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From The Head of School



As always, it's exciting for me to bring greetings from Maine Central Institute to our 7,500 plus alums and friends. All of you are such a critical part of the MCI family. We have just completed per-

haps one of our most successful years and are busily preparing for what hopes to be another excellent year in 1997-98.

On June 8, we graduated 93 students from seven different countries and every imaginable socioeconomic background. This is reflective of our goal as a school to serve a diverse population. Of the 93 that graduated, over 65% will be attending post-secondary institutions next year. Our goal is to develop fine young problem-solvers, creative thinkers and communicators, who possess global awareness of the world in which they live. MCI has always enjoyed a fine reputation of providing a rigorous curriculum to the students we serve.

As the world changes, we attempt to adapt our educational program to fit the needs of the young people we serve. Today's classrooms are very experientially oriented with focus on rigor, diversity, creative thinking, problem-solving and communicating. We use the various disciplines such as humanities, math and science to refine necessary skills as well as to provide the strong level of academic knowledge necessary in today's world.

We have had wonderful support this year from many alums and friends. They have allowed us to serve all students better. Thanks to the generosity of Carl Wright '43, our newly developed meteorology station is up and running. Faculty members Jim Tyson and Bill Brooks are in the process of receiving the training necessary to create an altogether new phase in math/science and technology instruction at MCI. Technology has become an astronomical component of education today. Perhaps the biggest hurdle we face as a school is to stay abreast of the state-of-the-art equipment which must be coupled with sound instructional practices in order for good learning to take place.

It has also been a wonderful year in the way of integration. We have worked hard to tie our residential students more closely to the local community. The Host Family Program was probably the best it has ever been with almost all of our students having host families with whom they to spend some portion of the weekend or an evening meal on occasion. For us to reach our vision, that being to be the most extraordinary independent school which could possibly exist in Pittsfield, Maine, we feel strongly that it is absolutely necessary to make the community an active part of our school and vice versa. We have made great gains this year. Many thanks need to go to the endless number of families in the community who have been of tremendous help in making the many students that we serve from abroad and from around the United States not only feel welcome in Pittsfield, Burnham and Detroit, but also feel a part of those communities. The level of integration also provides a wonderful opportunity for all of our day students. No other school in New England enjoys as close a tie between its day and boarding students as MCI.

Thanks to the work of our admissions staff and the educational consultants with whom we work across the country and the world, the students that we are serving seem to be a wonderful fit at Maine Central Institute as well as in the community of Pittsfield. At commencement this year, a number of our residential students were recognized for their high academic achievement as well as involvement in the total school. These are indicators that we are becoming a more unified school. We have become an independent school that serves all students from SAD #53, many students from surrounding towns and students from around the globe in a common way, valuing a common set of standards and an understanding that we will all treat each other as human beings; we will recognize one another's differences and we will celebrate the diversity of our student body and faculty as a whole.

It is also going to be a very busy summer here at MCI this year. On June 30, 70 plus ballet dancers arrived to participate in the Bossov Ballet Theater Camp. Forty plus are living on campus for the five-week program. MCI is leasing space to the

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Head of School Announces 1997 Class Honor Parts

by Douglas Cummings

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I would first and foremost like to emphasize strongly the tremendous levels of character and integrity of all of the recipients as well as my own best wishes for success as they move on to the college level. All of the honor part recipients have been extensively involved in highly rigorous academic programming during their entire period of enrollment at Maine Central Institute. Likewise, they have been actively involved in many, many co-curricular activities thus serving as outstanding school citizens and members of the total student body at Maine Central Institute. Mr. Cummings went on to say that it is his feeling that the honor part recipients are wonderful proof that MCI is achieving its mission, that being to provide a rigorous academic curriculum for a multi-cultural student body. The five individuals recognized are, in fact, one of the most diverse groups that the school has recognized in a number of years.

The valedictorian is Aaron M. Rosen, son of Dr. Clifford Rosen and Mrs. Donna Hammond. His step-parents, who he also thanks, are Mr. Jim Hammond and Mrs. Becky Rosen. Aaron will be attending Bowdoin College in the fall where he hopes to major in creative writing. During Aaron's four years, he has been actively involved in National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, music, Math Team and was captain his senior year and was class president in grades ten and eleven. He is currently president of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the Science Club, was a Manson Essay finalist, prize-speaking finalist, most valuable player of the tennis team his ninth and eleventh grade years, received the coaches award his eleventh grade year and served as captain his junior and senior years. He has received academic awards in English, Latin, his-

tory, math, science and French during his four years at Maine Central Institute.

The salutatorian is Jennifer J. Voter, daughter of Dale and Sheilya Voter of Burnham, Maine. Jennifer will be going on to Smith College next year where she hopes to major in biology and the classics. In addition to her rigorous academic program, Jennifer has been involved in the Art Club, Outing Club, Science Club where she served as secretary her senior year, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society serving as treasurer her senior year, Scott Hi-

Q Team, Math Team, Society of Women Engineers, prize-speaking and was a Manson Essay finalist. She has been actively involved in the concert band and pep band and has received academic awards in the areas of LIFE Skills, Latin, chemistry and English.

First Honor Essayist is Katherine L. Hoffman of Dixmont, Maine. She is the daughter of Kurt Hoffman and Linda Hoffman. Kate opted to take her senior year of high school at the college level where she took a full academic load at the University of Maine which was then recognized by Maine Central Institute to fulfill her academic programming at the high school level. Katie obviously has taken an extremely rigorous curriculum. She has also been involved in Science Club, Science Olympiad where she finished first in the state in quantitative analysis her junior year, Math Team, National Honor Society, Scott Hi-Q, prize-speaking where she was the first place winner in grades nine and ten. She also has been actively involved in soccer in grades nine through eleven. She has received academic awards in the areas of anatomy, English, mathematics and chemistry.

She was a State of Maine Scholar at the University of Maine, she received the Xerox Humanities Award her junior year and the Army ROTC Scholarship her senior year. She was the MCI



Head of School Announces 1997 Class Honor Parts... continued

HOBYS school delegate and state delegate her sophomore year and was a junior counselor at the HOBYS Camp her junior year. She also served on student council her junior year, was a member of the Dirigo Girls State representatives from MCI and served an internship under Senator Olympia Snow her junior year. She has been actively involved in fundraising for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and also the Alzheimer's Society. Next year Katie will be going on to Middlebury College where she hopes to major in Spanish and international relations.

The Second Honor Essayist is Lyudmila Yershova of Pittsfield. She is the daughter of Yelena and Mikhail Yershova. Luda has been a student at Maine Central Institute for the past four years. In that Luda's second language is English, her high academic standard and the program that she has been involved in reflects the kind of effort she has made. Luda has been involved with the yearbook staff, National Honor Society, she received the Maine

Scholars Achievement Award and has been a member of the girls' tennis team all four years of high school being its MVP the tenth and eleventh grade years. Luda is planning to attend Johnson & Wales College to study international business.

The Third Honor Essayist is Anton Pertsevoi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yuri Pertsevoi of Samara, Russia. Anton enrolled at Maine Central Institute as a part of the Youth For Understanding exchange his senior year where he has been involved in a highly challenging program. During his years in high school, he has always been an honor student and was his class president in Russia in grades nine and ten. Anton will be going on to Farleigh Dickinson University hoping to major in international business affairs upon graduation.



From The Head of School ... continued

BBT and working with executive director, Mike Wyly as well as Andrei Bossov, in regard to this endeavor. The Maine Principals' Academy will again be at MCI July 13-18 for the eighth consecutive summer and the North American Soccer Camp will be on campus again with approximately 90-100 participants from August 3-8. The Mike Wyly Business Consortium will be utilizing the campus July 28 through August 1 with approximately 20 participants. We will also serve as host to a Maine Principals' Association Retreat August 6-7. These activities coupled with Alumni Reunion August 1-3 and the Alumni Open on August 16, make it a very busy summer. We have worked hard to insure that our total facility generate income year round to support our students during the academic year.

I would love to have the opportunity to visit with any alum that would like to visit campus to see the buildings and classrooms that they once visited every day as well as the residence halls that they may have lived in. It is certainly my goal not only to see our alums, talk and reminisce, but also to share and celebrate the program provided currently as well as the goals we have for the students we will serve tomorrow. I enjoy reminiscing and am ecstatic about what we are doing today.

As always, it is a pleasure for me to serve as the head of school at Maine Central Institute and to represent the many different groups—students, alumni, friends and faculty—that are a part of the MCI family.

