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## *An Event to Remember*

For most of the past decade, the Wright family and many other alumni closely involved with MCI have worked to build a new gymnasium. This project, dear to the late Clifford Wright ('38), was the longest and largest capital campaign in the 122-year history of MCI. With his brothers, the late Neil Wright ('48) and Carl Wright ('43), Cliff led the campaign to build what is today one of the finest secondary school athletic facilities in the state.

To say "thank you" to all who took part in this effort, MCI designated May 21st as the date for the official opening and dedication of the Wright Gymnasium. Weeks of planning and preparation resulted in a dedication ceremony that reflected feelings of pride and loyalty toward MCI.

The day's schedule of events included an Open House on campus with students serving as tour guides, the unveiling of a portrait of the Wright family, the 11 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony conducted by Headmaster Cummings and Board of Trustees President Alton Cianchette, a buffet luncheon, and an early evening social hour and banquet.



*Carl Wright ('43), Phyllis Baker Wright ('38), center, members of the Wright family.*

More than 300 alumni and friends gathered in the gym for a sit-down dinner catered by Richard McCorkill and his Food Service staff. Trees adorned with twinkling white lights, floral centerpieces and an orchestra lent a festive air to the occasion.

Guest speakers at the banquet were Maine's senators William S. Cohen and George J. Mitchell, who exchanged some friendly bantering and expressed fond reminiscences. Senator Cohen spoke of his basketball career in high school and

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## *Reunion '88*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

## *Come home to MCI*



## AN EVENT, continued

college, citing the value of the sport to develop discipline and character. Senator Mitchell told of a personal commitment to excel, spurred on by his older brother's prowess on the basketball court. Both senators congratulated MCI and the Wright family for the outstanding addition to the campus.

A chair bearing the MCI seal was given to Steve Seekins ('66), construction manager for the gym, in recognition of his cost-efficient management of the project. Steve in turn praised area contractors and suppliers who worked cooperatively to provide in-kind donations and discounted prices on building materials.

Carl Wright entertained MCI's guests with humorous anecdotes about his early basketball days. He highlighted the program with the presentation of the first annual Wright Service Award to an anonymous recipient.

At Carl's suggestion, President "Chuck" Cianchette led the audience in singing "God Bless America," a song befitting the mood of the evening. Guests left the banquet with optimistic views of MCI and the great educational opportunity the school affords its students.



*Wright family portrait*



*L to R: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright, Sen. William Cohen, Sen. George Mitchell, Phyllis Baker Wright, Headmaster Douglas Cummings, Board President Alton Cianchette.*

## Wright Service Award

The first annual Wright Service Award was presented by Carl Wright on May 21, 1988, at the conclusion of dedication ceremonies for the Wright Gymnasium.

Named in honor of the Perley A. Wright family, the award was established to honor those individuals who, through personal achievement and service to Maine Central Institute, exemplify the goals of an MCI education. The qualities of loyalty, commitment and good citizenship are those which MCI fosters in its education of young men and women.

The first recipient of the Wright Service Award has chosen to remain anonymous. Each year, a new recipient will be selected; presentation of the award will take place at a special ceremony in the spring.

## Postgraduate Commencement

Graduation exercises for MCI's 1988 postgraduate students were held on April 15 in the Wright Gymnasium.

Dr. Kevin White, Athletic Director of the University of Maine, was guest speaker. White quoted the late Vince Lombardi, saying that "Winning is a habit," and urged the graduates to strive to win in every endeavor.

Valedictorian Daniel Murphy, salutatorian Douglas Newbert and honor essayist Richard Sherry each addressed the audience. Roxanne Burchell gave the opening prayer and benediction.

Headmaster Douglas Cummings presented awards; winner of the 1988 Challenge Cup was Richard Sherry. Diplomas were presented to the students by Board of Trustees Treasurer Michael Fendler.

The MCI Concert Band provided music for the ceremony.



# Staff Profile — Richard & June McCorkill

Can husbands and wives work together all day and stay happily married? "No problem," say Richard and June McCorkill. Ingredients in the recipe for a successful marriage and shared career are a strong bond of friendship, patience and willingness on each person's part to allow "breathing space" for individual interests.

The McCorkills, partners in marriage for eleven years, have worked together at MCI for nearly eight years. Former residents of Alumni Hall, they now enjoy "country" living in Palmyra. Richie is MCI's Food Service Manager, with responsibility for providing all meals for boarding students, faculty and staff residents, lunches for local day-tuition and school district students, and special dinners throughout the school year and summer sessions. Weekday lunch is served to approximately 200 students and faculty. Whether the task is to bake a batch of cookies for a hungry contingent of dorm students or to prepare a sit-down dinner for 300 at the annual Alumni Reunion, Richie gets the job done for MCI.

Through it all, June works beside her husband as chef, providing technical expertise at production meetings and working closely with the production staff of 11 full- and part-time employees. June also lends an artist's touch in the kitchen;



her skills with cake decorating and food display have enhanced the buffet tables of many MCI social functions.

