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Author tells MCI Class of 1987 'Dream big, reach for the stars'



Science fiction author William Forstchen, a former MCI teacher, was baccalaureate speaker at graduation ceremonies. Forstchen told the graduates to remember, "You are unique in all of creation. There is only one you. Dream big and reach for the stars." (Bangor News photo)

"Go forward - take chances. Put yourself on the line. Be pleased when you progress, but never be satisfied." Headmaster Douglas Cummings admonished the graduating seniors of the Class of 1987. "In this day and age those of you who stand still - those of you willing to be satisfied - will be lost in our hectic society."

Led by valedictorian Barbara Pomeroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pomeroy of Pittsfield, 86 seniors became the newest alumni of Maine Central Institute. The

commencement exercises, the 118th in the school's history, were held on the front campus on June 14th.

The Class of '87 had been promised that commencement could be held in the new Wright Gymnasium, and indeed it could have been. The gym, approximately two-thirds complete, stood in readiness for the program in case of bad weather. The rain held off, however, and graduation took place on the lawn as scheduled.

Brent C. Brooks gave the salutatory address.

Among the honors and awards accorded at graduation, sisters Heather and Heidi Moon each received \$1,000 scholarships from the Pittsfield Kiwanis. Heidi also received a \$250 scholarship from the Pittsfield Grange and a trophy for being one of two Athletes of the Year. Michael Clapp was the other recipient of a Grange scholarship, and one of two recipients of the

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Changes made in MCI's administrative team by Headmaster Cummings

The names are familiar, but the titles are new. And in some cases, both names and titles are new.

What's this all about? It's about the changes in the MCI administrative team announced this spring by Headmaster Douglas Cummings.

Chief among those changes is the appointment of John Slagle to the newly established position of assistant headmaster. Formerly head of the English department, Mr. Slagle has been a member of the MCI faculty since 1972. In addition to the administrative duties of his new position, he will continue to teach the English section of the humanities program, which he played a key role in establishing.

Mr. Slagle and his wife, Pinky, are the parents of two children, Benjamin, age two, and Sarah, born June 29th.

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John Slagle, newly appointed Assistant Headmaster.

Rosalie Williams succeeds him as head of the English department.

Douglas Carville, a member of the MCI faculty since 1981, was appointed to the new position of dean of students and athletic director. He had been serving as athletic director since September of 1986. The two positions were combined this spring, and Mr. Carville was named to the job.

First employed as assistant to the headmaster and assigned to the alumni and development office, Mr. Carville later taught earth sciences. His wife, Karen (Cianchette, '74) teaches business at MCI and is head of the department. They are the parents of one child, Christopher, born last December.

A new member of the MCI administrative team is Yvonne Mailman, secretary to the headmaster. Ms. Mailman began her duties June 29th, succeeding Brenda Rowe, who moved out of state.

Ms. Mailman and her husband, Steve, moved recently to Pittsfield from Westport Island. She

from the Headmaster. . .

It gives me great pleasure to begin my second year as Headmaster of Maine Central Institute by reporting to you that our school has made tremendous progress in the part year.

No progress is ever made without overcoming some difficulties, and we're no exception to that rule. The most serious of those difficulties has been the low boarding student enrollment with which we began the school year. When I accepted the position I was certainly anticipating that MCI would have far more than 52 boarding students.

During the year we made serious budgetary cuts in virtually every department in order to offset the deficit that was created by the enrollment shortfall. We also placed great emphasis on our admissions efforts, feeling that it was an

was formerly employed by Arrowhart Inc. in Brunswick.

Debby Sjogren, wife of faculty member Richard Sjogren, is the new guidance secretary. Ms. Sjogren assumed her duties on June 22nd, just in time to record grades and complete rank cards for the year's end.

The Sjogrens joined the MCI family last September. They live with their two children, Julie and John Legere, on campus in the Bryant House.

Missy Conlogue ('86) formerly served as registrar, receptionist, guidance secretary and admissions secretary. She recently assumed new duties, dividing her time as admissions secretary and alumni office secretary, where she will assist Maria Connors, alumni coordinator, and Jim Martin, director of alumni and development.

Lynne Gould Cianchette ('69) has been appointed registrar and receptionist, succeeding Missy in those roles.



Headmaster Douglas C. Cummings

absolute necessity to increase the number of boarding students to 75 or more for the 1987-88 school year.

It appears that those efforts are producing results. At this point we feel quite comfortable that we will have in excess of 75 boarding students when the school year begins.

I'd like to express my appreciation to the two individuals most responsible for producing those results: former Director of Admissions, William Daviero and Admissions Officer Douglas Ferguson. I'd like also to thank those of you who have assisted our efforts by telling prospective students about our school.

In the area of academics, advanced placement programs in English, history, biology, calculus and history have been initiated. These will enable our students to earn college credits while remaining at MCI. We hope that this will serve as an attractive feature for prospective boarding students and also provide a valuable service to students from the local area.

Our graduation requirements

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Leading the processional were 1987 class marshals Michele DeBartolo and David O'Brien. (Bangor News photo)

Kiwanis Ideals Award. He and Jonathan Humphrey also received scholarships from the S.A.D. 53 Education Association.

In addition to receiving the Kiwanis Club scholarship, Heather Moon was awarded a \$250 Good Student Award by Bois Real Estate, one of the two MCI Coaches Awards, the other Kiwanis Ideals Award and the coveted Faculty Cup.

The Master's Cup, first awarded in 1941, is given each year to the young man who best represents the ideals of character, leadership, athletic ability and school spirit. This year's recipient of the Master's Cup is Spencer Seekins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Seekins ('67 and '66) of Pittsfield.

