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GYM DEDICATION



On May 21, Maine Central Institute will formally dedicate the Wright Gymnasium. The building opened for use on November 23, 1987, for the start of MCI's 1987-88 boys' postgraduate basketball season. Cosmetic touches and work on the building's ventilation system were finished in early April. With completion of construction, MCI has ended the longest and largest capital campaign in its history, and has begun an exciting new era of athletic educational opportunity.

Trustee Peter Vigue ('65) is chairman of the Wright Gymnasium dedication committee, a group of trustees and school personnel who have volunteered their time and ideas to organize the gala event. Committee members are: Trustee Greg Wright ('64); Trustee Michael

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DINNER/AUCTION

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association invites all alumni and friends of MCI to its first-ever dinner/charity auction on Saturday, April 30 at John Martin's Manor Restaurant in Waterville, Maine. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and the auction. A subcommittee led by Dennis Goodridge ('70) of Pittsfield has been busy since January soliciting items for auction from alumni, friends and business associates of MCI. Donated items will be on display at the restaurant prior to the start of bidding. Proceeds will be turned over to the Alumni Association

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Maria Connors and Dora Miles ('68) display one of the items donated for auction at the MCI Alumni Association's April 30 fundraiser.

MCI Offers Advanced Placement

MCI students are currently enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses in Biology, Calculus, Physics, American History, and English. Students who score well in Advanced Placement tests given at the end of a year-long course are exempt from or credited for one or more college courses; thus they are able to move on to advanced level courses as college freshmen. A student graduating from MCI could enter college having earned fifteen college credits.

Last year, twenty-two of eighty-eight students in the senior class were enrolled in AP English. With "five" being the maximum grade, these students achieved an average of "three." In schools where the enrollment is 200 or more, fifteen is considered to be a "good" enrollment in AP English and "three" an acceptable average in the test scores. MCI's enrollment is 25% of the senior class. The class

average of "three" in the testing is a tribute to those students involved. Amy Smith ('87) achieved a score of "four," receiving six credits at the University of Maine at Orono. Barbara Pomeroy ('87) achieved the maximum test score, a "five," receiving six credits at Colby. MCI paid more than \$1,000 for the students' exam fees to get the AP program started. The 1986-1987 pilot program served as a guide for establishing other AP curricula. Currently, there are sixteen English students enrolled in this year's program.

Twelve students are presently enrolled in the Advanced Placement Biology program. Instructor Joseph Veilleux commented that this first year is one of trial and assessment, as he attempts to design a comprehensive course of study.

The AP Calculus course is an

intensive review of pre-calculus mathematics, followed by studies of differential and integral calculus.

The AP Physics course delves into both the philosophy and the history of scientific thought. The course covers the major topics of physics: mechanics, heat, electrical and magnetic phenomena, wave motion and optics.

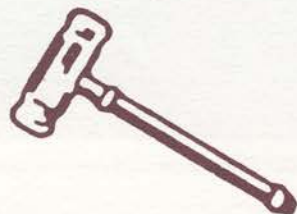
The initiation of an Honors Program in Spanish will result in a group of students taking an AP test in Spanish in 1991. The four-year sequence begins with a year of Latin and is followed by three years of intensive instruction in oral and written Spanish.

In regard to our current offering of AP courses, Assistant Headmaster John Slagle notes: "AP courses demand collegiate level teachers; our AP offerings are evidence of the level of preparation and classroom teaching at MCI."

DINNER/AUCTION continued

and then designated for special projects at the school.

MCI alumni Dan ('62) and Pamela Houston Brooks ('65) of Houston Brooks Auction Service, Burnham, will run the event with the help of Dale ('77) and Kristen Briggs Penney ('83), proprietors of Penney Pinchers Antiques, Pittsfield. Steve Wintle ('86) and his orchestra will provide entertainment during dinner. Tickets to the banquet/auction are \$25 per person, available in advance from the Alumni Office. If you'd like to join in the fun, and if you or your business would like to donate an item for auction (all donations are tax-deductible), please contact the Alumni Office at (207) 487-5915. Make your reservations today for this fun-filled evening.



GYM continued

Fendler ('70); Headmaster Douglas Cummings; Timothy Wilson, Director of Admissions; Douglas Carville, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; and Paul Pellicani, boys' postgraduate basketball coach. Trustees who have helped the committee in various advisory capacities are Alton Cianchette ('48); Jane Woodruff ('64); and Jeremy Lord ('62).

The dedication committee has planned a full slate of activities for the event. The tentative schedule includes an Open House starting at 10:00 a.m., a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:00 a.m., and a buffet luncheon in Rowe Hall Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In the evening the gym will be the setting for a chemical-free social hour (6-7 p.m.), followed by the dedication dinner. The meal, for which there will be a charge, will be catered by DAKA, under the direction of Food Service Manager Richard McCorkill.

Honored guests at the dedication will include Senator George Mitchell and

Senator William Cohen. Others invited are Maine Governor John McKernan, Maine Representative Olympia Snowe, and a host of state and national dignitaries.

Invitations to the dedication are being sent to all alumni as well as to friends of MCI who have contributed to the gym project. Through its gym dedication committee, our school has, in the last several months, put considerable time, effort and resources into making this day a truly memorable experience and a milestone in the history of MCI. The event will be a tribute to the Wright family, whose support has made the longtime dream of the new gymnasium a reality. On this day, MCI will also pay tribute to the hundreds of alumni and friends who have donated so generously to this endeavor. Wright Gymnasium greatly enhances Maine Central Institute's venerable campus and will proudly serve our students and community in the years to come. Please join the MCI family on May 21 for this very special celebration.