Valedictory Address

by Aaron Rosen



Aaron Rosen

I would like to begin my speech by reading a short fable which I have written for this occasion...There was once, in an elite forest district, an owl who was generally regarded as the guru of social consciousness. With the recent wave of political correctness the owl had become quite renowned for this political propriety. And it so happened, that on every Sunday, of every month, this owl would strut along his high patrician perch and lecture all the woodlanders on matters of social consciousness. With each passing Sunday the owl's audience swelled, and there rose among the woodlanders a great demand for longer and more frequent lectures. The owl, who rather figured himself the avian version of Moses, considered it nothing less than a moral obligation to appease "his faithful," as he called them. The woodlanders were indeed so smitten with adoration for the owl that they held in bitter contempt any animal who did not regularly attend the owl's lectures.

In a not-so-affluent district of the forest, there lived a kind-hearted young squirrel-maid who routinely missed the owl's lectures to deliver chestnuts to the bed-ridden and the elderly. It came to the attention of the other woodlanders that this young squirrel-maid, who failed to attend the owl's lectures, stood in obvious defiance to the high principles of social consciousness. As an example to all others who might stand in the face of social consciousness, the woodlanders shunned the young squirrel-maid for many seasons. The owl, in all his

wisdom, considered this a brave and wonderful testament to the woodlanders' commitment to the principles of social consciousness.

In the 1990's our society is very much like this fabled forest community. Like the misguided woodlanders, many of us are driven by a distorted vision of social consciousness. Besieged by "political correctness," it is often difficult for us to remember that true social consciousness is only reflected by our actions. Discussing social consciousness is valuable but only when it provides a stimulus for action. We do not clothe the impoverished, feed the starving and educate the ignorant with words alone. As the old proverb reminds us, "actions speak louder than words."

This discussion is especially poignant for every person who is graduating here today. As we emerge from the small and sheltered environment of MCI, we assume a larger responsibility for the world that surrounds us. There are two distinct ways in which we can respond to this challenge. Like the young squirrel in the fable, we can act upon our consciences, and bear this responsibility upon our shoulders. Or, like the other woodlanders, we can continue to engage in empty rhetoric rather than assume this responsibility.

There is no glamour or popularity in social action. The greatest social workers died in poverty, misunderstood by millions. But, as Robert F. Kennedy wrote, "there remains for all of us the chance to light up the tomorrows and brighten the future." This is the enduring challenge which beckons each member in this graduating class of 1997.

UPCOMING DATES

Fall Sports Begin

Residential Students Arrive

Camp Kieve - Integration Activity

First Day of Classes

August 17

August 23

August 24-25

August 26

Salutatory Address

by Jennifer Voter

At this time in our lives we will begin a journey. It will be the longest journey we have ever taken. It is the journey to find ourselves. It is a search for our own character and individuality. According to a quote from the National Honor Society: "Character is the force within each individual which distinguishes that person from others." It gives each one individuality. Many people I'm sure have routinely asked themselves questions about their character: "Who am I? What do I like? What do I want to do with my life? What defines me as a human being?" These questions become even more important to us, the Class of 1997. We have reached a milestone in our lives where we must make crucial decisions about our future. Let us examine one of the important ways we define ourselves.

Many times we learn about who we are through the eyes of another person. Not long ago I sat in a hospital room talking to my Great Aunt Catherine. We talked about many things, including her life during the Great Depression and World War II. After about an hour of talking, my aunt said something that has never strayed very far from my mind. She remarked that not many people today would have gone in to talk with her and that coming in to visit her defined me as a human being. As I pondered her remark, I started thinking about what defines me as a person. I realized that many people, including myself, define themselves through what others say or think about them. Hearing a person's opinion of you is like looking at a painted portrait of yourself as compared to looking as your-

self in a mirror. While it is interesting and important to look at the portrait, the mirror reflection is the truer image. It is good to accept others' feedback, but necessary to evaluate it cautiously. This process consists of listening to their critique and assessing it. Should you find their opinion invalid, that is if they say something that you truly know is not you, you can disregard that opinion. If you find their assessment to be valid, but it doesn't coincide with the definition of the individual you want to be, recognize that you have the ability to build from their criticism and transform yourself into the person you would like to become. On the other hand, if their critique is accurate and it has defined a characteristic that is you, you can internalize it. By participating in this process, you will begin the definition of the individual you are to become.

We leave here today as individuals. It is up to each one of us to evaluate feedback, to develop or strengthen our character, to establish our individuality, and forge a future for ourselves. Set the sails. Pull anchor. Cast away. Keep your eyes on the horizon. Begin the journey and enjoy yourself along the way.



Jennifer Voter

UPCOMING DATES

Parents' Weekend/Homecoming

Thanksgiving Recess

Alumni Basketball Game

Christmas Break

September 26-27

November 22-30

November 29

December 20-January 4

Commencement Address

by Peter Vigue '65



**Peter Vigue
'65**

***"Never,
Never,
Never,
Never Say
Can't.
Strike
that word
from your
vocabu-
lary."***

Thank you Mr Cummings for your kind introduction and thank you Class of 1997 for the invitation to address you at such an important milestone in your lives. This is a special opportunity for me since I know many of you and I have a niece in this class that I promised not

to embarrass.

Before I begin my presentation, Associate Head Treadwell asked me to thank you for your efforts to get her into the recycled paper business, and would like to remind you that future deliveries should be made at her home on Hamilton Drive.

In 1941, after Winston Churchill was chosen to lead England in the war against Germany, Churchill was asked to address the graduating class of the Harrow School. The school from which he had graduated prior to going on to college.

Winston Churchill had not distinguished himself as a student while at Harrow and, in fact, he failed the entrance exams two times prior to being accepted at college.

On the day Churchill was to make his presentation, he arrived at Harrow, was escorted to the speakers' platform and sat down. He was introduced as the man who would lead England in their fight to victory against the Germans. Churchill came to the podium - removed his top hat - put down his cane - took his cigar from his mouth and put it

on the podium. He paused, then leaned into the microphone speaking loudly with tremendous energy and said, "NEVER GIVE IN"!

He then took his cigar from the podium, put it in his mouth, picked up his cane and put on his top hat and sat down.

In the weeks and months to follow, Churchill expanded that presentation in speeches made throughout England to rally his country and lead them to the defeat of the Germans.

I hate to disappoint you but my presentation here this afternoon will be more than three words.

However, 32 years ago, in 1965 I heard a message similar to the one given by Winston Churchill - right here at MCI downstairs in the library from a 68 year old Latin teacher named Hazel Earle.

Now don't get any ideas that I'm a master of foreign language, because I'm not. In fact, I was in Latin class my senior year taking Latin I and Latin II because I dropped Latin after my freshman year and had to catch up my senior year. In those days, successfully completing two years of language was a prerequisite to getting into college.

Hazel Earle was one of the few people in this world who has ever intimidated me. Even at age 68, she was tough, could see right through you and knew what was going on in your mind. I never worked harder or respected a teacher more than this lady.

One day when we were in class, a young lady who sat beside me was asked by Mrs. Earle to translate. The young lady replied saying "I can't!"

Mrs. Earle stared at the young lady, then looked around the class, turned on her heels and walked to the far side of the blackboard, picked up a piece of chalk and wrote in small letters NEVER, stepped sideways along the board and again wrote the word NEVER in letters larger than the first. Mrs. Earle worked her way across the board writing "never" several times, each time with larger letters and pressing harder on the chalk, each time making it squeak louder and louder, sending a chill up our spines. When she got to the end of the board she again turned on her heels and said in a very firm and authoritative manner: "NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER SAY CAN'T. STRIKE THAT WORD FROM YOUR VOCABULARY."

She then went on to give us a twenty-minute dissertation on can-do attitude and that we could do whatever we put our minds to.

It was that lady and her inspiring words that have taken me through some tough times in my life and helped me to persevere when I might have quit.

That lady's picture sits in my office today. And I shall never forget her.

My only regret is that I never said thank you.

Each of you are at a milestone in your lives - all headed in different directions. Before you leave here today and continue down the road of life, I ask you to take a minute and say thank you to those teachers and staff people who have helped you and even those who have held you accountable and taken a tough position to make you a

better person. Also I ask you to seek out your parents and family and say thank you and don't be afraid or forget to say **I love you!**

In fact, I believe its appropriate at this time to ask the graduating class to stand and applaud your families, your teachers, coaches, host parents and staff for all that they have done to support you.

Thank you!

As I look at you as a class, I see tremendous energy and ability. I see the future. Each of you have different goals and aspirations and each of you can achieve the success you desire.