Following is a complete listing of 1987 commencement awards recipients: the Frank Haseltine Biology Award, Traci Hanscom; George M. Parks Scholarships, Jennifer Dahlgren (\$50 junior) and Barbara Pomeroy (\$100 senior); Pittsfield Tuesday Club (\$100), Sara Goodridge; Detroit Volunteer Fire Dept. and Auxilliary (\$100), Karen Pike; Seabasticook Grange #90 (\$100),

Traci Hanscom; Burnham Extension Association (\$100), Laurie Flood and Traci Hanscom; Margit Studio Scholarship (\$100), Amy Smith; Good Cheer Club of Detroit (\$100), Scott Olney; Frances Palmer Scholarship (\$100), Barbara Pomeroy; Mabel S. Andrews Scholarship (\$100), Jonathan Humphrey; Robert H. Libby Scholarship (\$100), Jodi Pease; Louise M. Thornton Memorial Scholarship (\$100), Jeffrey Howes; Student Council Scholarships (\$150 each), Kimberly Pareson and Daniel Witham; S.A.D. 53 Education Association Scholarships in honor of Irene Susi (\$150 each), Laurie Flood and Harold Goodridge; Cecil F. McGowan Memorial Baseball Scholarship (\$250), David O'Brien; Pittsfield Bowling Center Scholarship (\$200), Scott LaPanne; Key Club Community Scholarship (\$200), Amy Smith; Bertha Wheeler Carter Award (\$200), Michelle DeBartolo; Arts Club Scholarship (\$200), Jonathan Humphrey; S.A.D. 53 Education Association Scholarships (\$225 each), Michael Clapp and Jonathan Humphrey; C. M. Almy & Son Scholarships (\$250 each), Teresa Morse and Scott Olney; Pittsfield Grange Scholarships (\$250 each), Heidi Moon and Michael Clapp; Bois Real Estate Good Student Award (\$250), Heather Moon; Pittsfield Players Scholarship (\$300), Shannone Young; Seabasticook Valley Hospital Auxillary (\$300), Gary Soucy; Gordon Construction Co. Scholarship (\$300), Nancy Beverage; Staples Oil Co. Scholarship (\$400), Traci Hanscom; Florice and Willard Lehr Scholarship (\$500), Jessica Chesties; Neil Gerald Wright Memorial Scholarships (\$500 each), Brent Brooks and Barbara Pomeroy; Pittsfield Kiwanis Club Scholarships (\$1,000 each), Heather Moon, Heidi Moon and Harold Goodridge (given in memory of Raymond A. Rollins); Margaret Witham Challenge Cup, Scott LaPanne; MCI Coaches' Awards, Nancy Beverage and Heather Moon; Kiwanis Ideals Award (\$100),

Heather Moon and Michael Clapp; Athlete of the Year Awards, Heidi Moon and Martin King; Masters' Cup, Spencer Seekins; and Faculty Cup, Heather Moon.

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have been increased from 18 credits to 20 credits. This increase will be phased in over a three-year period, thus allowing students the opportunity to build toward these increased requirements for earning an MCI diploma. The class of 1988 will be required to earn 18 credits in order to receive diplomas, the class of 1989 will have to earn 19 credits, and the class of 1990 - and each class thereafter - will be required to earn 20 credits. With these changes, the academic offerings and requirements of Maine Central Institute can be compared with those of any private school in New England. That in itself gives us great reason to be very proud of our school.

Our faculty and administration share the conviction that these increased requirements will enable us to provide a strong academic program for our students during the four years that they are members of our school community.

The Alumni and Development Office has completed a very productive year, having raised \$361,360 for the gymnasium. We are within \$100,000 of completing the funding for this project.

We are deeply grateful to our alumni for the generous support they have given to this project over the past seven years. While the capital campaign has taken longer than perhaps it should have, I want to express my thanks for the tremendous contributions you have made to this desperately needed structure.

While our Annual Fund campaign has exceeded its goal for the 1986-87 fiscal year, the number of alumni contributing to this very important fund has dwindled to a miniscule percentage of our more

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than 6,000 alumni, friends and faculty. With completion of the capital campaign we hope that participation of the alumni in the Annual Fund will improve to the levels achieved by other private schools.

Alumni support is unquestionably the backbone of any independent school, and MCI is very fortunate that many of its alumni provide their professional expertise, their hard work and their funds in support of their school.

As our new year begins to unfold I would again ask that you continue to give us your support and assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am always happy to discuss MCI.

Surprise, surprise - girls track team is fourth in state

Not to be outdone by the softball team, the MCI girls track team achieved dramatic success this spring. After posting a 1-8 regular season record, the girls team finished fourth in the State Class C meet, just six points out of first place.

En route to the state meet the girls mile relay team captured the Eastern Maine crown, setting a new state record in the process. The relay team finished second in the State meet, breaking its own record set the previous week. Relay team members were Rita Floyd, Nancy Beverage, Sue Petela and Heather Moon.

Remarkable is the fact that there were only five girls on the MCI team that went to the State meet. Sherri Booth, the team's fifth member, finished fourth in the State in the long jump and triple jump.

Nancy Beverage was the State Class C champion in the 800-meter run and the 400-meter run. She was also the Penquis League champ in the 800-meter run and the

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There's plenty of MCI tradition with every Holly Stevens pitch



Holly Stevens has a pleasant smile, but don't let that fool you - her fastball is deadly.

She's the daughter of an MCI alumna and the granddaughter of an MCI legend, but MCI senior Holly Stevens is making quite a name for herself.

As a junior, Holly led the MCI softball team all the way to the Eastern Maine Class B Finals where the Huskies lost 4-1 to Bucksport, the eventual state champs. That's just the beginning of the story.

After her sophomore year at Cony High School in Augusta, Holly moved to Pittsfield to live with her grandparents Jack and Tookie Russell. Her mother, Patricia (Russell '65) Stevens is Tookie's daughter. Last year Holly pitched Cony to a 17-2 record and a runner-up position in the state tournament. Her record over two seasons at Cony was 38-3.

This year Holly really came into her own as a softball player. Consider this: her 17-1 record for the season included 11 no-hitters, 121 strikeouts, only 12 bases on balls and just four earned runs. She went 27 for 45 at the plate for a .600 batting average.

Holly's repertoire of pitches includes a fastball, riser, drop,

change-up and curve. Her fastball has been clocked around 90 miles per hour indoors. While she doesn't throw that fast in game conditions, her working fastball leaves opposing batters flatfooted and watching as it blazes past them.

Holly's battery mate, Jennifer Pease, says, "It's like 'woomph' and the ball just goes by."

Despite the fact that Holly is a genuine superstar, her coach, John Slagle, was pleased that Holly came to MCI "in a low-key manner and worked to unite the team behind her."