Florida Reunion



Seated L to R: Alice Sinclair (front), Persis Smith, Vera Wilkins ('47), Mabel Dysart, Capt. Vincent Hathorn ('31)



"Bun" Overlock ('24), Martha Overlock, Miriam Robinson ('25), Stanley Robinson



Alma Allan ('40)



L to R: Lori Cummings, Headmaster Douglas Cummings, Alice Sinclair

Seventy-four alumni and friends of Maine Central Institute got together on February 20 in St. Petersburg, Florida for the school's annual winter alumni reunion. The dinner-reception, held at Bradford's Coach House in downtown St. Pete, was hosted by Carl Cianchette ('37) of Hartland, Maine and St. Petersburg.

Most of the people who attended are winter residents of Florida. Darrell and Dennis Goodridge ('70) left the snow and cold of the "North Country" for a few days to attend the reunion and enjoy Florida's warm weather. They expressed the hope that in the future other alumni will follow their example and include the Florida reunion in their winter vacation plans.

Those present enjoyed a social hour and luncheon. After lunch, Carl introduced Maria Connors, Alumni Director, who spoke about some of the services the Alumni Office provides. Headmaster Cummings then gave a report on the state of the school and presented MCI's first-ever video, a depiction of life at the MCI campus, which is used by the Admissions Office for student recruitment. A brief question-answer period followed.

Headmaster Cummings commented on the successful, enjoyable reunion and expressed the wish that MCI and the Alumni Association work together to establish a regular program of regional reunions in other areas of the country.

Editor's Note: The Alumni Office is interested in hearing your thoughts or suggestions about planning "mini" reunions in other areas. Please feel free to write, or call (207) 487-5915.

From the HEADMASTER



DOUGLAS C. CUMMINGS

Greetings, alumni! As the 1987-'88 academic year winds down, it is important to recognize the significant contributions of those within the MCI organization as well as the active involvement of alumni, trustees and friends. We are fortunate to have an extremely supportive Alumni Association headed by Mr. Ted Susi. It has been the able assistance of people like Ted and the Alumni Association's Executive Committee that has made my transition at MCI successful. At the trustee level, important contributions to MCI were made by the following: President, Alton Cianchette; Buildings and Grounds Chair, Peter Vigue; Treasurer, Mike Fendler; and Education Chair, Louise Dow.

I would also recognize the MSAD #53 Board of Directors and Superintendent Richard Shaw for their attention to educational growth. Working together we have been able to identify areas of weakness, develop techniques to address those weaknesses and improve ourselves as an educational institution. This is a must for the communities of Pittsfield, Detroit and Burnham as we continue to strive for excellence in education.

Finally, I want to commend the work of the faculty, the true backbone of our school, for the work they have done with the students enrolled here. Many of these people have made this commitment to MCI for many years.

Plans are being made for the Wright Gymnasium dedication. The objective of this ceremony is to pay tribute to the Wright family as well as everyone who has made a contribution to the gymnasium project. As our school's first major capital campaign draws to a close, it is important to recognize those people involved.

Invitations are being sent to all alumni and friends who have contributed to the gym project. It is my hope many will be able to attend on May 21 and experience the excitement and sense of accomplishment attached to this successful endeavor. Seats will be limited. I would ask that you respond as quickly as possible to insure you and your family a seat. Tickets will be issued on a first come-first served basis.

A special thank you to the people who attended the reunion in Florida on February 20, 1988. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for both my wife and me as we had an opportunity to talk with many alums. It is my hope that as years pass other reunion receptions can be scheduled elsewhere.

There are some important dates to remember as we approach the end of the current academic year. Postgraduate graduation was conducted April 15 at 3:00 PM; undergraduate commencement exercises will be held on Sunday, June 5, 1988. Senior chapel will be conducted on the Friday prior to graduation. At this time we anticipate that school will close for the summer on or about June 14, 1988.

We ask for your continued support as your school continues to grow. If at any point you have questions, thoughts or concerns about MCI, please feel free to call or send me a note. I look forward to hearing from you.

Winter Carnival

A brontosaurus gazed leisurely across the front lawn. A woolly mammoth stood by, ready to attack Founders Hall. In front of Stanley-Alumni Hall, the Flintstones, with Dino in tow, were casually taking in a double feature at the Bedrock Drive-In.

What was this? Did MCI "bite the dust" and return to the Stone Age? For three days in late February, the campus was catapulted back in time, as students and faculty staged their annual Winter Carnival. Ed Miller, math instructor and faculty advisor for the event, commented that the Carnival went smoothly. Everyone who participated had a great time, and the theme of "Prehistoric Times" brightened an otherwise dreary, cold, late winter campus.



King Lee Nolan ('88) and Queen Emily Melvin ('88) at the Sno-Ball

For the first time in the history of MCI's Winter Carnivals, the freshman class took first place in the snow sculpture contest, with an impressive assemblage of large and small dinosaurs. Sophomores placed second, and juniors came in third in the contest. The sophomore class earned the highest overall score. Activities included tug-of-war, bombardment, basketball and volleyball round robins and softball in the snow.

The highlight of the weekend's festivities was the traditional Sno-Ball on Saturday evening. Inflatable dinosaurs, potted trees, and a smoking volcano turned Parks Gymnasium into a prehistoric locale. Seniors Lee Nolan and Emily Melvin were chosen to reign as king and queen. There was a large turnout of students who wore beautiful gowns and colorful tuxedos and danced to the music of their own era!