There is no one in this world that is better positioned to succeed than you. You are entering the most exciting time of your lives. Your future is what **YOU** will make of it - committing yourselves to your goals, working hard, sacrificing and learning to put things in perspective are key. And remembering that **YESTERDAY IS HISTORY AND YOU CAN'T CHANGE IT!**

Whether it's

- Your background
- Mistakes you have made
- The fact that you flunked a course
- Or came from the wrong neighborhood

IS IRRELEVANT.

It's important to forget about the past except for what you have learned!

What you do today, tomorrow and what you experience and learn in the next few years will have a significant impact on your life.

It's important to recognize that there are many people in this world who don't have the credentials to be successful, but

they are! Why? Maybe it's because they said, "Yes, I can and I will, to opportunities, when others said, No, I can't or I won't.

Sometimes those opportunities are disguised as thankless or dirty jobs, or the kinds of things that are not popular or those that no one wants to do.

Or maybe, just maybe, they are successful because they dared:

- Dared to be different
- Dared to say the things that needed to be said
- Dared to confront the difficult or unpopular issues
- Dared to put their reputations on the line and expose themselves
- Dared to support the weak and offer a helping hand
- Dared to give someone else credit or recognition
- Dared to admit a mistake
- Dared to say **"I'M SORRY"** or **"I LOVE YOU"**.

Take advantage of the opportunities you have. Believe in yourselves and your ability to achieve your goals, while remembering that you have a responsibility to give back. Each of you can make a difference in our society.

Speaking of making a difference - some of you may have heard the story about the two people taking an early morning walk along the beach.

As they walked, they came upon thousands of starfish that had been washed up onto the beach from a storm the evening before. As they walked, every few steps one of the individuals would pick up a starfish and toss it back into the ocean.

As they continued their walk, the person's friend asked,

"Why are you doing that? It doesn't make a difference! There are thousands of starfish on the beach

and they're all going to die". With that, the person bent over picked up another starfish and tossed it into the ocean and said **"It makes a difference to that one!"**

The significance of the story is that **you can make a difference! Even when you face insurmountable odds.** You will never know the impact that you might have on an individual, on a situation, unless you are willing to **reach out, to take action and do what is right.** Today in our society it is often said, "Why bother", or "It doesn't matter". **It does matter and you can make a difference!**

Remember as you face the challenges ahead, you can do anything you want:

- If you're determined and believe in yourself
- If you maintain a positive attitude and say **"I can and I will"**
- If you're willing to sacrifice and give more than the other person
- If you're willing to help one another and care about your fellow man
- If you're willing to take on risk
- If you concentrate and focus on what needs to be done
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1997 Commencement Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP

NAME OF RECIPIENT

GEORGE M. PARKS AWARD	Aaron M. Rosen
HAZEL M. EARLE MEMORIAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE.....	Jennifer J. Voter
MAURICE L. EARLE MEMORIAL HISTORY AWARD.....	Aaron M. Rosen
MYRTLE MAIN SHERMAN FRENCH AWARD.....	Aaron M. Rosen
RODNEY JOHONNET SCHOLARSHIP	Yasuo Akashi
BERTHA WHEELER CARTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	Kunihito Kyuno
TAMMY BODWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	Jennifer J. Voter
BOIS REAL ESTATE SCHOLARSHIP	Lyudmila M. Yershova
EDNA REED SCHOLARSHIP PITTSFIELD TUESDAY CLUB.....	Alycia A. Kerr
GEORGE DAMREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	Alycia A. Kerr
W. HOWARD NIBLOCK SCHOLARSHIP	Jennifer J. Voter
RICHIE MCCORKILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.....	Daniel R. Bartlett
WRIGHT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	Alycia A. Kerr Jennifer J. Voter Daniel R. Bartlett
PITTSFIELD GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP	Kelly Thayer Stephanie A.R. Vigue
PITTSFIELD BOWLING CENTER SCHOLARSHIP	Jarod A. Rollins
ROBERT H. LIBBY SCHOLARSHIP	Peter Halferty
SIBLEY POND SCHOLARSHIP	Daniel R. Bartlett
STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP.....	Dana L. Woodruff Jarod A. Rollins
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C.M. ALMY & SON SCHOLARSHIP	Alycia A. Kerr
IRA BERRY CHAPTER #57 ROYAL ARCH MASONS/ME.....	Jeremy W. Libby
MCI ALUMNI ASSOC. SCHOLARSHIP.....	Katherine Hoffman
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GORDON CONSTRUCTION CORP. SCHOLARSHIP.....	Julie L. Vittum
MCI KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP.....	John M. Heaton Candace A. Connors
SAD 53 ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP	Sarah H. Loring Kelly Thayer
ARTS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP.....	Jeremy W. Libby
MAURICE HATCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.....	Aric E.H. Friend
BURNHAM EXTENSION SCHOLARSHIP	Jennifer J. Voter

1997 Commencement Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP

NAME OF RECIPIENT

GOOD CHEER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP	Robert R. Desjardins
KIWANIS IDEALS AWARD	Dana L. Woodruff Jarod A. Rollins
NIGHT DRIFTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP	Jonathan D. Switzer
DETROIT VOL. FIRE DEPT. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	Eric E. Lane
MABEL S. ANDREWS SCHOLARSHIP	Jennifer J. Voter
LEHR CUP SCHOLARSHIP	Matthew A. Bradeen
CHRISTOPHER DIONNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	John M. Heaton
CHRISTOPHER DIONNE BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP	Alycia A. Kerr
BETH HATHAWAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	Christin L. Johnson
BURNS W. KNOWLTON, JR. POST #32 AMER. LEGION SCHOLARSHIP	Dana L. Woodruff
ELKS LODGE 2713 SCHOLARSHIP	Jason D. Taylor
SKOWHEGAN SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP	Lyudmila M. Yershova
GRAND LODGE OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIP	Peter Halferty Terri-Jean Grant
SEBASTICOOK VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP	Jennifer J. Voter
GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS	Elizabeth A. Martins
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP	Alycia A. Kerr Christin L. Johnson

1997 Commencement Awards

IVA CREGNOLE SOFTBALL AWARD	Miranda B. Gerry
DALE MCDONALD BASEBALL AWARD	Daniel R. Bartlett
SANGER COOK TRACK AWARD	Hirokazu Hirano
MARK PORTER MEMORIAL AWARD	John M. Heaton
MALAKA RUSSELL FIELD HOCKEY AWARD	Terri-Jean Grant
RODERICK SMITH BASKETBALL AWARD	Hirokazu Hirano
MCI COACHES AWARD	Candace A. Connors John M. Heaton
STAPLES OIL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD	Alycia A. Kerr Aric E.H. Friend
PAUL LEGGE PHYSICS AWARD	Jennifer J. Voter
FRANK T. HASELTINE BIOLOGY AWARD	Jarod A. Rollins
JOHN SLAGLE HUMANITIES AWARD	Jennifer J. Voter Jarod A. Rollins
MCI MATHEMATICS AWARD	Katherine Hoffman Aaron M. Rosen
HUSSON BUSINESS MEDAL	Aaron MacInnis Trevor Richardson
MCI DRAMA AWARD	Aaron J. Inman
RUTH PLUMMER COOK MUSIC AWARD	Sonja H. Grotjan
ROSALIE WILLIAMS SPEAKING AWARD	Jennifer J. Voter
BETTY WEBBER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AWARD	Stephanie A.R. Vigue
JILL QUINT ENGLISH AWARD	Kenniesha Simmons
DEAN'S AWARD	Nahtasha Burrows
RON ROGERSON AWARD	Greg Nolley
MARGARET WITHAM CHALLENGE CUP	Jaime L. Jensen
MCI FACULTY CUP	Alycia A. Kerr
MASTERS CUP	John M. Heaton

MCI Saddened By Tragic Loss

by Douglas Cummings



Dick Boisvert '62

The entire MCI family was greatly saddened upon receiving news of the tragic loss of trustees Dick Boisvert '62, Randy McPherson '66, and Jeff Norris, husband of trustee, Susan Smith Norris '73. A love of the outdoors is what bonded these three wonderful gentlemen. They had been fishing in northern Quebec, something that they have done for years and gained tremendous pleasure from, and were returning home by a Cessna 185 float plane on Saturday, June 14, 1997, when the plane crashed and all three perished.

A memorial service was held in the Wright Gymnasium on the MCI campus on June 19, 1997. Nearly 1,700 people attended the service. The three men were eulogized by long-time friends Pat McGowan '74, Paul Bertrand '59 and Mike



Randy McPherson '66

Gallagher. These men all spoke of Dick, Randy and Jeff's tremendous loyalty and support for one another as well as all of the things that they held near and dear to them—their families above all else—and their love for Maine Central Institute.