Holly, too, is pleased that she came to MCI. She says the choice to transfer to MCI was hers and that she has no regrets. "I did it for a lot of reasons," Holly says of her decision. "I knew when I came here the competition wouldn't be as good. But I wasn't thinking I'd go here and play softball and that would be it. It's been the best thing for me."

"I realize now that school is a lot more important than softball is. For the most part, it's turned out to be the best decision I've made academically."

"I'm very happy she can be here," says her proud grandmother. Toookie coached softball at MCI from 1958 until 1985, when she retired so she could follow Holly's sophomore season at Cony. "When she came up here I got back into it," says Toookie, who was head coach Slagle's assistant coach. "I'll retire again when she finishes." Toookie still coaches the MCI field hockey team, a job she's held for thirty years. She retired from coaching the MCI's girls basketball team in 1981.

Holly will be back at MCI for her senior year after working as a playground leader for the Augusta Recreation Department. For her own recreation, Holly will spend the

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Bound for seminar at West Point



The annual science seminar at the United States Military Academy at West Point is a week-long program for students who excel in science and mathematics. MCI junior Alan Shorey was one of 400 students from around the nation selected to attend. He was recommended by MCI science department head Wayne Stilphen, who says the program allows prospective cadets a chance to visit and experience West Point. (Bangor News photo by Brenda Seekins)

Any historians? The Alumni Office has a big job for you!

An autographed photo of the Japanese surrender ending World War II, an MCI cream pitcher from 1911 and an early football nose protector are some of the dozens of artifacts and items of memorabilia in the MCI archives.

A volunteer is desperately needed to organize and catalogue these items. If you have an interest in history, enjoy dusting off old photographs and have a flair for organization, let the Alumni Office hear from you. Write or call the office at (207) 487-5915.



The 1987 MCI postgraduate class completed its year with graduation ceremonies April 17. Participants included Alton (Chuck) Cianchette, president of the MCI trustees, Headmaster Cummings, valedictorian Michael Zanotelli and Jeffrey Hillman, salutatorian.

Small PG class departs MCI; leaves proud record behind

It was a small class to begin with, and through attrition it got smaller. Still, the 30 young men and women who received their postgraduate diplomas from Maine Central Institute this spring reflected the school's traditional commitment to excellence.

Michael Zanotelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Zanotelli of Newington, Connecticut, was the valedictorian of the postgraduate class. Mike will attend Albany State this fall, where he plans to play football.

Jeffrey Hillman, "Jay" to his teachers and friends, was the class salutatorian. Jay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hillman of Oxford, Connecticut. He, too, will be going to Albany State and plans to play football there.

Edgar Diaz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tolentino Diaz, the Bronx, New York, NY, was the speaker for the postgraduate class. Quarterback of the postgraduate football team, Ed raised his SAT scores by 370 points

while at MCI. With that phenomenal increase he will be attending the University of Massachusetts in the fall. Ed was also accepted by six of the seven colleges to which he applied. Born in Panama, he is working this summer for a Wall Street brokerage firm.

Other colleges and universities represented on the list of schools members of the postgraduate class will be attending include: Clark University, Colby College, Hanover College (Indiana), Indiana State University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Rhode Island, the University of Maine and Slippery Rock State College of Pennsylvania.

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summer playing softball, pitching for her Amateur Softball Association Junior Fastpitch softball team, Modern Woodmen.

Meet MCI's Heather Inman; one of the top scholars in the State of Maine

With all the publicity generated by Maine Central Institute's athletes, it is sometimes easy to overlook the achievements of its scholars.

Heather Inman is one MCI scholar whose academic



Heather Inman will be an MCI senior next year. This summer she was one of a small number of Maine students selected to study in the Maine Summer Humanities Program at Bowdoin College. (Bangor News photo)

achievements defy such oversight.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Liston Inman of Pittsfield, Heather was one of the top four scholars at the University of Maine program for high school juniors from around the state. Well over 1,000 juniors from around the state attend this annual event, during which they are given a test similar to the S.A.T. Those who score well on this test are offered major scholarships which they may use to attend the University of Maine.

Heather was one of two scholars offered \$6,000

scholarships. (Two other students were offered \$12,000 scholarships.) She is also a National Merit scholarship quarter-finalist as she enters her senior year at MCI.

This summer Heather was one of just 60 students from around the state selected to attend the two-week-long Maine Humanities Program held at Bowdoin College.

Heather's talents aren't limited to academics: she was one of the players on coach Dennis Glidden's tennis team, receiving the coach's award, and this spring she was elected to be treasurer of next year's senior class. She also was one of the Manson essayists.

Heather hasn't yet decided where she's going to college, but she's looking carefully at several of New England's most highly respected private colleges and universities.

Public speaking holds a place of tradition at MCI

The school year 1986-'87 will be the third year in which MCI will have presented four speaking programs. Freshmen, sophomores and seniors participate in prizespeaking, while junior students participate in the Manson Essay Contest.

The freshmen and sophomore prizespeaking contests used to be combined, but interest in the program has necessitated the presentation of the programs on two separate evenings in the fall. In each of these contests, the first and second place winners receive trophies. All participants receive ribbons.

Nine speakers participated in this year's freshman prizespeaking program. Coached by Anne Vaughan, a member of MCI's English Department faculty,



The two winners of the 117th Manson Essay Contest this year were Larissa Vigue (left) and Jennifer Dahlgren. Larissa's first-place presentation was on the topic, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: Drum Major for Justice."

Jennifer's paper on cult leader Jim Jones was titled, "The Power of Love Twisted into the Love of Power." The annual presentation was held in mid-May. The Alumni Prizespeaking Contest, another of MCI's traditional public speaking competitions, is held in the fall. (Bangor News photo)

participants gave their presentation at the Pittsfield Community Theatre. First place was awarded to Missi McGinnis, while Jamie Desisto finished second.

First place winner in the sophomore program was Katie Steele. Dan McCaw took second place.

Seniors presented their program of literary and dramatic selections on March 12th. There were eleven participants, most of whom chose their own selections. This program was for those who desired another opportunity to participate in MCI's speaking program, although there were several first-time participants. All participants received small trophies.