Alumni Profile

STEVE SEEKINS

"I sometimes feel as though I've never left MCI," said Steve Seekins as he looked from his trailer office window to the snow-laden Wright Gymnasium.

Since his graduation in 1966, Steve has indeed kept strong ties to MCI. His two-year assignment as manager of the Wright Gym building project caps a long professional and personal association with MCI.

After graduation, Steve attended Beal College, then went to work as office manager of a loan company, a position he held for five years. For six years after that he was self-employed as a residential housing builder; he then began employment as a carpenter with Cianbro Corporation.

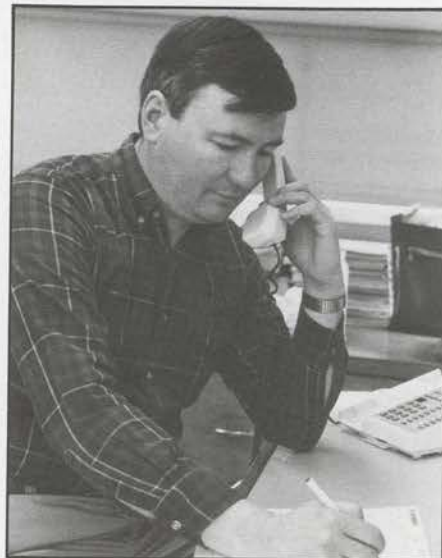
On-the-job training and a talent for finding cost-efficient construction methods helped Steve to advance to a supervisory position. He managed several major building projects, including construction of the Cianbro headquarters in Pittsfield. In 1983 he came back to the MCI campus to supervise the two-year renovation of Weymouth Hall.

Steve was then given the job of project

manager for the Wright Gym building project, "on loan" from Cianbro. Steve's work was completed this spring, and he looks back on the job with considerable pride and satisfaction. Through MCI's acting as its own general contractor, Steve's careful management and selection of bidders, and the generosity of in-kind donors, the school saved approximately \$270,000 on construction costs. The facility today exceeds original specifications in the quality of its construction.

Several "work parties" organized by Steve over the last two years have resulted in thousands of dollars saved, and have brought together alumni and friends in shows of support for MCI. Steve's hard work and the donations of money, labor, and resources from alumni and others have paid off; MCI now has a superior facility for athletic training.

Steve's work on the building of Wright Gym has been personally rewarding; MCI has played an important role in the lives of his wife, Brenda Thompson Seekins ('67), daughter Stephanie Floyd



('86), and son Spencer ('87). Son-in-law Jonathan Floyd ('83) teaches at MCI; Steve and Brenda's six year old daughter Shelby was crown bearer for the 1988 Winter Carnival Sno-Ball.

Steve's quiet, friendly nature, resourcefulness, and dedication to his career and family are admirable. For his fine effort, MCI is proud to count Steve Seekins among its very special alumni.

Memo TO CLASS AGENTS

A full schedule of anniversary parties is planned for the 1988 Alumni Reunion on August 6. The Alumni Office has been in touch with class agents and class members of the following years: '78, '73, '68, '63, '53, '48, and the golden year '38. We as yet haven't heard of any plans for '83, '58, '43, '33, or '28. Of those years, '58 and '28 have no class agents at the present time.

If you'd like to help in the planning of your anniversary get-together, contact the Alumni Office. The 1988 Reunion co-chairs Darrell and Dennis Goodridge, and Maria Connors of the Alumni Office, are eager to help you in any way. Please drop us a note today!

A reminder to class agents: the deadline for news for the summer Alumnus is May 13. Please write your letters today, send them in to us, and we'll get them mailed to your class members. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reunion '88

Co-chairs Darrell and Dennis Goodridge ('70) report that plans are moving along well for the annual Alumni Reunion. Scheduled for the weekend of August 5, 6, and 7, this year's event will have some innovative features. Darrell and Dennis have been working with Food Service Manager Richard McCorkill to "dress up" the traditional banquet with a sit-down dinner format, which will include linen on the tables, china and quality tableware. There are tentative plans for musical entertainment throughout the evening. The school hopes to accommodate more out-of-town travelers this year with refurbished dormitory rooms available to rent at a very reasonable cost.

Parties for the anniversary years

(those years ending in "eight" and "three") are now being organized. There seems to be a great deal of anticipation among our alumni about returning to Pittsfield, celebrating the passage of time with old friends and viewing firsthand the progress being made here on campus.

A complete schedule of activities and a timetable for Reunion Weekend will be printed in the Summer *Alumnus*; a detachable R.S.V.P. form will be included for your convenience. Darrell and Dennis are confident that this year's reunion will be a great success. They cordially invite you to "come home" to MCI for a most enjoyable get-together.

Faculty Profile ROSALIE WILLIAMS

The head of the English Department is a lady with a sense of professionalism in her manner and a gentle kindness in her smile. Rosalie Williams is a mother who feels toward her students as a mother would feel. She speaks highly of MCI: "... a parent wants the best for a child. MCI has met the needs of my two very different children. A faculty with concern for the personal and intellectual growth of the student makes MCI outstanding."

Rosalie came to MCI ten years ago with extensive experience in the field of education. A Maine native and graduate of Bates College, Rosalie began her teaching career in Massachusetts. While her husband Peter attended Northern Michigan University, Rosalie taught at the Gwinn School in upper Michigan. From 1963 to 1965, Rosalie and Peter served in the Peace Corps, teaching English, science and math at a secondary boys' school in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Upon completion of their service abroad, the couple trained Peace Corps volunteers at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Following this, Peter worked toward his doctorate at Indiana University and Rosalie taught at IU Laboratory School. They spent two summers at teacher workshops in Jamaica.