The memorial service, thanks to the efforts of all involved, proved to be a true celebration of the lives of all three men. Pat McGowan '74 talked of their never-ending dream of owning sporting camps in northern Maine. He spoke of their vibrant personalities and how each would play a critical role in the successful operation they often talked about. Randy would be the businessman with an eye on the buildings and would make sure everything was clean and in its



Jeff Norris

place. He certainly would do his best to keep Jeff Norris on track and Dick from introducing too many spicy dishes to the sports. Jeff would, of course, be the greeter with that great smile and the wonderful laugh and certainly the top river guide. Dick would be the cook and backup river guide. As Pat McGowan indicated, if you have ever had any of Dick's chili or his cajun food, it's the best in the world going down but requires at least one roll of Roloids before the night is over. It was stories like these and remembrances of the many contributions that made the celebration of their lives such a fitting service for all three.

Pat McGowan talked of Jeff's fly-fishing ability and the fact that he was poetry in motion to many of his friends who could watch him fly-fish for hours. He joked of Dick's own technique of throwing a fly that he had developed on his front lawn on Hartland Avenue in Pittsfield and then how Randy used the wrong hand. If Randy ever hoped to throw a fly like Jeff, he simply had to use his right hand. Dick Boisvert was a man who loved the outdoors and the companionship of others who shared his love. He constantly worked on self-improvement whether in his optometry practice or in his fly casting. Dick had recently received his Maine Guide's license.

Jeff Norris will always be remembered as the man with the bounce in his step. He always had a smile, a story, and a handshake for everyone he met. There was always someone that he knew or he knew someone that they knew. The woods and waters of this state were in his blood. His family was truly a Maine family in all senses of the word. Jeff was very proud of his family, their success and their hard work. He was also extraordinarily proud of Maine Central Institute even though he did not graduate from MCI. Jeff had married into a family that had grown up on the campus of Maine Central Institute. His wife was Susan Smith, daughter of Rod and Persis Smith, past faculty members who had devoted their lives to serving the students of MCI. Susan and her sisters, Sally and Judy, had grown up here as well. Jeff came to love the school as if it were his own. Perhaps Sue had something to do with that. You could see him selling raffle tickets at reunion, working to set up chairs and making sure that everything was just the way Sue would want it. He was at all the games supporting our students. He was certainly an honorary alum to say the least.

Randy was the original big Scotsman. He was a quiet, hardworking, gentle man. His reassuring presence was spoken of at length at the memorial service. His ability to react to unforeseen events was superb. Story after story was told of the stabilizing effect Randy had on his friends, family and the companies he served. Paul Bertrand '59 eulogized

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Randy by telling some of the stories of the way he named all of his respective vehicles. He talked about Black Beauty, his old station wagon, and Poncho, his airplane, and how he treated and cared for them as if they were human in some way. Friend Mike Gallagher spoke of how Randy loved open-water fishing in his boat, whether that be at Harrington Lake or on the West Branch of the Penobscot River or at South Twin Lake. He would be up before the sun and ready to go.

All three men will be dearly missed by the entire MCI family. Their infinite contributions to the betterment of all students at MCI will not be forgotten and even though their lives were cut short, the impact that they've made is truly significant and has made MCI a better place for all of us.

Dr. Dick Boisvert was born November 3, 1944, in Lewiston, the son of Joseph V. and Theresa (Cloutier) Boisvert. He was a graduate of Maine Central Institute in the Class of 1962. Upon leaving MCI, he served as a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam era. He received a doctorate from the Southern California College of Optometry, USC. He married Jeanne Alvey of Pasadena, California, on August 6, 1966.

From 1972 to 1978 he practiced optometry in Lewiston. Since February 27, 1978, he had owned and operated his own optometric practice at 16 Hartland Avenue in Pittsfield. He was a longtime trustee of Maine Central Institute and served 12 years on the Board of Trustees with his greatest energy going to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He had a tremendous love for the campus and the facility which exists. He also served on the Admissions Committee and chaired the Committee on Trusteeship. He was most recently the Board's vice-president.

He was currently serving on the Glaucoma Subcommittee of the Maine Board of Optometry. He was an active member of the American Optometric Association and the Maine Optometric Association. He was also a member and former president of the Pinnacle Ski Club. He attended St. Agnes Catholic Church and was a former member of the Seabasticook Valley Hospital Board and the Pittsfield Kiwanis Club. He was a Registered Maine Master Guide and was an avid outdoorsman.

Dick is survived by his wife Jeanne Boisvert of Pittsfield; his parents of Lewiston; two daughters, Noelle Wilcox '90 and her husband John Wilcox

'89; and Nicole Boisvert '92.

Randy McPherson was born January 3, 1948, in Hartland, the son of Sherman and Shirley (Lawler) McPherson. He was a graduate MCI in the Class of 1966, and attended Jacksonville University and the University of Maine at Orono. He married Ginger Towle of Unity on December 19, 1970.

He owned and operated the Corner Cupboard convenience store, was former general manager of Maine X-Ray and was most recently employed by E.M. Parker Co.

He was a member of the MCI Board of Trustees and devoted tremendous energy to the Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee. He too was very fond of the campus and the buildings which exist here. He had served two years on the MCI Board of Trustees. He was also a member of the Airport Committee and the AOPA. He loved flying, fishing and the great outdoors.

He was predeceased by his father, Sherman McPherson, on February 19, 1997. Survivors include his wife, Ginger T. McPherson; his mother, Shirley McPherson '41; a daughter, Amy McPherson '93; a sister, Sherry Holbrook '67.

Jeff Norris was born October 17, 1953, in Rumford, the son of Charles and Ruth (Stevens) Norris. Jeff graduated from Dirigo High School, Class of 1972, and attended the University of Maine Farmington. He married Susan Smith of Pittsfield on June 30, 1979.

In earlier years he assisted his parents with the operation of their camps, Kidney Pond Lodge & Camps in Millinocket. He was employed as a Senior Buyer for GS Edwards Company and later as a Purchasing Manager for Forster Inc. in Wilton. Most recently he worked as a Procurement Manager for Irving Oil Corp. in Bangor.

He had been a Registered Master Maine Guide since 1973. He was also a member of the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield and a former member of the Pittsfield Kiwanis Club. His professional affiliations included the American Production and Inventory Control Society; he was the Director of Education for the Downeast Chapter. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing with his friends.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Norris, '73, daughter of Rod and Persis Smith of Pittsfield.

Message from the Alumni Association President

Ralph Damren '64

As your Alumni Association President, it gives me great pleasure to report on another active year. MCI has had an exciting and successful year. Shortly after last year's reunion, we held a very successful Alumni Open. As a result, we contributed \$2,300 to MCI in support of math and science technology as well as a gift of \$3,000 to the annual fund.

After Christmas, we held an alumni basketball game versus the men's and women's varsity teams. The alumni association sponsored the event with free admission and concessions for the evening. It was a great way to say thank you to many of you for all of the support you give to MCI. It also was another way to bring some of our alums back to MCI. It was a huge success and is sure to be a yearly event. Many thanks to Julie Treadwell and Toookie Russell for organizing the women's team and to Clint Williams for organizing the men's teams. A big thank you to Jamie Richards and JR's Sports for donating the alumni t-shirts for the event. Mark your calendar! November 29, 1997, is the date for this year's alumni game.

With Reunion approaching, we are excited to announce that again this year, Leon Southard '64 will be performing after the banquet at J.W. Parks Golf Course. Also, the Late Money Blues Band will be performing with Jean McGowan '87 as lead vocalist. It should be a great time for all!

Remember, reunion is August 2-3 this year. Call a classmate today and make your plans to attend.

Speaking of reunion, I would just like to talk to you briefly about our banquet dilemma. The MCI Alumni Association is proud each year to provide the financial backing for Reunion Weekend. Our goal has always been to receive enough revenue from the event to offset the many costs we incur. We have always considered "breaking even" on Reunion as financially successful. Unfortunately, the last two years have not been financially successful. The major problem is estimating the number of people attending the banquet. Once we confirm our number with Daka, our food service provider, we are committed to pay for that number of meals. Our major concern is to be able to accommodate all alumni that might decide to attend last minute. So, what I am trying to say is that it is important that we have as many advance sales of banquet tickets as possible as a barometer to better guarantee the number of meals needed. I hope you can help with this.

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.

Go Huskies!

12th Annual Alumni Open

**Sponsored by the MCI Alumni Association
to Benefit Math and Science Technology**

Saturday, August 16, 1997

J.W. Parks Golf Course

Pittsfield, Maine

11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Gala Banquet and Entertainment Following the Tournament
Great Golf-Great Food

LOTS OF FUN!