Richie is employed by *daka* (Dining and Kitchen Administration), one of the nation's larger food service companies, under contract with MCI. He works closely with *daka* personnel; purchasing is made through *daka*-approved suppliers to insure quality control. *daka*'s Tom Whalen assisted Richie in the training of student servers at the Wright Gymnasium dedication banquet. The tremendous success of the banquet can be attributed to Richie's careful planning and organizational skill.

Despite their hectic work schedules,

the McCorkills find time to pursue a common interest. As owner-managers of Tamarack Kennels, they train English Setters and Labrador Retrievers as hunting dogs. Richie, an eight-year veteran of the local police force, is an avid bird and game hunter.

What makes MCI special for the McCorkills? "The kids!" Richie commented. Having the opportunity to help student employees learn the ethics and discipline of the workplace adds to their education, and is a rewarding experience for Richie and June. MCI is indeed fortunate to have these dedicated professionals as members of its staff.

## Grant to Preserve Founders Hall

Headmaster Cummings recently announced that MCI will receive a \$26,000 matching grant from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The grant will allow MCI to begin an architectural analysis and plan to modernize and restore Founders Hall. Familiar to older alumni as the "Institute" building, Founders Hall was at one time the only classroom facility on campus, housing historic Powers Auditorium, classrooms and administrative offices. Founders Hall is the oldest building on the MCI campus

and the most prominent of several historic buildings in the Pittsfield area.

Preliminary work on the Founders Hall project began this summer; the target date for completion of architects' plans is late fall, 1988.

## Graduation

87 members of the Class of 1988 received diplomas at a ceremony on the front campus Sunday, June 5th.

Senior Chapel was held Friday, June 3rd in the Wright Gym, with the traditional Senior Banquet held that evening in Rowe Dining Hall. The Prom took place on Saturday evening at J.W. Parks Golf

Course, and Baccalaureate on Sunday morning on the front campus. Assistant Headmaster John Slagle was the guest speaker.

Honor parts for the Class of 1988 were: Alan Shorey, valedictorian; Heather Inman, salutatorian; Donna Deckert, first honor essayist; Jennifer Dahlgren, second honor essayist; and Paul Pietranico, third honor essayist.

Headmaster Cummings addressed the students, their families and friends, and presented awards and scholarships. Board of Trustees President Alton Cianchette presented diplomas to the happy, proud group of young graduates.

*Ed. Note: graduation photos were not available at press time. They will be printed in the next issue of the Alumnus.*



# From the HEADMASTER



**DOUGLAS C. CUMMINGS**

Summer in Maine is a wonderful time. We've come through another long, cold winter and a typical spring ("mud season" and black flies); the warm summer months await.

Many exciting events have happened since the Spring *Alumnus* was sent to you. The May 21st dedication of Wright Gymnasium was truly a milestone in MCI's history. The efforts of many people over the years have made a dream come true for MCI's students. I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to the hundreds of alumni and friends who have worked diligently to build the Wright Gym. A special word of thanks goes to the Dedication Committee (Chairman and MCI Trustee Peter Vigue ('65), Trustee Greg Wright ('64), Trustee Michael Fendler ('70), Timothy Wilson, Director of Admissions, Douglas Carville, Dean of Students/Athletic Director, Coach Paul Pellicani) and members of the Board of Trustees who worked to make the dedication a success. Special recognition is reserved for Carl Wright and the Wright family, whose commitment enabled MCI to build this outstanding facility.

Another exciting event was the June 5th graduation of the Class of 1988. MCI's five honor parts speakers have been accepted to the following colleges: valedictorian Alan Shorey, West Point; salutatorian Heather Inman, Harvard

University; first honor essayist Donna Decker, University of Hartford; second honor essayist Jennifer Dahlgren, University of Maine at Farmington; third honor essayist Paul Pietranco, Stanford University. Thirty-four seniors have been accepted to schools in Maine; more than 50% of the senior class will enroll in post-secondary schools.

Special thanks to senior class advisors Karen ('74) and Douglas Carville, and Dora Miles ('68) for the planning and set-up of graduation ceremonies, and to Daryl Shafer for her help in organizing Project Graduation.

Our postgraduate commencement in April was the first graduation held in Wright Gym. There was a large attendance of parents, faculty, trustees, students and townspeople. Kevin White, University of Maine Athletic Director, was guest speaker; valedictorian Daniel Murphy and salutatorian Douglas Newbert made presentations. Most of the 46 graduates have been accepted to colleges.

The second annual Awards Assembly for Underclassmen was held on June 2nd. Students were recognized for excellence in scholastic achievement, service and leadership. The program was coordinated by English Department head Rosalie Williams.

With the award of a \$26,000 grant to MCI from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, we're off and running on the Founders Hall restoration project. John Weinrich of Moore-Weinrich & Woodward Architects anticipates completion of plans by late Fall. I'd like to acknowledge Timothy Wilson and Maria Connors for their help in preparing the grant application.

Looking ahead to the 1988-1989 school year, I am optimistic that MCI will prosper. By utilizing our strengths and attempting to resolve the inevitable problems, we'll work hard to reach our goals. In this effort, I welcome the continuing support of the Alumni Association.

I hope you enjoy the summer, and look forward to seeing you at the August 6th Alumni Reunion.