With sons Daniel ('85) and Jeffrey

('90), the Williamses returned to Maine in 1973. Rosalie resumed her teaching career in 1977.

In the years since Rosalie came to MCI, there have been dramatic changes in the English Department. Rosalie has played a significant role in the design and implementation of model programs in postgraduate English, Humanities in the decisive junior year, and the Latin curriculum. Through her tireless efforts, MCI's public speaking program has evolved into an exceptional course of study for its participants.

Despite the demands of a busy schedule, Rosalie has found time over the years to devote attention to her special interest, helping students to develop their writing skills. Apart from her responsibilities at MCI, Rosalie has worked with children in all grade levels to encourage more and higher quality writing. She has also worked on curriculum development throughout the local district.

When asked about his longtime colleague on the occasion of Rosalie and Peter's 25th anniversary, MCI Assistant Headmaster John Slagle made the following comments:

"... all who have worked with or studied with Rosalie have come to love



her. She has been instrumental in the re-emergence of MCI as a quality institution. There is not a single Fall that goes by when a former student does not come back to thank her for all that she has given. What higher compliment could a teacher ever be paid?"

Through her commitment and sincere interest in helping young people, Rosalie Williams has made a remarkable contribution to our school.

MCI Scholars Honored

Earlier this semester, seventeen seniors received certificates of achievement from the Division of Assessment, Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services, for their placement on the Maine State Assessment tests. Tests on reading, writing, and mathematical skills were given to the students in their junior year. This group of seventeen (representing 20% of MCI's student body) placed in the top 5% of all students tested

statewide. At a special assembly Headmaster Cummings congratulated the following recipients: Thomas Connolly, Amy Heath, Shannon Inman, Paul Pietranico, Amy Cianchette, Kendra West, Wendy Higgs, Heather Inman, Donna Deckert, Larissa Vigue, Shane Brooks, Daren Harvey, Kathryn Norris, Alan Shorey, Emily Melvin, Jennifer Dahlgren, and Paul Lord.

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

Sports

MCI PREP CHAMPS AGAIN!

The MCI postgraduate basketball team, coached by Paul Pellicani, won the 1988 New England Class A Prep Basketball Championship with a 105-92 victory over St. Thomas More of Connecticut. MCI advanced to the championship game by defeating New Hampton Academy (New Hampshire) 92-83 in the semi-final on February 27. This is the postgraduate team's third New England Basketball Championship since 1980.

Karlton Hines ('89) from Bronx, New York, was named MVP, amassing 62 points, 21 rebounds, and 17 assists during the semi-final and championship rounds.

In other basketball news, two MCI alumni were featured in the February 15, 1988 issue of *Eastern Basketball Magazine*. The cover story on the top guard tandems in the east ranked Jamie Benton ('84) third along with his Boston College teammate Dana Barros. The pair was ranked ahead of such guards as Kenny Wilson of Villanova, Sherman Douglas of Syracuse, and Jeff Lebo of North Carolina. Jeff Timberlake ('85) and Dredrike Irving of ECAC North Conference leader Boston University was ranked as the tenth best guard pair. Timberlake was second in the conference, with 7.5 assists per game.

Two MCI players will be in All-American Games this spring: Tony Lucas ('88) and David Johnson ('88) will both play in Louisville in the Kentucky Derby Classic. Dave will also play in the Dapper Dan Games in Pittsburgh.

Nominations for McDonald's All-American Team this year include Tony Lucas ('88), Kendrick Hamilton ('88) and David Johnson ('88). Last year, four MCI players were nominated to this national list, with Perry Carter ('87) being selected to the First Team McDonald's All-American game. The game was televised nationally, live on ABC-TV.

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball/Softball:

April 14	host to Nokomis (scr)	3:30
April 18	host to Piscataquis Community HS (2) (scr)	11:00
April 19	host to Schenck (2) (scr)	12:00
April 26	at Mattanawcook	4:15
April 29	host to Orono	4:15
April 30	host to Stearns	11:00
May 4	at Camden-Rockport	4:15
May 5	at Foxcroft	4:15
May 10	host to Dexter	4:15
May 12	at Dexter	4:15
May 13	at Orono	4:15
May 14	host to Mattanawcook	1:00
May 17	host to Mt. View	4:15
May 19	at Stearns	4:00
May 21	at Rockland (2)	11:00
May 24	host to Foxcroft	4:15
May 26	at Mt. View	4:15
June 1	at Regional Prelim Games	TBA
June 4	at Regional Quarter-Finals	TBA
June 7	at Regional Semi-Finals	TBA
June 9	at Regional Championships	TBA
June 11	at State Championships	TBA

Track:

April 19	at Foxcroft Academy/ Piscataquis Community HS/Dexter	11:00
April 22	at Piscataquis/Mt. View	11:00
April 26	at Piscataquis/Greenville	4:00
May 3	at Dexter	4:00
May 9	at Mt. View	4:00
May 14	at Penquis League Relays	TBA
May 18	at Dexter/Stearns	4:00
May 25	at Mattanawcook/Dexter	4:00
May 28	at Eastern Regionals	TBA
June 4	at State Championships	TBA

Tennis:

April 26	at Schenck	4:00
April 27	host to Stearns	4:00
April 29	at Dexter	4:00
May 2	at Penobscot Valley HS	4:00
May 3	host to Mattanawcook	4:15
May 6	at Foxcroft	4:00
May 7	at Mattanawcook	3:00
May 9	at Schenck	4:00
May 10	at Stearns	4:00
May 11	host to Dexter	4:00
May 14	at Singles Tourney Prelims	TBA
May 16	host to Penobscot Valley HS	4:00
May 17	host to Foxcroft	4:00
May 21	at Singles Tourney Round	TBA
May 26	at Singles Tourney Semi-Finals and State Championships	TBA
June 1	at Team Prelim Round	TBA
June 4	at Team Quarter-Finals	TBA
June 7	at Team Semi-Finals	TBA
June 9	at Team Regional Finals	TBA
June 11	at Team State Championships	TBA

There may be changes in the schedule; if you are interested in attending any of the games, please confirm the dates and times with MCI registrar Lynne Gould Cianchette ('69) at (207) 487-3355.

Alumni President's

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Annual Giving

...The Essential Ingredient

What a year—it's a banner year for Maine Central Institute!

There's no doubt that a new attitude is in evidence—in the classrooms, around the campus, and in the minds of the many conscientious individuals who are helping to make MCI, once again, one of New England's finest preparatory schools.

The focus is growth . . . growth toward the goal of excellence in academics, in athletics, in facilities, in the efforts of our students, faculty, and staff.

The feeling is optimism . . . optimism as we witness the progress being made to bring MCI's capabilities to a high level, to provide a solid, comprehensive, and worthwhile educational experience for our young people.

Our challenge is to sustain that growth, to keep the level of optimism high and the focus clear. MCI's new attitude is contagious. People want to be part of a winning team, and this year through the Annual Giving Fund, we all can be members of MCI's winning team. So many of

you have already joined; in the 1987-1988 Annual Giving Fund campaign to date, we have exceeded 90% of our year's goal. With a little more than two months remaining in the campaign year, we hope to top our goal, increasing the total by more than 300% over the amount raised in 1986-1987. More importantly, we've already increased our level of donor participation from 3% of alumni in 1986-1987 to more than 11% this year.

Last November student and alumni volunteers called many of you; consequently MCI's alumni and friends pledged more than \$15,000 toward the Annual Giving Fund. In early May, we'll be on the phones again to reach alumni who weren't contacted previously. Those of you who have given so generously this year deserve our deep appreciation. Those who haven't yet contributed may consider this an opportunity to help the school that gave you a head start in life. The Annual Giving Fund is the essential ingredient—the key to MCI's success. With your commitment you can make a valuable investment in MCI's bright future.

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Architects
(\$500 or more)

Builders
(\$100 or more)

A Special Citation
(\$25 or more)

Please use the enclosed envelope and make a commitment today.

Class NOTES

1915

Karl H. McKechnie of Fort Myers, FL celebrated his 90th birthday last November in a grand way; Karl, an avid golfer, shot a 76 on that day—quite a feat at any age! Karl plays golf four days a week, twice with wife **Irma Davis McKechnie '22**. Karl figures his handicap to be around 14. He commented, "I'm living every day of my life one day at a time. I love to see that old sun come up."

1924

In November I mailed sixteen letters to the members of the Class of 1924 pleading for up-to-date news regarding the comings and goings of the members of this class. I honestly expected more response from you. A summer issue will be mailed to you before Homecoming Day. If you want to be included in this issue, mark your calendar in April and send me some news by early May. *The next Alumni Office news deadline is May 13.*

A letter from **Genevieve Weeks Ireland**, who lives at 429 Main St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545, arrived the same day as a message from **Glenice Stuart Varney**, 29 Tucker Ave., Portland, ME 04103. Genevieve has always been a prompt correspondent and she could not understand why I had reneiged on news; it is often discouraging to constantly plead for news and come up with nothing. Genevieve finds plenty of work to do. She lost her husband a few years ago and now has more work than ever to do. She is determined to keep her home as long as possible, but dreads the day when she can no longer be hostess to a large family. She remembers **Cae Provencher Sonia '25** well and thinks that Cae's father was Pittsfield's station master. I also received a letter from Cae in Lancaster, MA, telling me that she enjoys my class notes and wondering if I've been ill. She wants to know how **Jo Nason Ogilvie** and **Velma McClure** are getting along. Glenice regrets that she is not able to return on Homecoming Day. It is difficult to go to Pittsfield and back the same day. You can stay overnight in one of the newly renovated dormitories on campus; write to Maria at the Alumni Office and she'll make arrangements for you.

Sisters have a value when you want to find something out. A letter to **Bea Palmer Frederick** got me some information about her sister **Ruth Palmer Harribine**. Bea lives in St. Cloud, FL and Ruth is at the St. Cloud Health Care Center. Ruth recently had a party to celebrate her 83rd birthday with her two sisters and friends. All enjoyed Ruth's cake.

You may not have been aware that for a number of years **Connie Adair Cole** has been going to Fort Myers each spring to watch the Kansas City Royals prepare for summer games. This year, the Royals have new grounds for spring training; they're only 20 miles from here. Connie is staying in Waterville this year, to be near her doctors. She is pleased to learn that MCI has a capable headmaster who has convinced the alumni that he is going in the right direction. I must agree with them.

Jo Nason Ogilvie writes that she has had her ups and downs this past year; she was glad to have made it to MCI last summer.

At the moment she is with her cousin and his wife at Jekyll Island in Georgia. She had hoped we'd drop by to see her last summer; she's looking forward to Homecoming Day.