Last year, we raised \$23,300 to directly support math and science technology from the generous contributions of the Alumni Association, C.M. Almy and Son, Chuck and Helen Cianchette '48, Cianbro Corporation and Peter and Rosalie Williams.

Spotlight on MCI Alumni

MCI: The Thinking Student's School

by Larissa Vigue '88

When I sift through my academic memories of MCI, they never blend together into one indistinguishable lump. Like gemstones of varying shapes and colors, they set themselves apart, some brighter and better than the rest, but all striking in one way or another. This is, I believe, is a testament to the school's emphasis on the individual consciousness, which stressed creativity, originality, and hard work in both instructor and student. Maine Central Institute treasured independent thinking as the diamond in its crown, unlike the high schools some of my peers attended, where students were expected to churn out little more than a repetition of what the teacher drilled into them.

If you doubt that independent thinking is a rare and precious commodity, read on.

In April I wrote a letter to the editor of the local paper in response to an article about a city resident who has come up with a slightly suspicious way to make a few bucks. He sells himself as a surrogate reader who, for a mere twenty dollars, will read a book ("literature" only) of the patron's choosing and be that patron's personal Cliff's Notes. As silly and superficial as his offer is, at least he gets paid to read and think. The real scandal in this scam lies with the quoted client of this service: none other than an English professor at the local university, who, although he wanted to know more about transcendentalism, "couldn't imagine" actually reading the 900-page unabridged works of Emerson. Had this article been a hoax, it would have made for perfect satire.

As a student of literature, this makes my heart ache. By this action, the message this teacher sends to impressionable minds is the exact opposite of the focus on independent thinking MCI held in such high regard. No one brings this to mind more vividly than John Slagle, former MCI Humanities teacher and original Independent Thinker. His class was all about engaging, not forsaking, the text. Being caught in class with Cliff's Notes was tantamount to cheating. I can picture, with fear in my heart, his reaction to a student announcing she "couldn't imagine" reading Hamlet because of Shakespeare's dense language. He would have, after struggling to maintain his composure, lectured her on the finer points of learning literature, namely, the "Eureka!" the mind cries when confusion clears and meaning becomes evident which occurs only when one interacts personally with the words as originally written. Secondary texts are useful, and often even necessary, but only after the mind has related directly to the book itself. Mr. Slagle held in high regard what this university professor irresponsibly discounts; the brain, like every other muscle in the body, needs exercise to remain strong.

That Mr. Slagle was a diamond among diamonds at MCI testifies to the persuasiveness of the independent thinking attitude during my four years at the school. Nearly all of my teachers are memorable for the tests they put to our brains every day. I have no doubt that I am a better person, and a stronger thinker, for it. In a society that condones surrogate reasoning, the concept of Independent Thinking desperately needs heroes such as those upon whom MCI prided itself to wave its banner in our classrooms. My challenge to Maine Central Institute, then, is to polish that crown continually.

Never lose faith in your students' minds. No matter how much they try to convince you they can't think, ten years down the road they'll appreciate your effort to make them realize they can.

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Larissa Vigue '88

1930 Class Notes

Nelson Tibbetts writes: I received word from **Harold Millett's** son that Harold passed away on December 7, 1996. For the past three years, he had been living with his son in Guilford, Connecticut. He had Alzheimer's disease, but still seemed to derive pleasure in having MCI letters read to him. Harold was a pitcher on MCI's baseball team in 1930 and went on to pitch for Bates College. On January 19, 1997, **Wally Harris** called me from his home in Riverview, New Brunswick, to tell me that his wife, Eunice died on January 12. She was **Eunice Reed '32**. She and Wally and I were on the debating team together. Sanger Cook paired Eunice and me in a debate with Hebron Academy. I still feel embarrassment in recalling a stupid statement that I made in rebuttal, bring a look of pain to Sanger's face. Just how bad I was is indicated by the fact that although Eunice was judged the best speaker of the debate, the decision went to Hebron. **Eleanor Toothaker's** new hip has responded well enough so that she is back in circulation and again pursuing most of her normal interests and social commitments. **Lois Folsom Lewis** was hospitalized for a while in January but when I spoke with her phone at her home in Boca Raton, Florida in mid-March, she sounded good and said that she was feeling the best that she had for a long time. She planned to be heading north the very last of April. **Evelyn Farnham Hersey** was honored in February by a big suprsie birthday party. So many people were involved that it was held in the Masonic Hall. After being slowed down by eye surgery earlier in the year, Evelyn is back doing volunteer work at the hospital. In early March, **Elizabeth Kimball Langlois** was on a Caribbean cruise that took her to Aruba, Tortola, Curacao, St. Thomas and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Those of you who remained in close contact with MCI beyond our graduation remember Edward Stanley, who served MCI well for more than 32 years as a teacher, alumni secretary and headmaster, retiring in 1972. He died on November 14, 1996, at the age of 78.



1933 Class Notes

Sara Cowan writes: Hail all octogenarians! No, I'm not mixed up. Octogenarians are ever blooming. **Eleanor Simpson Baker** will enjoy the advantage of being an "octo" at two family weddings for which she's expected neither to do the planning nor the work, just to show up and look half way bright. You've arrived, simply. In mid-March, the snow drifts along the road in her home town of Shirely, were six feet plus high. **Dorothy Rutherford Fuller** has kept busy since her retirement from working for the Navy and Air Force at Kittery. Her husband died in October 1992. She was active with the Lioness Club for several years and has been working part time at Kittery malls. Anemia has bothered her since November. Transfusions help and she's begun therapy to help her bone marrow work better. She lives alone, drives and bowls. In early February, **June Ramm Preissler** broke her right arm at the shoulder blade, a freak accident while getting out of the car. One result, she missed the March 19th organ orchestra concert. She may have limited use of the shoulder but is doing her exercises faithfully and planned to be back for the practice sessions of the organ group shortly. She writes that because organs today have many instrument sounds their organ orchestra sounds like a real orchestra. I've never cared about going to Florida, but this could be a reason. I'd like to hear it! **Jennie Reynolds Thompson** reports that **Virginia Small Elderkin** fell and was in the hospital for some time followed by time in a nursing home, but now is at home with family caring for her. Her son, **John '62** who lived with her died last spring. Virginia's daughter, Marise is coordinator for Somerset County senior citizens so Jennie talks with her from time to time. Jennie plays bridge at seniors once a week and has joined Sebasticook Club which was organized in 1937 especially for women who lived outside the village. Jennie's sister, **Elizabeth '35** is the only charter member. **Earl Aaskov** and **Truman Day** are caring for their wives who are seriously ill. Virginia Aaskov is at home in Portland and **Betty Day '36** is at her son's in Baltimore. Truman will spend part of the spring and summer at the farm in Lisbon Falls when he plans to divide up the property among family members. **Nannie (Katherine) Cowan O'Reilly** reports there are 70 some of us now living in Park View Apartments in Pittsfield including her sister, **Julia '27**; **Arlene Badger Hasey '35**; **Lucille Cookson '35**; **Connie Frederick Duplissee '36**; **Evalene Pendexter White '36**; **June Smith Eastman '32**; and **Maria Pearl Wilbur '44**. **Meda Sanborn Libby** and **Howard '28** have a grandson who is

enjoying his freshman year at Colby. Howard says it's a different Colby from when he attended on College Avenue. Meda sees Jennie Thompson's daughter, Marilyn at church in Burnham. **Susan Laughton Jewett's** daughter, Gloria Byers whom some of us met in '93 wrote that Susan's Parkinson's disease prevents her being able to write. Susan exercises on her treadmill and when the weather is suitable, gets outside and goes out to eat occasionally. Like me, she enjoyed watching the U of Maine women's basketball last winter. It doesn't surprise me that a former Lawrence High star, Cindy Blodgett, sparks the U of M team. Do you remember what Lawrence used to do to us in the 30's? Susan and family see **Anita Prince Richardson '32** at church in Hermon on Sundays. In January, **Joe Coffin** had heart surgery - six by-passes! Joe is receiving recognition for 45 years of contributions to the city of Brewer. The softball field has been named "Coffin Field" and the Brewer shoreline of the Bangor Salmon Pool is named Coffin Fisheries. Congratulations Joe! **Gerrie Stolt Carleton** and her husband moved to a retirement home in Virginia, near their children at the end of March. Dr. Carleton hasn't been well and their children have been insisting that they be nearer. They will continue to spend summers at Pemaquid Point and hope that any MCI friends who find themselves in the area will stop by. They celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in March. **Clement Weeks** moved to New Mexico in 1979 after retiring from General Electric in 1974. In 1986, his wife Helen, whom we met in 1983, died. His five children are scattered. Clem says he's gradually replacing worn out parts, has a little arthritis and will see us in 1998. **Bill and Amy Coffin** are keeping busy in the park. Amy with the social activities and Bill as chairman of the board of governors. They have visited with sons, **Tommy '67** in Greenville, South Carolina; and **Bill, Jr. '69** in Port Orange, Florida. Bill and Amy hope to come to Maine this summer to visit their first great-granddaughter in Vassalboro. **Arthur (Danny) Danielson** sends regards to all of his friends. He's had a rough year. Harriet died in December after a long struggle. He's had a couple of upsets after losing Harriet but his pacemaker is working okay. In the midst of all this, he managed to place in two golf tournaments. As for me, I have slowed down this winter. My balance isn't good. I get to church every Sunday but am less active. I am trying to tie up the loose ends of the genealogical work I've been doing for the 50 years since I was the "summer substitute" at the Maine Historical Society. I've always enjoyed history, that's why I enjoyed teaching Latin for 38 years. The Class of 1933, now numbering 25, extends best wishes to all.