The Manson Essay Contest, the
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PUBLIC SPEAKING

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final speech event of the year, is the presentation of papers which are researched and written by members of the junior class. A panel of judges chose eight students from the junior class to participate in this year's contest. Speakers and their topics were: Jennifer Dahlgren, "The Power of Love Twisted into The Love of Power"; Donna Deckert, "Criminality: What Causes It?"; Louise Grignon, "Abortion: The Hard Case"; Heather Inman, "Guilt and Consequences in Arthur Miller"; Tara Norris, "The Effectiveness of Civil Disobedience"; Paul Pietranico, "The Strategic Defense Initiative"; Alan Shorey, "The Imminent Problem of Prison Reform"; Larissa Vigue, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: Drum Major for Justice".

Two of MCI's speakers were selected to participate in the regional Spear Contest, sponsored by the State Principals' Association. Katie Steele and Gary Soucy presented poetry selections.

Faculty coordinator for these events is English department head Rosalie Williams.

Admissions picture is brightening, according to Doug Ferguson

The hard work of the Maine Central Institute admissions office staff this year is beginning to pay dividends. Admissions officer Doug Ferguson reports that the numbers of applicants, interviews, acceptances and confirmed students were much higher at the end of June than at the same time last year.

More than 200 applications had been processed by mid-June, with 147 students having visited MCI for campus tours and interviews. By June 30th the admissions committee had accepted 87 applicants, of which 52 had made commitments to attend MCI for the next school year.

Unique MCI summer program gives city kids a taste of Maine

A unique summer program under the direction of an MCI alumnus is helping to turn the campus into a year-round productive resource.

Ron Bessey, an MCI alumnus ('62) and teacher, is director of the program, now in its second year. The Summer Institute serves both dormitory and day students.

Designed to provide its students with a concentrated academic program based upon English, computer science and environmental science, the dormitory program of the MCI Summer Institute also provides a variety of experiences and activities related to Maine's "Vacationland" opportunities. This summer there are 21 dormitory residents in the Summer Institute. Nineteen of them are from the Seward Park School in Manhattan, one is from another area of New York and one is from Bangor.

The following is an article

describing the MCI Summer Institute and the reactions of the participating students from New York. It is reprinted from the Waterville Morning Sentinel with the permission of its author, staff writer Melissa Jordan.

PITTSFIELD - It was Tuesday morning, 10:05, and the 20 or so teenagers talked among themselves before science class at Maine Central Institute.

City kids, they were as likely to chat in Spanish or Chinese as in English. And although they all can hold their own on the bustling streets of New York, they found the quiet of a walk through the Maine woods frightening.

The students, from Seward Park High School on Manhattan's Lower East Side, are attending MCI for six weeks through the New York City Scholarship Program.

Ronald Bessey, who is directing the program at MCI, said the city pays tuition for hundreds of

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MCI teacher Joe Veilleux removes a specimen from a student's collection net during a Summer Institute nature hike. One student calls him "the best teacher I ever had." (Sentinel photo)

Their record may never be equaled

Thirty years ago, MCI's football team was Maine's best

The anniversary passed quietly, and would have gone unnoticed but for a telephone call from the Bangor Public Library requesting verification of the record of the 1956-57 Maine Central Institute varsity football team.

Yes, the 1957 Trumpet confirmed the team had gone undefeated 30 years ago. More remarkably, the varsity football team of that year was undefeated, untied and unscored-upon.

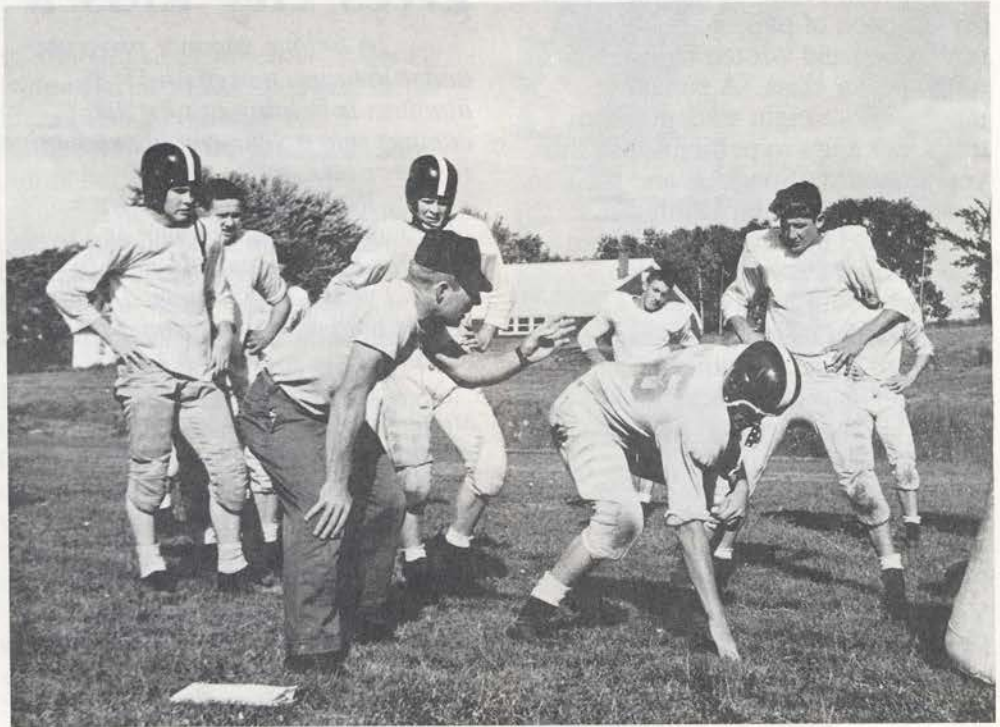
Defeating Bridgton Academy (26-0), the Colby freshmen (19-0), Hebron Academy (31-0), the Bowdoin freshmen (34-0), the Maine freshmen (28-0), and Maine Maritime Academy (41-0), the MCI gridders were the 1956 Maine Prep School Champions.

That was the heyday of the split-T formation, which the MCI team, coached by Dave Wiggins and Roderick Cyr, employed. Starting quarterback was Garth Carlson of Ashland, Massachusetts. The other backfield starters were right halfback Thomas Valiton, Shelburne Falls, Mass., left halfback Walter Wotton, Rockland, and fullback Richard Desmarais, Sanford. (Desmarais was also president of the Student Council that year and went on after college to play professional football in Canada.)