We received a Christmas card from Mrs. Mary Landry in Warwick, RI. **Wilfred** was at MCI for four years, thanks to Pa Verrill. Mary wishes it could be possible for them to visit at Homecoming.

Velma McClure, 30 West St., #15, Portland, ME seldom if ever disappoints me in writing. Would you believe that I received two letters from **Hazel Wilson Salsbury**? I'll have to give you an A+, Hazel. She has always been an excellent correspondent. Hazel is very active in work at her church; she teaches a Sunday school class, plays piano, and makes herself useful in many ways. Hazel eats out often with other retired friends. We hope you'll plan to be with us in August.

Let me tell you about the Winter Reunion in St. Petersburg February 20. **Carl Cianchette '37** was again host and had everything well-planned. Mr. Cummings and his wife had flown down from snowy Pittsfield to inform us as to how things are progressing at our old school. In his remarks he stressed how happy they are with the new Wright Gymnasium. Why shouldn't they be happy! It is an addition to the campus that MCI has needed for a number of years. We also learned that the interiors of many campus buildings had received much-needed coats of paint. Improvements and changes in several areas resulted during the summer vacation. Yes, MCI is on its way to becoming one of the better preparatory schools in Maine.

I was glad to see Maria Connors of the Alumni Office at this meeting. She has charge of **Alumnus** production and has offered her assistance to all class agents. A tribute to the late Sanger Cook in the last issue was well done; he contributed much to MCI.

Classmates, you will be one step ahead if you mark "Bun" on your calendar for the month of April, and then in April send me some news before we leave for Maine (about the middle of June). I'll be happy if I can send it along to Maria before we leave Florida.

Class Agent: **E. Burnell Overlock**, 398 San Jose, Winter Haven, FL 33884; or Washington, ME 04574.

1925

From my last report, you may recall that some classmates were looking forward to meeting at the Alumni Reunion in St. Petersburg in February. **Ralph Ulmer** with Louise, **Effie Vroom** and Stanley and **Miriam Robinson** enjoyed the interesting progress report of the school as well as the opportunity to greet many friends from our hometown.

We are now anticipating returning for Homecoming '88, when we hope to see all our classmates.

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

1928

This year marks our 60th anniversary as alumni. Please make every effort to return to MCI August 6, to share special memories of our school days.

1930

Pauline Mahoney Dorr writes of her travels in the Bay

State area, visiting her son until mid-October. While there she had a pleasant visit with **Harry '35** and **Verna Merrithew Hanson '32**. Since that time, she has been at Beacon St., Boston.

Myrtle Raymond Nolan and Jim will not be going to Florida this year, due to the death of her sister **Audrey Raymond White '22** and the many duties her passing entails. **Myrtle Main Sherman** has changed her address from 645 Congress St. to 169 High St., Portland, ME 04101. Happy settling!

Evelyn Farnham Hersey enjoyed the flower show in Boston in March. A letter from **Harold Millett** tells the sad news of the death of his wife Muriel in July, 1987. Last year they spent time in New Mexico and greatly enjoyed the Senior Olympics. They returned to their cottage in May. Since his wife's death, Harold has visited his son in Washington State.

Nelson Tibbetts writes that he was in Maine for the fall foliage season and Bowdoin's Homecoming. A trip to Hawaii to visit his son is pending.

It was recently brought to my attention that **Royce Small** of our class passed away in August, 1986. I am very sorry this was omitted from our notes; it will become part of our class records.

A valentine told of the quiet doings of **Zelma Homstead Harris** in Augusta. Her busy days are spent in dress alteration, with an occasional visit to her daughter Nancy, and relatives and friends in Dixmont.

Georgia Fuller tells of a wonderful trip through the Scandinavian countries last August. Earlier she had attended the christening of her grandniece in NY. This winter she has been busy doing volunteer work and social activities in Brunswick.

A highly decorated letter arrived (twenty-two cents' worth of two-cent stamps) from—can you guess it—**Joe Stevens**. His winters have been pleasantly spent in Unity. Joe awaits notes from buddies **Nelson Tibbetts** and **Dom LaChance '31**.

Class Agents: **Eleanor A. Toothaker**, RFD#1, Box 65, Etna, ME 04434; **Evelyn Farnham Hersey**, RFD#3, Box 1870, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1931

Clarice Garcelon Mitchell writes: "I always look forward to the *Alumnus* and hope to see news of classes I knew ('28 through '34) and others. Seven members of our family attended MCI; for seventeen years there were Garcelons as students." Clarice received a Christmas card from **Walter Dyer**, husband of the late **Marian Robinson Dyer**. Walter wrote of Marian's passing June 13, 1987. Marian had been quite active until the time of her death.

Clarice keeps busy with various crafts, church involvement, a scholarship association, Extension Association, the Waldo County Retired Teachers Association and the Women's Legislative Council of Maine.

Class Agent: **Helen McPherson Humphrey**, 23 Chester St., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1933

Class members: keep in mind that this Reunion is our 55th—quite a milestone. Please plan to attend on August 6.

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

1943

As yet, no one in '43 has offered suggestions on plans for the 45th anniversary at Reunion this summer. Let's get going on it right away. Class Agent: **Mary Buker Foss**, 7 Manson St., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1944

Richard O. Clark of Watertown, CT has been named a **Melvin Jones Fellow** by the Lions Club International Foundation. This award, given for outstanding leadership and humanitarian services, is the highest award given by the foundation. Only 500 Lions worldwide have earned the award since its inception in 1968. Dick has been active in the Lions Club locally and statewide. He retired in 1983 from Uniroyal after 33 years of service. Dick is now the owner of a home improvement business. He and his wife Barbara have seven children and ten grandchildren. MCI congratulates Dick on earning the Lions Club's prestigious award.