1936 Class Notes

Eleanor Bradeen writes that her oldest grandson has moved to Hamburg, Germany. He plays the violin at the Hamburg Opera House. Another grandson is living in Worcester, Massachusetts and attending Worcester Poly Technical Institute. Her other four granddaughters are in the 8th and 6th grades. Gordon Lake writes that he is planning a trip to Maine at the end of July through the MCI Reunion. I received a long letter from **Casey Grover**. He and his wife have been travelling a lot by tour bus all over the United States.

1939 Class Notes

Ervena Frederick Belcher writes: **Rita Bouchard Norton** is recovering very well from heart surgery and a bout with kidney stones. She is doing just fine and is planning a trip to London with her daughter. **Stan Fletcher** and his wife, Faith are now living in Portland after many years in Florida. Their granddaughter will graduate from the University of Maine this year. They both keep busy, Faith with her volunteer work and Stan helping with the railroad project in Portland. **Bob Blake** and his wife, Barbara living in Manchester, Connecticut spend a lot of their summer in Castine. They lost a daughter and son-in-law and are adjusting to their loss as well as can be expected. **Athalie Moors Toner** died last year. Her husband, **Charlie Toner** was a 1938 graduate. I spoke to him recently and he also is trying to get back to normal as we all do when we lose a loved one. **Frances Goodrich Olives** and her husband were in Pittsfield to visit relatives. Frances' mother celebrated her 99th birthday. I recently talked to **Barbara Tilton Inman**. I was very sad to hear she had lost her husband in February. He was in real estate for many years and a real fine gentleman. **Mildred Merrithew Nonahan** is spending the winter in Fair Hope, Alabama. Heard from **Frances Goodrich** about her. **Edward (Ed) Mackal** lives in Wells and has a Christmas tree farm. Getting to be a business now. Summer brings many relative and friends to spend the summer, but perhaps we will again come to reunion. **Betty Knight Webber** still volunteers at Sebeccook Valley Hospital. We had a nice long conversation and caught up on the local news. I recently went to the Caribbean island of Antigua to visit my daughter, Nancy. She and her husband, Hans have a shop in St. John's, the Antigua capital. It is called the Goldamitty as Hans makes one of a kind jewelry in gold. I enjoyed it. My son, George

is with NYNEX, living in Wiscasset with his wife and two sons. Aric is a freshman in college at Clarbourn in New York. Marsha, my oldest is still on her charter yacht in Belisle now a few miles from Cancun, Mexico. Jim lives in a residence with five other fellows. I moved to Mansfield from Somerset to be near him. He is about ten minutes from me

and comes home twice a week. Jim is autistic and doesn't speak but he enjoys working for the school and doing volunteer work for "Meals on Wheels". Please classmates, who I haven't heard from, drop me a line so the '39ers can hear all about your "life after retirement". My new address is **Ervena Frederick Belcher**, 61 Draper Avenue, Mansfield, MA 02048. I haven't sent any class news for two years. I plan to do better. My husband died in May 1995.



1942 Class Notes

Arlene Frederick Beardsley writes: **Bill** and **Ellen (Lougee) Frederick** are back in Maine after the winter in their home on the golf course in Lakeland, Florida; so they have become avid golfers. They keep very busy. They have 14 grandchildren and a great-grandaughter. That surely keeps one busy! Saw "**Bit**" **Stebbins** this past month while I was at my daughter's in Gardiner. He said, and I quote, "One of the best years was the one he spent at MCI." A nice compliment and I agreed, but I got to spend four years. Our condolences to "**Bit**" for losing his wife of 45 years. Finally got to Pemaquid last fall to see **Carolyn (Brown)** and **Mel Foster**. It's a beautiful place on the ocean. They are busy with golf and family. Mel has a neat workshop. Got a nice birdhouse and Christmas angel. Let's see what I get this year! Hope to catch up with **Sylvia** this summer before Reunion, **Margaret (Gosline)** and many others. Stopped in to see **Ken and Evie Cianchette** but they hadn't got back from Florida. Wise to stay a little as spring hasn't sprung in Maine. If anyone is planning on coming to our 55th, please drop me a line so I can make plans.

1956 Class Notes

Reg Haynes writes that he still lives on Merrimac Street in Pittsfield. He is retired from the Maine Department of Transportation after 32 years. He enjoys working at home on projects and camping. **Linda '80**, his daughter, lives next door. **Andy '81**, his son, is in Portland.

1962 Class Notes

Jean Mailman Kingston is living in Palmer, MA with her husband Herbert. They have three children and two grandchildren. Jean writes that she was in Pittsfield in November and felt the nostalgia of those by-gone-days as she traveled past the campus. **Bob Tenan** sent a note to say that he and his wife Becky are residing in Smithfield. They raised three children, Shelly, Grant and Brandon and are the proud grandparents of Sean, Brian and Gabriell. After 27 years with RJ Reynolds, he and Rebecca are looking ahead 18 months toward retirement, their summer camp in Castine and traveling in their fifth-wheel camper. **Carol Rogers Good** writes that she has retired from Eastern Kentucky University as an associate professor (now Emerita) relocating to Maine this past August. Her current passion is hospice practice, which she hopes to practice shortly, once she has established her new home in Belfast. She states that although she has no children, she has three dogs to occupy her time at home. **Robert Deans**, who is an industrial arts teacher for the Brunswick School Department, and his wife Diane reside in West Bath. Bob tells us that he has built his own 42-foot sail boat and has sailed all of New England and the Canadian Maritimes and is looking forward to his retirement in 2000, when he will set sail for the south seas, and beyond!

Madelyn Kenniston Given is a first grade teacher for the City of Lewiston. She and her husband Edward have two children; Michel, 26 and Heather 24. Madelyn is a Master Teacher, who is listed in Who's Who for Teacher's in America; was Maine Teacher of the year in 1995 and has traveled to such diverse places as Siberia, Pacific Islanda, which is a permanent ice cap of the North Pole. **Betty Jane Cole Nathaniel** writes us all the way from Kapolei, Hawaii, where she lives with her husband Richard. She is Scale Master for the city/county, where she has lived since 1966. She and Richard have four children: Kecia and Stacie, both 31 (twins); Lekoa, 25; and Kaleihoku, 20. They have three grandchildren: Kainoa, 9; Stacia, 6; and Kiana, 3. **Lee Wilbur** and his wife Arlettia write that they have two grown children, Derek 27 and Ingrid 30. Lee is owner and president of Wilbur Yachts, which has been in business for the past 24 years. **Colleen Fairbrother Irish** and her husband Eugene reside in Pittsfield. Colleen is employed by MSAD #53 as a Title I Coordinator/Assistant Principal. Colleen writes that she and Eugene are the proud parents of **Eric and Elaine Sherwood '83**, both 31; **Terry Sherwood White '86**, 28; and grandparents of Katie and O'Bryant White, Nelson Carson, and Erin Sherwood. Colleen and her husband enjoy square dancing year round and camping from April to