Starting linemen were Peter Malia, right end, Portland, Joseph Dumont, right tackle, Augusta, Norman Marshall, right guard, Daniel Roy, center, Winslow, John Turner, left guard, Shelburne Falls, Mass., Roger Gagne, left tackle, Augusta, and Theodore Brownlee, left end, Muskegon, Michigan.

Other members of the squad were Joseph McDonough, Philip Thibeau, William Dutton, Richard Chapman, William Petrie, Michael Wood, Peter Matheson, Richard Santos, David Fernald, Charles Marks, Charles Dewitt, Robert Downs, Anthony Koris and Thomas Conroy.

The varsity team's



Coach Dave Wiggins taught the basics of the split-t formation.

remarkable record of that season was underscored by that of the undergraduate team, also undefeated.

Valiton and Roy have both become teachers, Valiton at Frontier Regional High School in Massachusetts and Roy at Helen Baldwin School in Canterbury, Connecticut.

Desmarais and Wood have gone into transportation, Desmarais as owner of Oval Transport Co. in New Jersey, and Wood as a contract trucker with his own company.

Several members of that great team work in the paper industry; Malia as Industrial Relations Manager with S. D. Warren in Westbrook, Petrie as a technician at Boise-Cascade in Rumford and Koris as a purchasing agent, also with Boise-Cascade.

Turner is a construction superintendent in Massachusetts. Dutton is an accounting manager for Brockway Smith Co. in Massachusetts and Chapman is a

supervisor with Central Maine Power Co. in Augusta. Brownlee is a sales vice-president with a company in Batesville, Indiana and Conroy is Col. Thomas Conroy, U.S. Army, Chief of Staff, Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Wotton still lives in Rockland, Dumont lives in Saco, Gagne in Hampton, New Hampshire and Downs in Brunswick. Dewitt lives in Oakland and Santos lives in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Coach Wiggins runs a music camp in Belgrade, Maine but, sadly, the whereabouts of Coach Cyr are unknown to us. Also lost from MCI's records are Carlson, Marshall, McDonough, Thibeau, Fernald and Marks.

(Ed. note: If you know the whereabouts of any of the lost members of the 1956 MCI football team, please inform the Alumni Office so that our records can be corrected.)

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students to attend summer school in other areas of the country. The program exposes the students to other cultures, allows them to earn extra credit and develops interests that may keep kids from dropping out of school, Bessey said.

This is MCI's second year of participation in the program.

"We're trying to provide not only an educational experience, but also a taste of Maine," Bessey said. "A lot of these kids haven't been outside their own area of the city."

The students study natural history and English during the day, take computer courses at night and go on outings to places such as Bar Harbor and Old Orchard Beach on weekends.

In instructor Joe Veilleux's natural history class Tuesday, students spent 15 minutes inside discussing their lesson for the day, then explored nearby fields in search of insects.

It was only the second week of class, and Veilleux's attempts to introduce himself remained on the blackboard. Scrawled first was "Mr. Veilleux." Then a phonetic stab at "Vayer." Finally, a solution: "Mr. V."

Veilleux explained that insects make up 75 percent of all known types of animals. "There are so many insects that taking a few out of the wild for us to study isn't going to harm the environment," he said.

Veilleux handed out what he called "official catching devices" (a rag-tag assortment of mayonnaise, peanut butter and jam jars), and led the kids to a thick stand of weeds behind the school.

Their assignment was to capture at least five insects and write a paragraph describing each one. "I don't mean just writing 'it's small,'" Veilleux said. "Tell me what it looks like, where you found it, how many wings does it have, what color is it."

They quickly nabbed bumblebees, dragonflies and a colorful collection of other creatures.

MCI math whiz

Brent Brooks, salutatorian of the Class of 87, went to Pennsylvania this spring to compete in the National Mathematics Competition. According to math team coach Wayne Stilphen, Brent finished in the top five percent in statewide math competition.

Between swipes at the bushes, some students discussed their feelings about the program.

"You don't see anything like this in the city," said Wanda Castillo. "I feel like when my mother was young, like I'm in the middle of nature. Mr. V. showed us what plants we could eat. We didn't even know what we were eating, but we trust him."

Radamez Aquino called the program very exciting. I know we won't have anything like this again. It's not like a class at school, it's about experimenting and exploring. Mr. V. is the best teacher I've ever had."

Veilleux said natural history holds a special attraction for the city students, because many of them have never experienced the outdoors.

"I'm trying to expose them to environmental aspects they wouldn't encounter in New York City," he said. "They've been at and in the river, and in the field. They like it because it's not a lot of book stuff. It gives them a greater appreciation of nature, and the confidence of experiencing new situations."

Veilleux said the goal of his class is not so much to impart facts, but "to help them gain a certain attitude that says, 'Let's go out and discover things, and see things we've never seen before.'"

"A lot of these kids may never leave the city," he said. "That's where their roots are. But if they can go down to Central Park and view things differently, then they've gained something from the program."

They may also have gained the interest in school that the program is aimed at sparking. According to Bessey, the dropout rate for children in the program is significantly lower than that for other students in the city.

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shot put. Heather Moon was the Penquis League champ in the discus, fifth in the State in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and sixth in the State in the discus.

The team was coached by Jeff Wickman, John Connors ('77) and David Houston.

CLASS NOTES

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Alice Cowan Osgood writes of her travels last summer, through a Delta Airlines special ticket offer to senior citizens: four trips for the price of one. Alice flew from her home in Sun City, Arizona to Portland, Maine; then to San Juan, Puerto Rico and from there to St. Thomas. She recalls her trip with fond memories, and is hoping that her next excursion will be to the Easter Islands in the South Pacific.

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Ruby Hackett Young celebrated her 90th birthday with her nephews and their families on April 9. She is in excellent health and still spends part of the summer in her cottage at Little Diamond Island in Casco Bay. She resides at 1309 Broadway, South Portland, Maine 04106.

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Regretfully we accept the resignation of **Lydia Bickford Susi** as class agent. Lydia writes that failing health and eyesight have forced her to give up her class agent duties after serving for 26 years. She described her enjoyment of those years and her love for MCI. We thank you and wish you well, Lydia.