Class Agent: **Helmi Pakki Perry**, 11 Pine St., Dexter, ME 04936.

1946

I've been saved by a note on a Christmas card from **Elizabeth Durgin Sumner**, 1382 Tournaline Ave., Mentone, CA 92359. Lib was a "dorm kid." She is a working registered nurse; she recently had her first experience with an earthquake (the ground rolls under your feet). Lib says that they live in the country, so nothing is apt to fall on them.

Lib bought a $\frac{3}{4}$ Arabian colt that was being starved; she has brought the animal back to health and is caring for it until July, when her daughter's family will bring it to a ranch in Tucson.

The Sumners were in Maine last summer to visit a son and attend the town of Bingham's 175th anniversary. Lib knows I've been trying to locate **Hugh Bond**; any suggestions on his whereabouts?

Just look at the news one can get on a Christmas card! Thanks, Lib! I'd love to hear from the rest of you.

Class Agent: **Donna Hodgins Graham**, 47 Audubon Pky., Wayne, NJ 07470.

1958

Peter Rodgers, Johnsonville State Historic Area, Denver, TN 37054, has contacted the Alumni Office inquiring about plans for '58's 30th anniversary. Let's start making plans now for August 6!

Class Agent: **Volunteer needed!**

1961

We have heard from two classmates recently. **Colby Moon**, RFD#1, Box 2745, Burnham, ME 04922, retired from the U.S. Navy in July, 1985 after 23 years of service. He has been at MCI for a year as Director of Plant Operations. He and his wife have two daughters. The Moon family enjoys travel; they commented that since Colby retired from the service, it's been nice to be home again among friends.

Donald Nodine, 18 Hill St., Millinocket, ME 04462 is employed as environmental engineer with Great Northern Paper Co., Millinocket.

All notes received before December 1st were printed in the *Winter Alumnus*. Colby's notes didn't reach us by then; we

hope there were no other lost notes. We need to hear from you, even if you have made no changes lately. Just drop us a postcard about your work, families, travels, anniversaries, etc.

Class Agents: **Donna Sprague Allen**, P.O. Box 254, Pittsfield, ME 04967; **Patty Wright Pellegrino**, 78 Somerset Ave., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1963

The years have been good to me. In Florida, I changed from the medical profession to the position of general manager of a recreation vehicle magazine. MCI graduates can do anything! 1988 will be my big "Hollywood Break"—watch for me as a contestant on the Wheel of Fortune. (I didn't say I had common sense!) I hope to see most of you at our 25th reunion in August—let's hear from you.

Class Agent: **Linda J. Cregno**, 1860 Phillippa Shores Drive, Sarasota, FL 33581.

1964

Joseph Knox, 320 Almond Ct., Vernon Hills, IL 60061 is branch claim manager of the Kemper Group. He and wife Kim have two children. **Jayne Hart** and husband Jack Ray Setph reside at 215 Redondo Beach, CA 90277; they plan to attend the 25th Reunion. **Joseph Cirillo** lives in Waterville with wife Rebecca. He has been with the Maine Federal Aviation Administration since 1976, assigned to the flight service station at Bangor International Airport. Joe's hobby is building model trains; his entry won second place at a national exhibit in Denver in 1984. **Linda Tozier**, 9 Seventh St., Bangor, ME 04401, has two children and two grandchildren. She is office manager at David M. Blakeman Ins. Agency in Bangor. Her hobbies are hunting, fishing and camping. **Ted Grant** spent the summer of 1987 aboard a ship in the Indian Ocean. He's now back home at 1451 Melrose St., Cocoa, FL 32922; he's a warm, funny, interesting traveler, who'll be coming north for the Big 25! **Jeff Hathorn**, 8228 Alderman Rd., Melrose, FL 32666, and wife Jane have two sons. Jeff's a pilot for U.S. Air; his hobbies include waterskiing, fishing and working on old Porsches and VWs. He's planning to attend the 25th. **Linda Snowdeal Brown**, 106 Western Ave., Waterville, ME 04901, and husband have three boys and one granddaughter. Linda is the senior clerk/accountant at the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District in Waterville. **Robert Spence** of Hollywood, FL, is vice president of the American Bank of Hollywood. Bob and his family enjoy their "tropical" lifestyle. **Kenneth Stockwell**, RFD#1, Nichols Rd., Fairfax, VT 05454, when last heard from was teaching biology at Bellows Free Academy, St. Albans, VT. He and wife Maggie, who also teaches, have two children. (Ken, Larry's address is P.O. Box 26926, Las Vegas, NV 89126.) **George Kennedy** of Kissimmee, FL has a new bride. The new Mrs. Kennedy is a very nice lady. George has three sons. **Willis (Billy) Dunton** is no longer in the Service; he has moved to the country life of St. Albans, ME. **Susan Smith Rowe** lives in Pittsfield and works as a cook. **Joan Vanderveer Gould** of Lincoln, NH is a hairdresser; Joan has a son, 20 and a daughter, 17. The last we heard, **Rodney Small** of Limington, ME was employed as a game warden. His twin sister, **Rosalie Small O'Shea**, is still living in Australia. **Pat Elkins Pratt**, East Kingston, NH, will be married 23 years this year. Pat and husband have one twenty-year-old son.