October. **Stephen Crowell** writes that he and his wife Judith, who reside in Cape Porpoise, ME have two children, Stephen (David) Crowell, 29 and Elizabeth (Betsy) Crowell, 27. In addition, there is one grandchild, Stephen (Jarrod) Crowell, 11. Steve tells us that he has been with Delta Air Lines for the past 28 years (including Northeast Airlines), which has allowed him to travel extensively through Europe, China, Australia, etc. Over 24 years were spent residing in Atlanta, so he is quite glad to be back in Maine and closer to the ocean. **Ruth Huff Cianchette** tells us she happily resides in Pittsfield as a registered nurse for the Sebecook Valley Hospital. She is the proud parent of **Wayne '82**, 32; **Patrick '84**, 30; **Patricia Littlefield '84**, 30; and the proud grandparent of Christopher 12; Patrice, 6; Zack, 31/2; and Tanner, 11 months. She writes that her "...job, my children and my grandchildren fulfill my life and I love every minute of it". **Tom Winsor** writes that he and his wife Patricia live in Norway and can be reached by E-Mail at tomwinsor@Maine.com. He and Patricia are the parents of Jonathan, 29; Joshua, 24; and Dawn, 25. Tom is self employed in real estate and mechanical contracting and finds himself in his second term of the Maine legislature, serving with **Peter Cianchette '79**. He enjoys skiing, backpacking and rowing. **Judie Mercier Vacchina** writes us all the way from Pleasanton, California, where she lives with her husband Leonardo. Judie is the owner and president of J & B Brokerage, Inc., and past owner of a pasta manufacturing plant, which she sold to Armanino Foods in 1996. Her husband is a trial lawyer and together they have three grown children all out of college and employed; Robin, married with two girls, Catherine, 3 and Alexandara, 1; Robert, who is a technical support engineer for Cirrus Logic; and Renice, who is a financial analyst for Sun Micro Systems. She looks forward to seeing some of her classmates at the 35th reunion this summer. Her E-Mail address is: JVacchina@AOL.Com.

Robert Ward, who resides with his wife Meredith in Madison is self employed and writes that he and his wife are the parents of three children; Karen, 31; Bethany, 27; and Peter, 24. **James Keddrell** and his wife Camilla live in Skowhegan, where he has been employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a rural carrier since 1984. They have four children; Tarja, 17; Mitchell, 31; Vicki Lyman, 22; and Alan Cook, 27. In addition, they have five grandchildren; Sarah, Amanda, Alexa, Tyler and Victoria. Jim writes that he served 10 years in the Air Force and in addition to his career with the postal service, operates his own photography business on Maple Street in Skowhegan. **Sam (Skip) Heller III** and his wife Patricia live in Las Vegas,

Nevada where he is employed by the Department of Energy as a mechanical engineer. They have three children; Alicia, 27; Sarah, 26; and Heather, 20. Same enjoys restoring vintage panel Chevy pick-ups, a 1965 Falcon Ranchero, a 1964 Comet and a 1970 SS-396 Nova. His E-Mail address is:

Heller@EM.NV.DOE. **Henry Hinman, Jr.**, is living with his wife Ellen in Sarasota, Florida where he is employed by Forest Products, a family business. They have three children; Natalie, Henry III, and Jeremy. Ellen writes that they sold their Maine business in 1990 and moved to Sarasota, where Henry and his two sons work in the family business. Ellen says that Henry still has that big laugh, drives fast cars and flies upside down at every opportunity! Henry can be reached by E-Mail at:

E2Hinman@AOL.Com. **Marilyn Temple Tardy** and her husband Robert live in Palmyra where Marilyn finds herself a student at the University of Maine in the college of education. She writes that she and her husband celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary recently and during this period successfully raised four children; Joshua, who is an attorney residing in Newport; Jason, who teaches science at Newport Junior High in Newport; Jared, who is a first year law student at the University of Maine Law School in Portland; and Jessica, a second year student at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She writes that she plans on attending the reunion this summer and looks forward to seeing everyone again. **Bill Minnis** and his wife Deenie are residing in Bedford, New Hampshire where Bill is self employed as a manufacture's representative. They have two children; Andrea, 21 and Sarah, 16. **Wayne Hall** and his wife Sally (Newport HS '65) live on Highland Lake in Windham with their two Labrador retrievers. Wayne writes that he has had an interesting life, with multiple career changes (five in the past ten years, including 10 months of active duty with Desert Storm). He currently works as an OR nurse and a respiratory therapist and by this time has completed a program in Swedish Massage. His main interest at this point in life is hiking, civil war reenactments and weird automobiles! He writes he would love to hear from any classmate. He may be reached by E-Mail at: UncleWHH@AOL.Com. Last but not least, **Peter Redfern**, your Class Agent and his wife Carol are finally residing in South Portland after a five year hiatus of living in Tallahassee and Jacksonville, Florida. From 1984 through 1995, Peter worked for ABB Environmental Service, Inc., as a Senior Project Manager, responsible for an eclectic array of projects. Peter and Carol have one son, Peter, 28, who with his wife, Jill, are expecting their first child. Peter can be reached by E-Mail at: Predfern@AOL.Com.

1964 Class Notes

Barbara Vigue Day gives lots of bits and pieces of many classmates. **Dorothy Creasy Ackerman** is an actively involved den mother in a Boy Scout Troop. She is a second time grandmother to a beautiful granddaughter. **Pat Elkins** and her husband, Bill, recently celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary and their son, Jeff was recently married. **Joan Vanderever Gould**, R.N. is working at a 90-bed facility in North Conway, New Hampshire. Since our last Reunion, she graduated with honors from Husson College with a B.S. in Nursing. **Jim Scribner** is skiing down mountains and saving living as well as speaking Japanese in Western British Columbia. **Ted Grant** is still in Florida enjoying boating and working hard. **Mike** and **Ruth Vigue** are very busy with their businesses and their daughter, **Stephanie '97** just graduated from MCI and will attend U Maine in the fall majoring in elementary education. **Leon Southard** will be at Reunion to perform again this year at the golf course after the Reunion banquet. **Crystal Hunt Cyr** runs a successful antique business in Burnham and on the coast. **Rae** and **Charlie Philbrick** say that they're still on the corner of Park and Main Streets after all these years. Stop by and say hi anytime. **Linda Eastman** and her husband, Phil are well and looking forward to retirement in December 1997 and plan to tour the US and beyond. She has completed 21 years in the Army Reserves and will be retiring from the Army Nurse Corps. She plans to live until she's 90 or 100. If any classmates go to San Francisco, she's an able tour guide.

1974 Class Notes

Alice Morse Williams writes that she is currently living in Wainwright, Alaska, with her husband, Don who is a SGM with the US Army. Her oldest daughter, Tammy is attending the University of Southern Maine in Portland. She is in her senior year. Her second daughter, Juanita is attending Riverside Community College in Riverside, California. Her other two children, Timothy and

Darlene are in Alaska.

Michael Hatton is currently living in Florida. He is working as a captain/chief officer in the merchant marines and is going to Alaska.



1984 Class Notes

Dale Rowley will be resigning from active duty with the US Air Force as of May 1st and starting with the Maine Air National Guard in Bangor. He is now living in Thorndike and is involved with the local volunteer fire department and is the town Emergency Management Director.



1986 Class Notes

Stephen Wintle now lives in Athens, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University in June with a masters in saxophone performance. He received a BA in music performance from Cedarville College in 1994. He was married in 1994 to Janet Payne of Ohio. He is currently assistant pastor at a church in Albany where he works with teens and music.

1988 Class Notes

Larissa Vigue and **CJ Mitchell** write:

After living in Canaan for a few years, **Jennifer L. Dahlgren** Cram moved with husband Harry and daughter Jordyn (who recently turned two and is the apple of her parents' eyes!) back to Pittsfield in the summer of 1996. Jen teaches kindergarten full-time for SAD 53.

K. Tara Norris Cowgur lives in Bentonville, Arkansas, with husband Robby and two year old daughter Kathryn Lauren. Tara moved to Arkansas after graduating with a B.A. in English. Her parents moved to Arkansas the year before she graduated. Tara works in investments for the Bank of Bentonville and her husband is an EMT, currently back in college studying to be a nurse. In her spare time ("Ha!" she says, "with a two year old, who has spare time!?"), Tara enjoys writing. She is pregnant with her second child, who is due on July 27th.

When you are in Pittsfield, keep your eyes open for **Gail M. Reid**, very happy mother of three year old Adam who Gails say is "the mirror image of me in looks and temperment, only he's much smarter!" It's no suprise tha Gail, with her outgoing personality, enjoys her position as Marketing Director for Rainbow Cleaning Systems. She manages the phone room and salespeople and deals with customers (who probably enjoy dealing with her!) Gail says to count her in for planning our tenth reunion. If you want to say hello to Gail, you can contact her by writing to her at RR 1 Box 2935, Pittsfield, ME; or calling 207-487-6372 (home); 207-368-2424 (work).