# Alumni President's CORNER



**TED SUSI**

Another school year has come to a close. To the members of the MCI Class of 1988, congratulations on your achievement. You have survived—and mastered—the challenges of the high school years; greater challenge, excitement and rewards lie ahead.

I welcome you to join MCI's 6,000 other alumni as the newest and youngest members of the MCI Alumni Association. Among the Association members you will find active, caring people, proud of their school and interested in its growth and progress. The commitment of the Alumni Association is to MCI's betterment. I invite you to assist us in the fulfillment of this commitment.

It hardly seems possible, yet summer is here and the Alumni Reunion is just around the corner. My colleagues Darrell and Dennis Goodridge ('70) have been busy in the past months, planning what promises to be a very enjoyable Reunion. I hope that many of you will set aside the weekend of August 6-7 to come back to MCI for a visit with your old classmates and teachers. As the years slip by for all of us, it seems nice to be able to step back in time for a few hours and remember the people and the school we knew so well. Please join me for Reunion '88 on August 6th.



# Alumni Profile

## Dom LaChance

A biography of J. Dominique LaChance ('31) was published in the November, 1983 issue of the *Alumnus* magazine. When he was approached this past spring to be the subject of an Alumni Profile, he at first refused. After a bit of persuasion, he consented to sit for a photo and talk about his alma mater.

In the five years since we last read about Dom, this active alumnus has logged many more miles in quest of student recruits for MCI. Despite a stroke and heart problems during the past year, Dom has kept the promise he made 57 years ago to Roy Sinclair; he has "filled his bed" with students every year. That's quite an accomplishment, one that makes Dom unique among MCI's alumni. There have been few alumni in the school's history who have been as loyal or as genuinely committed to MCI as this friendly, kindhearted gentleman.

Dom lives in Bangor, in the house which he and his beloved Ruthie (the late Ruth Webber LaChance '32) called home for many years. From there he travels to Pittsfield and the MCI campus frequently; as a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee, he regularly attends its monthly meetings. Dom's interest in MCI is strong; having seen the school through good and bad times, he

remains confident that MCI's future will be bright and prosperous.

Dom's latest project is overseeing the creation of a permanent plaque honoring MCI's Hall of Fame charter members and inductees. Established in 1983, the Hall of Fame honors those individuals who have provided exemplary service to MCI. For his untiring efforts on behalf of the school, Dom was named as the first charter member of the Hall of Fame. Michael Fendler ('70) is working with Dom to finish the plaque in time for the August Alumni Reunion. The Hall of Fame plaque will be placed permanently at the school, with the names of two new inductees added each year at Reunion.

Dom's love for Ruth, family and home, the diligence he's shown in his 20-year career in the Maine State Police, and that deep commitment to MCI all serve as an inspiration to young people. Dom's own words best describe his feelings toward MCI:

"I owe everything I have in this world to MCI. It was here that I met my Ruthie and finally located her in Bangor. We dated for about a year, were married, and dated for 45 years more before I lost her. We have six nice young ones, all married and gone. They brought us ten wonderful grandchildren; I'm expecting another



one in August.

Of the faculty here when Ruth and I attended MCI, only two members remain: Myrtle Main Sherman and Alice Sinclair. I've kept in touch with them through the years.

I still get around, recruiting boys for MCI. For the coming year, I have two candidates from Bangor, one from Brewer, and possibly some from Massachusetts. If the Good Lord is willing, and if my health holds out, I'll continue to keep my promise."



## Ed Hackett Joins MCI Staff

Headmaster Cummings welcomes Edward Hackett to the MCI staff as Assistant Headmaster for the 1988-1989 school year.

Ed, former Athletic Director at Foxcroft Academy, is a 1984 graduate of the University of Maine. He will complete his Masters Degree in Educational Administration this summer. He came to MCI highly recommended by the educators with whom he has been associated.

Ed assumed the position of Assistant Headmaster July 1st. His primary responsibilities include the coordination of student attendance and discipline,

teacher supervision and evaluation, and curriculum development. Ed was involved in the Ted Forte Program, a teachers' evaluation and training course, conducted at MCI in late June.

Ed, his wife Candi, and their two children will reside on campus during the coming school year.



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Any inquiries or comments may be directed to Maria A. Connors, Alumni Director, Maine Central Institute.





## REUNION '88 Schedule of Events

### Friday, August 5

Dorm Registration  
(for overnight guests)  
Class Agents' Reception  
  
Class Agents' Meeting  
  
Husky Hut

Manson Hall  
5:00-9:00 p.m.  
Manson House  
6:30 p.m.  
Powell Memorial Library  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Home Economics Room  
8:00-11:00 p.m.

### Saturday, August 6

Registration  
  
Historical Display  
  
Campus Tours  
Art on the Lawn Exhibit  
Annual Business Meeting  
  
Golden Anniversary Luncheon  
  
Reception for 50-year+ Classes  
  
Individual Class Reunions  
  
Alcohol-Free Social Hour  
  
Reunion Banquet  
  
Welcome, Remarks,  
Hall of Fame Presentation, Roll Call

Powell Memorial Library  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Parks Gymnasium  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Stanley / Alumni Hall  
10:00 a.m.  
Rowe Dining Hall  
12:00 p.m.  
Manson House  
2:00-3:00 p.m.  
See "Class Notes"  
Afternoon & After Banquet  
Front Campus  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Wright Gymnasium  
6:30 p.m.  
After Banquet

### Sunday, August 7

Alumni & Friends' Scramble

Johnson W. Parks Golf Course  
10:00 a.m.