Marcelline Menard Traller is an active member of two church clubs and is also a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. She and her late husband were great travelers, and spent 25 years going to "faraway places with strange sounding names." They traveled on all the continents and crossed all the oceans except the Arctic and Antarctic. Marcelline can no longer travel, but has many beautiful memories to share. She has kept a strong interest in MCI, and sends her regards and best wishes to everyone in the MCI family.

Margaret Staples Smith celebrated her 88th birthday this spring, and tells of keeping in close touch with all of her children. She has two daughters in California; her oldest, May Elizabeth, has been in Taiwan for the past four years. Her son George lives in Waterville, and another daughter lives in Livermore Falls.

1924

Connie Adair Cole at 13 Park Street in Waterville reports that she is enjoying good health, and may see us on Reunion Weekend. Another difficult winter of heavy snow has made her envious of those who spend winters in Florida. Her winter "get-away" included plans to see the Kansas City Royals' games in Fort Myers, Florida, and an April trip to Bermuda.

One of my prompt correspondents is **Hazel Salsbury**, RFD #1, Box 1140, Lisbon Falls, Maine 04252. Hazel writes that the time goes fast, and she is so right. She also has comments on Maine's wintry weather. This past winter she even got out the old snowshoes to determine if she had forgotten how to use them. In spite of the bad weather, she was able to get out to keep her Sunday school assignments, and to do the necessary shopping. In the summertime, Hazel keeps busy working in her garden.

Another super correspondent is **Velma McClure** of 30 West Street, Portland, Maine 04101. Velma reports that she received a nice Christmas letter from **Jo Nason Ogilvie** in Howland, Maine. The tone of her letter indicated that she is enjoying better health than usual.

Beatrice Palmer Frederick '25, informs us that her sister, **Ruth Palmer Harribine '24**, is presently living at St.

Cloud Health Care Center, Kansas Ave., St. Cloud, Florida. Ruth, though confined to a wheelchair, is enjoying reasonably good health, and would welcome letters from old friends.

Genevieve Weeks Ireland, 429 Main Street, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545, writes that she is constantly busy with church work, community activities, and family concerns. Not long ago Genevieve did research for her hometown of Palmyra, and she maintains an interest in searching for facts about the Maine island of Westport.

A note from **Verna Carleton Card**, who resides at 1545 Elwyn Road in Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801 tells us that she and her husband are both well, though a little lame, which Verna said goes with old age. Verna is able to do the housekeeping and drive the car short distances, but regrets that she and her husband cannot attend this summer's Reunion. Thank you, Verna, for keeping in touch.

Josephine Nason Ogilvie, who lives at 52 Water Street, Howland, Maine 04448, writes that she didn't travel south this past winter. Josephine loves to play bridge, and when the weather permits, spends time during the winter months patronizing restaurants in Bangor.

Glenice Stuart Varney wrote at Christmas from her home at 29 Tucker Street, Portland, Maine 04100, that she is sorry she cannot attend our Reunion. She no longer has relatives in Pittsfield, and living alone makes it difficult to venture out at night.

I regret to report the passing of Colby Bryant, husband of **Goldie Bragdon Bryant '24**. He was a native of Palmyra who for many years had lived in Madison. Colby was a foreman for a number of years at the American Woolen Company, a 50-year member of the Odd Fellows, a member of the Kennebec Grange, and of the Madison Congregational Church. He is survived by his wife and one son, Raymond, of Orlando, Florida. Our sympathy is extended to Goldie and their son.

Frances Noble, 14 Park Street, Pittsfield, has received word that **Eva Huff Wilhelm** was hospitalized this past year. Eva's address is 300 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10011.

Flossie Dyer Cook of Burnham is looking forward to seeing all of us at Reunion.

Haven't heard a word from Guy Sawyer in Garland but it is very possible that he is out searching for more of those Red Rose potatoes. It's safe to say that we will see him at Reunion this summer.

In January Martha and I attended a memorial service at the Brandon Baptist Church for the late **Laurena "Puff" Hilliker Whitten '25**. In spite of inclement weather approximately a hundred relatives and friends heard three members of the ministerial staff speak of the dedication and devotion given to the church in the brief time that Puff had been a member. From their remarks it was evident that she loved her church.

Last February 14 we journeyed to Haines City to get Stan and **Miriam McMichael Robinson '25** and **Hazel Twitchell Johnson '28**, and continued our journey to St. Petersburg. As we drove into the parking area, it was evident that a crowd was gathering. We had no problem finding the dining room and the two ladies in charge of dinner tickets. Shortly, it was like being in homeroom on the last day of school in June! After dinner, our host **Carl Cianchette '37** introduced Headmaster Cummings, who gave us an update on the year's progress at MCI. We viewed slides of activities at the school and progress being made on construction of the new gymnasium. Our Florida Alumni Reunion was an

informative and interesting program.

And how are the Overlocks? Martha is fine. She is an immaculate housekeeper (as immaculate as one can be who lives with a cluttery Mainiac) and finds time during the winter months to help at the Winter Haven Hospital. My health is not as good as Martha's, with loss of sight in my left eye and partial vision in my right one. I came through hospitalization for surgery on the eye well, and am in better shape now that summer is here. Martha and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Reunion Day, August 1.

Class Agent: Mr. E. Burnell Overlock, Box 536, Washington, ME 04574 or 498 San Jose, Winter Haven, FL 44880.

1925

Our class was well represented at the winter Alumni Meeting in St. Petersburg in February. **Ralph Ulmer** with Mrs. Ulmer, **Miriam Robinson** with Mr. Robinson, and **Effie Vroom** were present. Also joining us at our table were our Winter Haven friends: "**Bun**" **Overlock '24** with Mrs. Overlock, and **Hazel Johnson '28**

We deeply regret the loss of our classmate, **Lurena Hilliker Whitten**. I attended her memorial service January 25 in Brandon, Florida. Classmates extended loving sympathy to her family and have sent a gift to the Alumni Fund in her memory.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to our classmate, **Pauline Bissonnette**, on the loss of her husband, **Alphe**, in January. In May our secretary, **Effie Vroom**, returned to Pittsfield to finalize plans for our annual two-day mini-reunion. Our celebration includes a class luncheon, a meeting and birthday party at the home of **Lloyd and Esther Stitham**, the Alumni Banquet, and an informal get-together on Sunday. We expect that **Bea Frederick** from Florida and "**Kay**" **Clay** from South Carolina will be with us, and we are looking forward to this annual meeting of classmates and friends. Let me hear from you.