Michelle Shortreed writes from her home in sunny Boca Raton, Florida, where she works for Office Depot's Corporate Headquarters as a Credit Services Specialist. "My God," Michelle notes, "life certainly sounds boring when you sum it up in one line!" Her life can't be too tedious: she had to be brief because she was on her way to catch a plan to California, followed by a visit to Arizona! Michelle adds that she is thankful not be married or have any kids—yet. If you want to contact Michelle, her information is as follows: 6141 Vista Linda Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33433; 561-367-1229 (home); 800-937-3600 X3965 (work); mshortreed@officedepot.com

In Burlington, Vermont, **Larissa K. Vigue** is the Program Coordinator for Vermont Insurance Institute at Champlain College, where she designs and coordinates training and educational programs for the insurance industry (she does not sell insurance!). Her favorite part of the job is writing a lengthy newsletter and traveling to conferences around the country and abroad. Last summer, Larissa started an M.A. in English Literature at Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English.

This school, according to Larissa, qualifies for "heaven on earth" status. She lives with longtime partner, Nathan Wyman, whom she met at Bates College in 1992, the year she graduated.

Shane Brooks lives in Burnham and works at the Houston-Brooks Auction Hall.

Married in June of 1996, **Louise Grignon-Douglas** and husband Steve Douglas, a personal trainer, live in South Portland, Maine. Louise is the Human Resources Coordinator at Woodard and Curran, a consulting firm involved in engineering, science and the environment.

Darren Harvey proposed in December of 1996 to girlfriend Ginger Vanbestine. Together they are the proud parents of recent arrival, Alexander. Congratulations, Darren, on both counts! Darren currently lives on Peltoma Avenue in Pittsfield.

Longtime couple **Emily Melvin Vigue** and **Andi Vigue '89** married in June of 1996 and moved back to Pittsfield from Maryland. Andi works for Cianbro while Emily teaches kindergarten at the Burnham Village School. Emily enjoys her job, but reports that "it feels strange to teach the kids of people whom she used to be in school." The couple is expecting an addition to the family in September!

After graduating from the University of Vermont, **Chris J. (CJ) Mitchell** stayed on in Burlington, Vermont. At IDX Corporation, a company that produces software for the healthcare industry, CJ is a Network Specialist, support staff for IDX's internal computer system. Wedding bells will be heard in Vermont on August 30th of this year for CJ and Sheryl Brodie of Burlington, whom he proposed on the 4th of July, 1996. The couple is currently searching for a house to be settled in by the time the wedding rolls around.

Lee Nolan married **Susan Mitchell '89** on June 1, 1996. Their son, Nicholas turns four this September 14! Lee works at Edwards Company in Pittsfield.



1989 Class Notes

Michelle L. Cote, O.D. was awarded her Doctor of Optometry by Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia on May 17, 1997, at the Philadelphia Academy of Music. Michelle is a 1993 graduate of the University of New Hampshire and is the daughter of Roland and Kathy Cote of Augusta. Michelle has accepted a one year residency at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Boston. **Tom Armsworthy** married Kelly Forbus in April 1997. After a honeymoon to Disney World in Florida they will reside in Skowhegan.

Maine Central Institute Annual Reunion Weekend

August 2-3, 1997

Schedule of Events

Saturday, August 2, 1997

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration - Parks Gymnasium
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Historical Display - Parks Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Business and Class Agent Meeting - Powell Memorial Library
11:00 a.m. Alumni Field Hockey Game - Manson Park
12:00 Noon Class of 1947 Golden Anniversary Luncheon - Powell Memorial Library
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Head of School's Reception for 50 Plus Year Classes - Manson House
5:30 p.m. Banquet - Wright Gymnasium - Tickets \$12 per person
8:30 p.m. (approx.) Evening Entertainment by Leon Southard '64 and
Late Money Blues Band featuring Jean McGowan '87 at the
Johnson W. Parks Golf Course - Tickets \$10 per person

Sunday, August 3, 1997

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Hot Breakfast Buffet - Johnson W. Parks Golf Course - \$5 per person
10:00 a.m. Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble - Johnson W. Parks Golf Course -
\$10 per person \$17 for cart rental

16th Annual Alumni and Friends Scramble

The 16th Annual Alumni and Friends Scramble will be held on Sunday, August 3, 1997, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnson W. Parks Golf Course. 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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Most of us are morally committed to charitable giving. We give freely to those who call on us directly for help. Not so many of us, however, see ourselves in the role of philanthropists, capable of making significant gifts to noble causes. Yet, as we carefully plan our charitable support, we can make a little go a long way. The long-term enhancement of excellent programs at almost every school depends on its endowment. Endowment income allows the school to fund programs, to keep pace with inflation and to weather economic storms. MCI must increase its endowment. Its growth will maintain the school's long tradition of excellence for many years to come.

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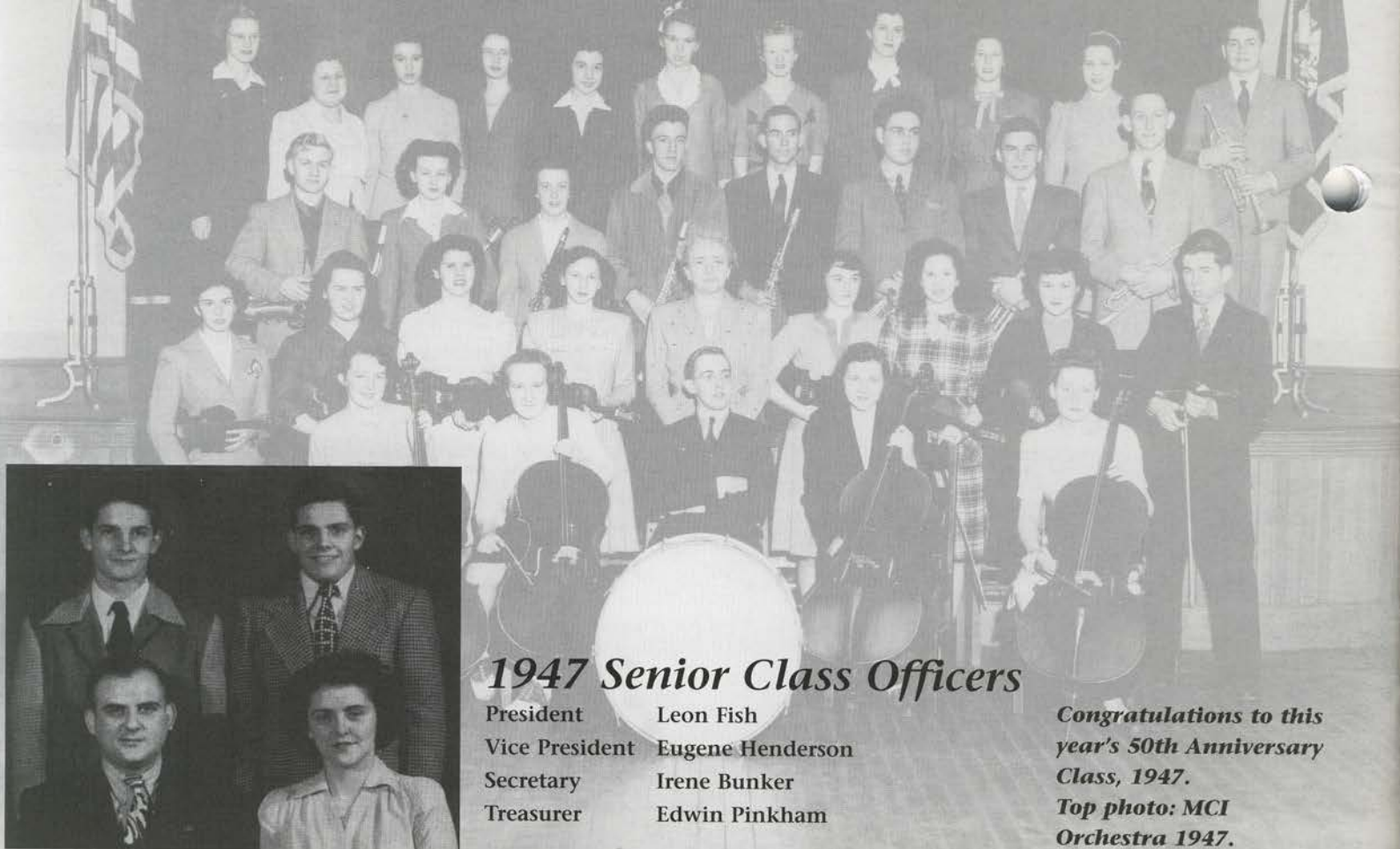
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- Michael Fendler '70
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For more information contact: Head of School Doug Cummings or Director of Alumni Affairs Mary Sawyer at 207-487-5915.



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