**For information, call (207) 487-5915. Please send in your reservation form no later than July 29th.**



# Reunion '88

On Saturday, August 6, MCI will host its 37th annual Alumni Reunion. All alumni and friends are invited to join in the festivities. Co-chairs Darrell and Dennis Goodridge ('70) have announced plans for a full schedule of events and activities, highlighted by the Reunion Banquet on Saturday evening in the new Wright Gymnasium.

Powell Memorial Library will be open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for registration, coffee and pastries. Programs listing the times and places of class reunions will be available at the registration desk.

Overnight guests may rent rooms in the newly renovated and furnished Manson Hall. Here's a chance for boarding alumni to visit their old rooms! Rental is \$8 per person, per night (double occupancy); linen will be provided.

This year's banquet dinner will feature Chicken Cordon Bleu. A child care service will be available during the social hour and banquet; the sitters are trained MCI students.

----- PLEASE CLIP -----

## Reunion Banquet Reservation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ banquet tickets at \$10.95 per person.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dormitory room(s) at \$8.00 per person.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I wish to utilize the child care program during the Banquet.

Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "MCI Alumni Reunion." Return to: Alumni Office, Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

----- PLEASE CLIP -----

## Alumni & Friends' Scramble

The seventh annual Alumni & Friends' Scramble will be held Sunday, August 7 at 10:00 a.m. Directed by MCI Golf Pro John Dana, the Scramble is open to all alumni, their spouses and friends.

A "scramble" is set up with four-person teams. John will select the best players to captain the teams; the rest will be assigned to teams based on ability levels. As a result, the teams are evenly matched.

Then the fun begins! Each team member drives, the best drive is selected, and each team member hits his/her second shot from the spot where the best drive landed. This format continues until the ball is in the hole. Team score for the hole is the number of "best ball" strokes; everyone on the team can contribute strokes. Green fees will be waived in honor of our returning alumni and friends. An entrance fee of \$1.00 will be used to purchase prizes for the winning teams.

IMPORTANT: Please register by July 29. If you register and are unable to attend, notify John Dana at (207) 487-5545.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter \_\_\_\_\_ players at \$1 per player.

Handicap(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have a handicap, please check the appropriate category:

\_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_ Advanced

\_\_\_\_ A non-player, but I'll give it a try!

\_\_\_\_ Riding cart rental (\$12.00)

\_\_\_\_ Pull cart rental (\$2.00)

\_\_\_\_ Club rental (\$2.00)

Please check if renting clubs:

\_\_\_\_ right- or \_\_\_\_ left-handed

\_\_\_\_ male or \_\_\_\_ female



# Class NOTES

Several anniversary classes haven't yet made final plans for Reunion; if a class needs a place to hold its gathering, the Student Union in Weymouth Hall is available. Please contact Missy Conlogue Noonan '86 or Maria Connors in the Alumni Office, (207) 487-5915 for details.

## 1913

**Faye Sidelinger Misiuk '38** has written of the death of her mother, **Estella Huff Sidelinger**, in September, 1987. Estella had taught school in the Waldo area for many years and was beloved by all who knew her.

## 1923

**Grace Osborn Dexter** sends regards, from her home in Modesto, CA. Grace lives with her grandson; she greatly enjoys her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and looks forward to reading the *Alumnus*.

## 1924

I've been tardy in putting together my class notes for this issue; **Jo Nason's** letter came in under the wire, so I'm off and running!

As usual, **Genevieve Weeks** was first to respond to my plea for news, with the report that she's struggling with a broken hip (a real hardship for an active person). **Flossie Dyer** from Burnham plans her time well; when she gets house-bound, she takes short trips. The ferry trip from Bar Harbor to Nova Scotia is quite enjoyable. During Christmas, she saw the Ice Capades show in Portland. Good planning, Flossie!

**Hazel Wilson** also keeps busy, doing the things that really count. She does church work; what better place to offer your services? Retired people, especially teachers, are always eating out; Hazel is no exception. She knows the good restaurants!

**Guy Sawyer's** daughter-in-law writes that Guy is spending some time in a rest home in Dexter; he'll return home to Garland when he'll feeling better. Guy, you'll want to be home in November, to get that big buck you missed last Fall! **Goldie Bragdon** of Madison tells me that **Frances Noble** slipped on the ice and came up with a broken right arm; I got the news second-hand. We who are older don't use enough caution. Goldie also reported that **Eva Huff Wilhelm** is confined to a wheelchair; in the near future she may move to a rest home. Eva enjoys reading, tries to arrange her schedule to allow time for interests. Goldie was in Orlando earlier this winter; (she left Orlando's 72-degree weather and arrived in Bangor's 16-below temperature). Goldie's letter makes my job as Class Agent interesting and enjoyable. She keeps busy; that's the name of the game.