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

1926

For Chester and me the past year has been a long one. Since last November, one or the other of us has been in or out of the hospital. Chester suffered a heart attack and my illness was angina. He now has a pacemaker, and I am recuperating from open heart surgery performed in December.

Chester is fine now, able to play golf. I expect to be playing golf myself this summer in Maine. On July 24th, my family will be gathering to celebrate my 80th birthday with me. With five sons and four daughters it is not often that we can all be together.

Rene Devoe writes that he and his wife **Inez** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. Now they are looking forward to reaching their 80th birthdays, **Inez** in July and **Rene** in September. Both have some health problems which are under control by medication. They are feeling fine and as **Rene** says, "grateful to be among the living!" **Rene** commented that MCI news always brings pleasant memories to mind.

We're looking forward to meeting our friends on Alumni Day in August.

Class agent: Mrs. Dorothy Corey Mitchell, RFD #2, Box 420, Livermore Falls, ME 04254 or 225 La Paz Drive, Kissimmee, FL 32741.

1927

Edith Lenfest Dyson, who lives on a lake in Acton,

tells of the many wild animals she can watch in their natural habitat. Her husband passed away last year, and her brother **Vernon** this year. Her sister **Edna Lenfest '21** lives next door to her in Acton. **Edith** will not be able to get back to the MCI campus in August, but wishes to be remembered to all.

Last September I received an expected visit from **Winifred Atwell Nordmark**. Her daughter drove her to Maine from her home in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. **Winifred** was quite surprised at the many changes in Pittsfield.

Dr. Raymond Brown spends his winters in Florida. On the way home this year he saw snow for the first time in ten years. He hopes to come to our 60th if he can find a driver. He lost an eye to surgery two years ago; otherwise he has perfect health.

A new address for **Andrew Karkos** is Box 463, Belgrade Lakes, Maine 04918. He lives with his daughter and her husband, both teachers at Waterville Junior High School.

Barbara Kimball Larlee spends six months of the year in Largo, Florida, and six months in Rockport, Maine. She is traveling in Europe this summer, and won't be able to attend Reunion.

Class Agent: Mrs. Julia Cowan Lehr, P.O. Box 577, Pittsfield, Maine 04967.

1928

Harold L. Seekins and his wife **Beatrice** write that life is beautiful in sunny Tarpon Springs, Florida. Their full address is 608 Fair Oaks Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689. They are very active in the International Wood Collectors Society, Rare Fruit Council, carving clubs and the Tarpon Springs Garden Club. **Harold** grows a variety of fruit trees and bushes in his yard: bananas, blueberries, Japanese persimmon, peaches, pineapples, grapes, pomegranates, figs, papaya and others.

1930

Cheers for our ever-loyal classmate **Merton Walker** of Sarasota, Florida who in June sent to his beloved Alma Mater a large MCI banner won by him at a school dance way back in the '20's! Thank you, **Merton**, and best wishes to you and **Eleanor**. Your banner will henceforth adorn the Powell Memorial Library.

Your class agents recently entertained **Nelson Tibbetts** for a "talk fest" and refreshments. **Nelson** was in Pittsfield from Seattle, on a semi-annual visit to see his sister. He attended the Bowdoin College commencement and called on **Georgia Fuller** in Brunswick. He has also visited with **Joseph Stevens**, his roommate of MCI days. **Nelson** has considered moving back to Maine, but enjoys his home on the West Coast. The years have been kind to him; contentment with his lifestyle is evident in his manner and appearance.

Nelson described the collections which **Joe Stevens** has accumulated through the years. **Joe's** comment was "Just say that I'm an old train collector." We do know that each December **Joe** converts some rooms of his house into a miniature Christmas village for the benefit of children in his area. How rewarding for **Joe** to share his hobby with such an enthusiastic audience! **Joe** also has extensive radio and stamp collections. He and his wife **Mary** are enjoying retirement in **Joe's** boyhood home in Unity, Maine.

Among those of us celebrating 75th birthdays this year is **Avis Burgess Tedesco**. In honor of her birthday, her children have arranged a week long celebration during the first week in August. All seven of her children and their families will come from Maine, Connecticut, Oregon, California and Washington. We see **Avis** when she visits her son **Bill '59** in Pittsfield; she is a lovely lady who richly deserves this tribute from her family. For those

who wish to send congratulatory messages, her address is 12212 N.E. 73rd, Kirkland, WA 98033.

Again we're looking forward to Reunion time - our 57th! Let your class agents know you're coming so we'll know how many people to expect. It's always fun and we hope to see many of our friends there.

Class Agents: **Miss Elearnor A. Toothaker**, RFD #1, Box 65, Etna, ME 04434,

Mrs. Evelyn Farnham Hersey, RFD #3, Box 1870, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1933

Phyllis Bickford Meyer was forced to evacuate her home at West Branch Terrace, Pittsfield, during the April Fool's Day Flood of '87. Residents of that apartment complex are now settled comfortably in their homes once again.

I am pleased to announce my appointment in September as vice president of the Maine Conference, United Methodist Women. I also hope to attend our Reunion; as a native of Pittsfield, I enjoy returning, and seeing so many old neighbors and friends.

Carl Wright '43 announced the death of his sister, **Virginia H. Sappington**, of Houston, Texas. Virginia died on April 23 of this year, after a long illness. She was born in Detroit, Maine in 1914, graduated from MCI in 1933 and then from Husson College. During World War II, Virginia worked in Washington, D.C. for the O.S.S. For 18 years prior to her retirement she was Assistant Administrator of the Department of Dental Oncology at the M.D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute, University of Texas in Houston.

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

1934

This last year has been a difficult one, with the loss of my dear husband after a long illness. I remain very involved in church activities, the mother of six grown children, grandmother of sixteen and great-grandmother of three boys. This keeps me very busy.

