a very close parallel between the "7 habits of highly effective people" and effective schools. Covey defines a habit as "the intersection of knowledge, skill and desire. Knowledge is understanding what to do and why to do it, skill is knowing how to do it and desire is the motivation of wanting to do it." Covey also speaks in his writing of the "abundance mentality," meaning that you find reasons to succeed, not reasons to fail. A school with the knowledge, skills and desire that create an

abundance mentality will realize amazing growth and progress. Another critical concept found in Covey's writing is the "maturity continuum." He contends that as we all begin our lives as very dependent beings. Obviously, as infants we are very dependent creatures. The second stage is independence which seems to hit during the adolescent years. We come to believe that we do not need any assistance to be effective. The most mature level in the continuum is the point of understanding that we are all interdependent on one another. Effective schools recognize that to reach their maximum effectiveness the faculty, students, parents,

administrators, trustees, support staff and community must all work interdependently. The irony is that MCI is defined as an independent school. That could not be further from the truth. Any good school, whether it is governed publicly or privately, needs to clearly understand the interdependence of its constituencies. MCI is making gains on this maturity continuum and has actually grown significantly in recent years. Perhaps we should call ourselves an interdependent school reflecting what we truly want to be.

Effective people and organizations need a clear purpose based on universal principles as well as personal values. The MCI mission statement speaks of a rigorous academic program. We say we are a caring and supportive place as well as a place where students become good problem-solvers, critical thinkers, global citizens and carry with them a social con-

science. This is pretty universal to most schools. These are principles in the realm of education. MCI also has within our mission a number of values that are important to us but not necessarily important to other schools. We feel strongly about being multicultural in nature. It is a value we cherish, but not necessarily a belief that all schools share, yet it is one we believe in strongly. We also believe in a comprehensive curriculum and that the mix between our large day population and residential population brings great advantages to MCI. According to Covey, these values are "self-chosen beliefs and ideals. They are internal in nature. They are subjective and they are based clearly on the world as we see it."

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Stephen Covey's seven habits build upon these points. He labels these habits of highly effective people as being proactive, beginning with the end in mind, putting first things first, thinking win-win, seeking first to understand then be understood, synergizing, and sharpening the saw. Being proactive is easier said than done! Within a school, there is an infinite number of human mood swings daily. There is great emotion; there are infinite circumstances resulting in situations viewed in different ways by different people all at the same time. In effective schools, the response to these situations must reflect the values and principles outlined in the mission and operating principles of the school. This provides the opportunity to be proactive in terms of how schools go about the process of decision-making and educating young people within the school setting.

The people associated with Maine Central Institute work very hard to do this. In all situations, they try to reflect upon and separate themselves from the moods, feelings and circumstances as they go about making decisions. Covey's second habit suggests always beginning with the end in mind. It is important that effective schools have a clear vision of what they want to be. Beginning with the end in mind always reverts to our school's mission, the bedrock from which all future visions evolve. At Maine Central Institute we have worked hard to be good strategic planners. By continually self-assessing as well as being proactive and well-grounded in our beliefs we certainly can move forward as an educational institution. Covey's third habit, "putting first things first" flows very naturally from beginning with the end in mind. It simply means setting your priorities. These are

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decisions that need to be made interdependently by all of the constituencies of the institution. It is important to understand the difference between issues which are urgent and issues which are important. Highly effective schools work hard to make decisions which are important but not urgent. But, as a parent, my children's issues are very important and very urgent. This is a difficult habit for schools to practice simply due to the nature of working with parents' most loved possession, their children.

Covey's fourth habit is "win-win." This is a complex concept but once understood and practiced, it pays great dividends for schools. Win-win simply put, means that when two different parties have different solutions to a common problem, they mutually discover a third solution which is better than either of the original solutions. It is a fact that two people or groups of people effectively working together can create solutions to problems that are better solutions than any one person can develop. In schools, this is essential. The perspective of solutions to problems is very different pending the vantage point from which you are working. Solutions for parents, students, teachers and administrators may all take on a very different look. Again, strong belief in the interdependency of all constituencies of the school is critical. By working together great solutions can be developed consistent with the school's mission. This is the ultimate key to creating a win-win decision. At MCI, we have also worked diligently to promote Covey's fifth habit, "seek first to understand and then be understood." We believe there can be tremendous growth on everyone's part at an educational institution when all parties first seek to understand others. Various parent groups, teacher and administrative teams as well as student groups have been developed to understand others thoughts and perceptions.

Habit six "to synergize" is defined by Covey as "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts." My best example of synergy at MCI involves our work in recent years in regard to athletics and the performing arts. Sports, drama and music have existed for a long time at MCI. They functioned almost independent of one another and at times were in conflict. Each group experienced minimal success and support. Today coaches, advisors and directors work in unison to allow as many students as possible to participate in as many activities as possible. There is tremendous overlap and participation. This year, the vocal jazz ensemble placed second in the state of Maine, the boys' soccer team won the Eastern Maine tournament, the one-act play cast won the regional title, the golf team placed second in the state and the postgraduate basketball team again won the New England championship--truly the whole was greater than the sum of the parts!

Covey's seventh habit is labeled, "sharpening the saw." In his book he refers to the woodsman at work. An observer notices that the woodsman is sawing frantically but making little progress. The observer said, "you know if you would stop and sharpen your saw, you would get more done." The woodsman responded, "I do not have time to stop and sharpen my saw. I have too much wood to cut." Sharpening the saw can be as simple as vacation, but at another level it means time for the professional growth of the faculty. It means supporting the concept of school celebrations and campuswide coffees. Reflection and the ability to recharge are critical for effective schools. Being associated with Maine Central Institute means embracing the seven habits. We need to practice them and consciously think of them daily as we go about the very important work of helping all of our students learn to their maximum potential.

18th Annual Alumni and Friends Scramble

The 18th Annual Alumni and Friends Scramble will be held on Sunday, August 8, 1999, starting at 10:00 a.m. The event is open to all MCI alumni and friends. A "scramble" is played with teams of four members. The best players are picked to captain a team; everyone else is assigned to a team according to individual ability. Each team member drives, the best drive is selected and the players hit their second shot from the spot where the best drive lands. This format continues until the ball is in the hole. Team score for the hole is the number of "best ball" strokes. In this format, everyone on the team can contribute.



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1999-2000 UPCOMING DATES

August 7-8

Alumni Reunion

August 21

Alumni Open Sponsored by the MCI Alumni Association

For more information contact Mary Sawyer, Director of Alumni Affairs

August 31

First Day of School

October 1

Homecoming/Parents Weekend - Young Alumni Event and Pizza Party Following Friday Night Football Game - All are invited to attend!

October

Annual Report Mailed

November 27

Alumni Basketball Games

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New calendar of events and alumni information including e-mail addresses!!

New Alumni Directory - Information Forthcoming in October



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