From **Jo Nason**: she enjoyed St. Simons Island, GA this

winter. It was expensive, but where isn't it? Heating her home in Howland all winter would also have been expensive; when are these high prices going to stop? Jo stayed with her cousin and his wife. She was lonesome on her return, but has adjusted to the change. Jo works with the Seniors Club, plays bridge, bingo, and enjoys Bangor restaurants. She dreads the day when she'll stop driving. I know what you mean, Jo; I gave my car to my son and Martha is now my chauffeur. I have health problems too, with only half of one eye. By the way, I like the long letters my classmates send; I look forward to hearing from you in September. I'll send you a reminder card.

Keep well—no more broken arms or hips. My summer address is Washington, ME 04574. We'll be there by the time the *Alumnus* reaches you.

Class Agent: **E. Burnell Overlock**, Washington, ME 04574.

## 1925

We are looking forward to Homecoming and our usual good times with classmates and friends. In addition to the activities on campus, our plans include a luncheon on Saturday, a birthday celebration, and more.

We cordially invite the alumni of our era, who are not attending their own class meetings, to join us. For details, please call our secretary **Effie Vroom** in Pittsfield at (207) 487-3330.

Class Agent: **Miriam McMichael Robinson**, 46 Lafayette Rd., Newton, MA 02162.

## 1927

The Class of 1927 extends its sympathy to **Ruth Milton D'Amico** on the death March 5 of her husband, A.A. (Gus) D'Amico. **Thelma Peasley Richards** passed away in a nursing home in Pittsfield, March 11. **Andrew Karkos** died in Waterville this past spring; he lived in Belgrade with his daughter Susan. His wife Irene died in 1966. **Arletta Littlefield Spooner**, in Pittsfield with her daughter Alice, paid me a visit; I hadn't seen Arletta since our 50th Reunion.

Class Agent: **Julie Cowan Lehr**, P.O. Box 577, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1933

A letter from J.G. Bragg of Gloucester, MA reports the death of her husband, **James**, whom we knew as **Jerry Quadros**, last November after a long illness. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Bragg and her family. **Susan Laughton Jewett** attended some basketball games in the new gym; she said it's a "dream" gym, named for the Wright family. This is of particular interest to '33 class members, since the Wrights who worked so hard to have the gym built are younger brothers of our classmate **Virginia**.

**Bill** and **Amy Coffin** are now fullfledged residents of Florida. Bill has been re-elected vice president of Sugar Creek Resident Owners, Inc. The Coffins will be in Folly Hill, SC in June, and hope to be in Maine for August 6th.

**Arthur (Danny) Danielson** has had his second hip replacement; is playing better golf than ever. The Danielsons sold their home in Lake Worth and have a new home at 13082



S.E. Crooked Stick Lane, Hoeb Sound, FL 33455. To his delight and amazement, Danny is still listed in "Who's Who in American School Administration." Your contribution to education, Danny, was both substantial and spectacular, so I'm not surprised that you are still listed.

It's good to be remembered. Last year, I was pleased when a young lobbyist in Augusta spotted my picture in the "Gallery of Past Presidents" at the Maine Teachers Association.

**Mable Warren Kinney** misses Maine once in a while, but as an anecdote, gets busy doing something else. Each year she spends three weeks in Washington State with her daughter and family. Her grandchildren are out of school; she has two great-grandsons. Mabel swims, bowls and plays shuffleboard. She has gathered quite a group of widowed friends, with whom she goes on outings. Henry, her husband of 48 years, died four years ago.

**Geraldine Cargill Soper** and husband Earl are retired and living at 529 Main Rd., N. Hampden, ME 04444. Polio at age 5 has caught up with Gerry, but she hopes to join us for lunch on Aug. 6. **Jennie Reynolds Thompson** and **Kathryn Cowan O'Reilly** met at the eye doctor's recently; Jennie has been digging, eating, freezing and giving away dandelion greens and fiddleheads. A broken wrist slowed her down a bit this winter. Their three children visited on Mother's Day.

Class Agent: **Sara J. Cowan**, 300 Allen Ave., Portland, ME 04103.

## 1938

A Note from **C.L. "Tilt" Tilton**: "Howdy! My 50th is August 6th; hope we can make it. We will, if God is willing and the crick doesn't rise." And we hope to see you!

*Let's all make an effort to be here for this very important event, our 50th anniversary. MCI will roll out the red carpet for us on August 6th, so let's put the date on our calendars. Please contact me or the Alumni Office if you have any questions. Be sure to mail in your reservation forms today!*

Class Agent: **Eloise Dean Reilly**, 27 Franklin St., Pittsfield, ME 04967; (207) 487-6945.