Members of the Class of 1964 who are presently serving on

MCI's Board of Directors are **Thomas Savage**, **Jane Woodcock Woodruff** and **Greg Wright**.

I work in Pittsfield at the office of Dr. Allen Bassler, and on weekends at the Seton Hospital Pedi ICU. My children are 20 and 17. I want to thank you all for sending in news; let's continue to hear from you. Remember, the Big 25th is coming sooner than we think. I hope 1988 is a good year for you.

Class Agent: **Barbara Vigue Day**, 6 Library St., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1965

From Jacob and Delores Reifschneider, parents of **John Reifschneider**, comes word about John's son. Kevin, a student at Bishop McGuinness High School in Kernersville, NC, has been selected to the high school All-American team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Kevin played a key role on a defense that allowed opponents an average of only six shots per game and posted a school record of 15 shut-outs in a 21-0-1 season. He was voted player of the year in the Piedmont Athletic Conference of Independent Schools, and player of the year on the NCSSCA's all-region III team. Classmates may recall that John, during his MCI days, was a well-known skier and discus champ.

Class Agent: **Marie L. Armitstead**, RFD 5, Carver, MA 02330.

1967

Bill Bunnell, 9 10th Ave., Madawaska, ME 04756 writes that he and wife Rebecca have two beautiful children, ages 16 and 10. They attend public school in Madawaska, ME, and do very well, thanks to the good study habits Dad learned in Powers Hall! Rebecca manages the Madawaska Out Patient Center for Northern Maine Medical Center; Bill is employed with the USDA, Soil Conservation Service in Ft. Kent.

Bill would like very much to get in touch with class members again.

Nancy Christie Sander, 1215 Fifth Ave., #17-A, NY, NY, and husband Nick have a new baby daughter, Nicole, born February 2, 1988. Nicole joins sister Nina, seven years old.

Class Agent: **Carole Champagne Anthony**, 46 Somerset Ave., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1968

Hans Fletcher just returned from Germany; he's been living in the Pemaquid area this summer and hopes to be at Reunion. **Lolly Susi** lives in London, where she works in theater. She recently co-wrote and produced a "spoof" soap opera. She'd like to hear from her classmates (185 Leighton Rd., London N.W. 5, England). Lolly hopes to return for our 20th. **Dawn Peterson Cox** sends regrets; she won't be at Reunion, as her family has planned a Disney World vacation. **Bob Moody** is still in Okinawa, Japan. He'll join his family in North Carolina in June, and then on to Maine in time for Reunion. **Sharon Hanson Ringuette** is a senior planner in production for Digital Corp. She's spoken with **Cheryl Foster Duplissee**, **Delese Beckwith**, **Paul Scribner** and **Ellery Hathorn**. All plan to be at Reunion.

Mike Bailey stops by the bookstore occasionally. **Darlene Kvingedal Pickette** is in the Pittsfield area. **Dick Susi** lives in Pittsfield and works at Home Entertainment Center. **Richard**

Hunt was spotted at the MCI vs. Dexter game cheering for Dexter (but we know where his heart is, right Dick?) **Eric Cianchette** is a Portland developer; he lives in Scarborough with wife Peggy and two sons. When in Portland, stop by to see him at Raphael's, the Portland Regency Hotel or Erik's in the Old Port. His parents **Kenneth ('42)** and **Evie ('46) Cianchette**, have offered their home at 12 Arbor Lane, Pittsfield for our reunion. Please try to be there. We're inviting the classes of '67 and '69 to join us; we'll send you more information.

Martha Young Worley writes that she's living in Kansas with her husband and three children. They are very active in their church, where Marty is the music director. **Arline Daily** 208 Linwood Ave., Stevens Pt., WI 54481 is a family therapist and mother of two girls. Arline would love to see or hear from classmates. **Jean Hammond Watts** teaches sixth grade in Orono. I'm still tending the MCI Bookstore, and am looking forward to seeing you on our 20th, August 6th!

Class Agents: **Dora Miles**, P.O. Box 224, Pittsfield, ME 04967; **Jean Hammond Watts**, RFD 1, Box 1839, Bangor, ME 04401.

1973

Tonia Humphrey writes that she's quite busy as an electronics technician and landlord in Manchester, NH. Tonia's looking forward to seeing everyone at the 15th on August 6. A nice letter from **Paula Cyr** tells us that she's busy as the computer operator/data processor at Ethan Allen, Inc. in Burnham,

ME. Paula has two daughters, 14 and 11, and also is looking forward to our Reunion.

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

1978

Ronald Vais, 109 Peters Ave., Ozark, AL 36360, is married and presently has the rank of Second Lt. in the Army Reserve. **Peter Bradshaw** lives in Portland and works as the friendly bartender at **Eric Cianchette's** "Raphael's" in Portland. Please stop by when you're in Portland. Wesley and **Sally Vaughan Brann** announces the arrival of Bethanie Anne, Jan. 31!

Class Agent: **Lois Pease Richmond**, 60573 SE Bradford Dr., Suffolk, VA 23435.

1983

Start making plans now for our fifth anniversary—our class's first "milestone" anniversary celebration. Send me your suggestions.

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

Editor's Note: Thanks to all who sent news to the Alumni Office. The response from alumni for this issue was tremendous; unfortunately, there wasn't enough space to print everyone's news. The rest will go into our next Alumnus, planned for early July. The news deadline is May 13. Please keep up the good work!



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