## 1948

*Attention Classmates! Come to **Chuck and Helen's** at Tip Top on Reunion Day for beverages; supplies will be furnished to "make your own lunch," buffet style, at 11:30 a.m. Then, how about a swim at **Arey's** house in the afternoon? Later in the evening, we'll all plan to attend the Banquet, LET'S MAKE A BIG SHOWING—it's going to be a great time. Send in your reservation forms today!*

Class Agent: **Arey Bryant**, P.O. Box 511, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1953

Uppermost in my mind is our 35th Class Reunion. I hope that those of you who have hesitated, hesitate no longer. You still have time to send your donations of \$10 (couple) or \$5 (single) to me so we can finalize our plans for Reunion. Remember, the Class of '52 is invited also. The Pinnacle Ski

Club will be open and ready for a gathering of friends and memories from **noon till the wee hours**. Bring your favorite snapshots of MCI schooldays. Let's set up a "Back Then" wall of photos. Several classmates have offered to help with Reunion. Call any classmates you can and urge them to attend. If you have extra time the day before Reunion (Aug. 5), call me or **Gloria Beattie McNichol**. We'll be cleaning the Ski Club and stocking the refrigerator with goodies.

Don't forget MCI—support our school through the Annual Fund. See you August 6th!

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** writes that she still lives in Clinton. **Mildred Stockpole Wyman** and **Al** welcomed their first grandchild on Dec. 27th, a gift from daughter Lori and her husband Chuck. Daughter Lisa was married June 25th. Mildred has worked for the local hot lunch program for 20 years; Al is assistant manager at Bud's Shop 'n Save. They also have an antique shop in Palmyra.

**Joyce Bane Holt** has a granddaughter, Ashley Jade, and is expecting another grandchild in Sept. She's been working at Ethan Allen for 32 years! Teacher **Jane Berry Pepin** is in Australia and New Zealand on a language trip. **Loretta Doherty Brown** invites all classmates to visit her and Armour on Long Island. **Elizabeth Matteson Clark** has a new address: Derry Country Club Est., 11 Linlew Dr., A-16, Derry, NH 03038. **Dave McGaffin** has a great sense of humor! He's not sure about coming to Reunion: . . . "have never been comfortable socializing with the elderly." Really! **Edson Buker '52**, Torrence, CA plans to be back for his 40th. **Dale Raye Seaburg** has had a fight with cancer since May, 1987. She's doing fine now; she and husband Bob are still very busy with Shrine activities. They'll be here for Reunion. **Jackie Smith Bennett's** planning a trip to Germany this summer; she may be able to be at Reunion. Jackie works at AMHI in Augusta; is on the "countdown"—plans to retire in 18 months. **Elizabeth Gagne Calise** is still in Allendale, NJ; daughter Kim is a senior at Colgate and Andrea is a sophomore at Bucknell. **John Page** will mark his 13th anniversary at pastor of the Neodesha, (KA) Bible Baptist Church; he's unable to attend Reunion. I've also heard from Karlene and **Bill Hamlin '52** about attending Reunion. We'll be glad to see you!

Edson's note about the 40th in '93 makes me shudder! Can't think that far ahead; I'm sure you'll want a new Class Agent by then (I hope!). I'm still teaching second grade in Augusta, looking forward to moving to the new Farrington School where my two grandsons will attend. **Walter '50** is still supervisor at the State Highway Garage.

*Send in your reservation forms TODAY for August 6th!*

Class Agent: **Catherine Doyle Mooers**, P.O. Box 52, Manchester, ME 04351.

## 1954

I haven't received notes from you lately. I thank those of you who have written in the past and look forward to hearing from some of you in the future. My wife and I celebrated our 32nd anniversary March 30th. Daughter Cindy was married June 11th. I'm attending Weight Watchers; have lost 39 lbs.—many more to go! Please send in those cards and letters;



I hope to see you all at Reunion.

Class Agent: **David Willey**, P.O. Box 21, Hartland, ME 04943.

## 1958

**Fred Pinkham** called the Alumni Office in April; he's planning to be in Maine for the Reunion, and hopes that the class will make plans for a 30th party. *Class of '58, PLEASE get going! Time's running out. Remember, the Student Union is available in the afternoon if you need a place.*

Class Agent: **Volunteer needed!**

## 1962

Greetings from your new Class Agent! I'm happy to take on the pleasant task of keeping in contact with old friends. Summer's here, and Reunion's not far away. I'll be on campus on Reunion Day, working in Food Service; I hope that many of you are able to come back to MCI August 6. It's fun to see the old crowd. Please try to attend, and remember to send me some news for the Fall *Alumnus*. I'd love to hear from all of you!

Class Agent: **Cynthia Stafford Lewis**, 62 Somerset Ave., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1963

Here's an open invitation to all alumni: Join the Class of '63 after the Banquet, at the Elks Hall on Hunnewell Ave., for dancing and socializing. The more the merrier—donations at the door will be given to the MCI Alumni Fund. A cash bar and a variety of musical entertainment will be provided. Any questions (or advance donations) may be sent to: **Chick Susi Veilleux**, RFD #4, Goodrich Lane, Winslow, ME 04902, or **Jean Ann Bagley Margolis**, 7 Noble Hill Rd., Beverly, MA 01915. See you on August 6th!

Class Agent: **Linda Cregno**, 1860 Phillippa Shores Dr., 4A, Sarasota, FL 34231.

## 1968

*Calling all classmates, and those from '66, '67, '69 and '70, etc.: The Class of '68 plans to "do it up right" for our 20th, at 12 Arbor Lane, Pittsfield, on August 6. Your host is Eric Cianchette; be there!*

Class Agents: **Dora Barrett Miles**, P.O. Box 224, Pittsfield, ME 04967; **Jean Hammond Watts**, RFD 1, Bangor, ME 04401.

## 1972

**Michael Chadbourne**, 712 Westbrook St., #9, So. Portland, ME 04106 writes that he and wife Karen are proud parents of Brittney Erin, born in December.

Class Agent: **Tim Bickford**, P.O. Box 35, Palmyra, ME 04965.

## 1973

*I'm interested in hearing from classmates on plans to celebrate our 15th anniversary. Write or call today!*

Class Agent: **Susan Smith Norris**, 10 South St., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1976

I've been busy working on two projects for the Pittsfield Historical Society: information about Pittsfield's past for use on a fund raising calendar, and an index to the late **Sanger Cook's** book *Pittsfield on the Seabaco*. For those who'll be attending Reunion, the Depot House Museum will be open on August 6th; it's an interesting place to visit, so stop by! Class Agent: **Don Hallenbeck**, West Branch Apts., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1977

**Mike Enno**, 4 Hill St., Webster, MA 01570 writes that he's happily married with 4 children, making "big bucks" working with AP Groceries. He always looks forward to news from classmates; drop him a line.

Class Agent: **Suzanne Kohler**, 12B Talmar Wood, Orono, ME 04473

## 1978

**Bill Stauble** and wife Debra live at 10A Pettingale Rd., Amherst, NH 03031, with their daughters, ages 3½ and 1½. Bill earned an Associates in Engineering degree in 1980, works for Sanders Associates, Nashua, and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree at Northeastern University.

*This summer is our tenth anniversary; let's get together on August 6! Contact **Ross Fitts**, RR 2, Pittsfield, ME 04967, for details and ideas about celebrating the big event.*

Class Agent: **Volunteer needed!**

## 1979

**Terrance Hermans** graduated from the University of Rhode Island, and has been in the U.S. Army for 4½ years. He is now a captain stationed in Kitzingen, W. Germany. He married Corinne Morrison in 1985. **Kelly Breau Fitts** and **Ross Fitts '78** have built a home in Pittsfield. **Wayne Germany** is living in the Bronx, NY, working at a restaurant there. He sends a special "hello" to **Regina Flood**; says he's sorry about dinner! **Anthony Edith** is still in the service, stationed in England. He has two children, ages 6 and 2. **Danny Ball** lives in Biddeford, is married, and has a daughter. Thanks for the info, Wayne! **Shawn Rogers** writes that she's living and teaching in Alexandria, VA, and loves it. She'll start school at George Mason University this summer, working toward her Masters. Shawn has kept in touch with **Nelson Newhouse**, her neighbor, and brother **Shannon '80** and his family.

Class Agents: **Kelly Breau Fitts**, RR 2, Pittsfield, ME 04967; **Diann Libby**, 196 Forest Ave., Orono, ME 04473.

## 1980

**Mike Cianchette** is currently shipping for Texaco as a 3rd Assistant Engineer. He recently bought a house in Clinton and is still as handsome and vivacious as ever. **Peter Kohler** graduated from the University of Vermont School of Medicine in May 1988. Peter and wife, Mary, have 2 children,



Sara and Ryan. Peter has applied for Residency in Ophthalmology and Family Practice. He plans to be back in Maine to set up practice in 1992-'93. Congratulations, Peter! **Lori Wyman Glidden** and her husband, Chuck, are the proud parents of a son, Joshua Wyman Glidden, born in January. Congratulations! **Dale Ludden** is currently employed as a painter at Edwards Co. in Pittsfield. His interests include camping, fishing, 4-wheeling and racing. He was sorry he didn't make our 5th reunion but will definitely make our 10th. **Rhonda Reed Bemis** and husband, Aaron, were married on July 18th, 1988, aboard the cruise ship Mt. Katahdin. Rhonda attended the University of Maine at Machias and her hobbies include weightlifting and exercise. **Jenny Poulin** is busy running her own business—Typesetting Plus. She was married in October 1987. **Annemarie Stauble Reynolds** and husband, William, were married on June 25, 1983 and have 2 children, Elizabeth and Christine. Anne received her Associates Degree after leaving MCI and currently enjoys typing, needle crafts and raising her girls. **Rhonda Olmsted** is attending Keene State College and is also working as a Teacher's Aide. She has been involved as a coach and official at the Special Olympics, as well as leading a Girl Scout Troop for Special Needs Girls. **Rick Basford** attended Washington County Vocational-Technical Institute where he studied Diesel Service. He is currently employed by Scott Paper Co. in Winslow, ME. Rick and his wife, **Barbara Morra Basford** '79, were married on Aug. 29, 1981. **Stacey Fitts** and wife, **Tina McDonald Fitts** '82, were married on March 17, 1985, and had their first child, Spencer, in April of '88. Stacey is a 1984 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and he is currently employed as Plant Supervisor at the Hydro Plant in Benton, ME. **Alan Scales** graduated from the University of Southern Maine in December 1987 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He is looking forward to our 10th Reunion and hopes to see everyone there. (He wanted us to tell everyone that Barney Rubble said HI!) **Cindy Withee Burke** is living in Carmel, ME, with her husband, Gary, and son, Casey, born May 13, 1987. **Sargeant Everett Pike** has been serving as a stenographer in the Marine Corps. He plans to return to Maine in the fall of 1988 to enter Husson College to finish his degree work. He would like to continue to work as a stenographer once he completes his degree work. Everett and wife, Maggie, were married on September 22, 1984. **Belinda Lawrence Sterling** is working as Assistant Activities Coordinator for an Adult Day Care Center for Senior Citizens. She has a son, Christopher, who was born on Jan. 1, 1985. "Welcome Back!" to **Cindy Rollins McGrady** and husband, Frank, who recently moved back to Pittsfield after living in Rhode Island. **Jane Bradshaw**, 158 Union St., #4, Brooklyn, NY 11231, is presently working toward her Doctorate at the New School of Social Research in Manhattan. **Casey Comfort** and I were married on Christmas Eve, 1987. Casey graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 1985 and has been working as an engineer for Texaco Marine Services since graduation. I was employed by Beacon Communications Corp. in Acton, MA, for 4 years before moving back to P-Town in August. I am currently work-

ing at MCI as Secretary to the Headmaster. Casey and I would love to hear from you with suggestions regarding our 10th Reunion. Let's make it a time to remember!

Class Agents: **Casey and Jodie Rowe Comfort**, 37 Hartland Ave., Pittsfield, ME 04967, (207) 487-3778.

## 1981

**Brenda Vais Temple** was married in 1984 to Kevin Temple; they have a son and daughter, and reside in Detroit. **Jill Rowe LaShomb** and husband David were married in January in Port St. Lucie, FL. Jill's working at General Development Corp. as Administrative Assistant to the President. Her address is 1941 Wheeling Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

Class Agent: **Cindy Sinclair Taylor**, 20 Washington St., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1982

**Bill Bradshaw**, 28 Sherman St., Portland, ME 04101, recently passed his real estate exam and is working for an agency in Portland. **Donna Andrews-Newhouse** and husband **Brent** are relocating to Alexandria, VA. Brent was recently commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserve; he'll be attending officers training school. Due to the move, Donna regretfully must resign her position as Class Agent.

## 1983

**Kristen Briggs** and **Dale Penney** '77, married four years, are in business in Pittsfield as antique dealers. Kris has offered to help with a 5th year class reunion; contact her at 24 Hartland Ave., Pittsfield, ME 04967. **Elisa Turner** had a son in May, 1987. **Helen Steele** is in the National Guard in Connecticut; her address is 185 Pine St., Apt. 810, Manchester, CT 06040.

*Let's get busy and make some plans for our 5th anniversary—time is running out! Let's hear from you today!*

Class Agent: **Susan Paresson**, 35 Moore St., #3, Winthrop, MA 02152.

## 1984

I'm living in Hyannis, MA, working in accounting and enjoying my job very much!

Class Agent: **Lisa Rowe**, 72 Pine Grove Ave., Hyannis, MA 02601.

## 1985

**James Christie** spent his college junior year at Galway University, Galway, Ireland; he traveled through Europe on his spring break. **Dale Goodwin** writes that he is attending the University of Maine; his address is RFD #1, Box 2940, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

Class Agents: **Stacy Roy**, 3 Davis St., Pittsfield, ME 04967; **Arnold Shorey**, P.O. Box 444, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1986

**Stephanie Seekins Floyd** married **Jonathon Floyd** '83 in August, 1987. They are expecting a baby in July. Jon is



a special ed teacher and athletic trainer at MCI, and is dorm supervisor at Manson Hall. Stephanie has volunteered to be the Class Agent for 1986; the Alumni Office looks forward to working with her, to hear from her classmates.

Class Agent: **Stephanie Seekins Floyd**, MCI, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## 1987

**Kim Cookson** married **Craig Hunt** '78 in June; they live at 14 Detroit Ave., Pittsfield. **Angie Debartolo Carron** and **Lou Carron III** are living in Bucksport. **Jessica Chesties** is attending Casco Bay College, Portland, majoring in business management. She hopes to eventually work toward a liberal arts degree in psychology. Jess is engaged to **Benjamin Thomas Bourne** '86; a wedding is planned for August, 1989. **Sherri Jones** writes that she is planning to transfer from the University of Maine to Springfield College in MA next year. **Daniel Witham** has completed his first year in business administration at UMO; he's managing a band, and "is still pursuing a take-over of Scott Paper Co." Good luck, Dan! **Neil Richards** '86 and I were married this past May.

Class Agent: **Theresa Morse Richards**, P.O. Box 217, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

Send us your news, address changes (new, seasonal, college), or news/addresses of other classmates.

*Parents:* help us keep track of our alumni—notify us of address changes!

*College Students:* send your school addresses. We "lose" many of you in the years right after graduation, so please let us know where you are.

*Retired Alums:* be sure to send us your summer/winter addresses and their effective dates.

Along with news, we'd like to receive photos of people, places, events—pictures you may want to share with the alumni. We'll be happy to return them to you.

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Please send to **Maria Connors**, MCI Alumni Office, South Main St., Pittsfield, ME 04967. Thank you for your help!



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