We in the Class of '34 want to extend our deep sympathy to the family of **Arlene Quint Gordon**. It was with great sorrow that I learned of her recent death. I am so glad that we were able to spend a day together at our 50th reunion.

Class Agent: **Mrs. Helen Varney Cross**, 256 Camden Street, Rockland, ME 04841

1936

Marian L. Moore writes that almost every morning she enjoys the coffee mug that was presented at the reunion last summer. It brings memories of greeting former classmates; that's a good way to start the day! This spring, Marian threw caution to the wind and toured ten countries in Europe. April in Paris lived up to its reputation, with chestnuts in blossom, lilacs in bloom, cathedrals bathed in sunlight, museums full of treasures, and of course, the old stand-by sights: the Arc deTriomphe, Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concorde, Rue de la Paris. She loved Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse, Holland, and the beautiful flowers and swans on the Island of Mainau in Lake Constance. The university cities of Heidelberg and Zurich were uplifting. It was in Zurich that Albert Einstein passed in a three-page dissertation that earned him a PhD, and changed the way we study mathematics.

Other memorable parts of Marian's trip included the Alps, the Black Forest, the trip down the Rhine, the fairy castle of Mad King Ludwig, Oberammergau, the ancient walled cities, the Mosel Valley, and her favorite, the city of Baden-Baden. She crossed the

English Channel to see the White Cliffs of Dover and to explore the charm and history of England. Marian commented in her letter: "Isn't it wonderful to live long enough to have your dreams come true? Maybe having dreams is what keeps us living!"

Word from **Virginia Soule Smithwick** is that she and her husband are fine and "just breezin' along with the breeze" in North Vassalboro, Maine. Virginia keeps busy visiting Granges and meeting many people.

Class Agent: **Mrs. Evalene Pendexter White**, 18 Parkview Apts., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1937

Avis Randall Dyer writes from her home at 34 Shaw Street, Newport, Maine 04953 of her children, **Pauline DesMarais '65**, and **Dr. Allen Dyer '63**, a psychiatrist presently at Duke University. Avis, whose husband John Dyer, O.D., passed away in 1984, worked as a hairdresser for 25 years. She has been involved over the years in civic activities and has journeyed by travel-trailer and train to many parts of the U.S. and Canada.

Does it seem possible it was three years ago that I began our class notes with the reminder that the "countdown" was on for our 50th reunion in 1987? Alumni Banquet weekend is August 1-2; I hope you are all making plans to be there. Can you help but reminisce a little as you think of being with classmates once again, some of whom you have not seen for fifty years? Some of us began school together in the 1920's - that seems a long time ago! Others shared only MCI days but we have many fond memories. Let's get together and have a great time remembering! If you have not yet sent me your brief autobiographical sheet, please hurry. I want this, whether or not you can be at the Reunion. **Arthur Hamilton** and wife Pat have invited us to a special occasion just for our class, at their home on Hartland Avenue. You may recall that Arthur was our senior class president.

Class Agent: **Mrs. Betsey Libbey Williams**, 261 West 1400, Orem, UT 84058.

1940

Alma Ellingwood Dow is working at the Seabasticook Valley Nursing Home, and in leisure hours is very busy as director of the Pittsfield Community Players. This spring, under Alma's direction, the amateur theater group presented its first play outside of Pittsfield, at the Waterville Opera House. Proceeds from the benefit performance were donated to the Red Cross to help flood-stricken families.

Class Agent: **We need a volunteer!**

1942

Carolyn Brown Foster writes that she is enjoying her retirement on the beautiful Maine coast, and keeps busy with visits from her children and with volunteer work. Carolyn welcomes any former classmates who happen to be in the area to drop by for a visit. Her mailing address is Box 184, HC62, New Harbor, Maine 04554.

Class Agent: **Mrs. Arlene Frederick Beardsley**, 2550 NE 51 Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308.

1944

Mrs. Eleanor C. Mills writes to us of the death of her son **Ralph W. Mills** last fall. He attended MCI in the Class of 1944. His studies at MCI were interrupted by having to serve three years in the Navy, but he returned to receive his diploma, and entered Bates College, Class of 1951, and went on to teach English at Norwich

(Connecticut) Free Academy for 34 years.

Class Agent: **Mrs. Helmi Paakki Perry**, 11 Pine Street, Dexter, ME 04930.

1946

Looking at pictures of our 40th reunion brought fond memories. **Jeannette Webb Fitts** invited; we accepted, and "we all had a real good time." For our 35th, only eleven classmates were in attendance, but last summer there were sixteen. Let's aim for 50% of the class in '91. How's that for a challenge?

Those attending the gathering were **Jackie Richards Fuller** and husband **Des '47, Paul Susi** and wife Betty, **Durwood Emery** and wife **Margie '47, Evelene Lancaster Cianchette, Shirley Holt Case** and husband **Floyd, Stanley** and **Joyce Almonte Wyman, Jeannette Fitts, Edna** and **Weldon Greeley, Merlon Tilton** and wife **Tony, Barbara Humphrey Matthews, Olivia** and **Paul Hobbs '42, Barbara Ricker** and husband **Ray, Thelma Langely Madore, Donna Hodgins Graham** and husband **Ted, Meredith Holt Dowling '44, Marilyn** and **Linnie Pelletier, and Phyllis and John Luke** (all '47). Thank you again, Jeannette, for the nice party.

Joyce Almonte Wyman tells of visiting **Raphael's**, a new Italian restaurant in Portland, owned and operated by **Eric Cianchette '68**. I won't be doing any more commercials for **Joyce's** place of business, as it was sold last November, but do drop in to the **Meineke Muffler Shop** in Augusta and notice the name over the door. Rumor has it that **Joyce** and **Stan** will be off on a cruise in the fall.

Evelene Lancaster Cianchette wrote from their place in the sun. She told of cruising the canals on Christmas Eve. "Different," she said.

Pauline Spencer Reynolds '47 tells me she took early retirement from her government job. (It took her 30 minutes to make up her mind.) She "may try to get to Maine this summer"...maybe for your 40th, Polly?

Nena Emery Pollard '45 is hoping to retire from her rehab nursing job in '88. With a little help from this friend, she discovered that her daughter **Lisa** lives "down the road a piece" from **Edith Welch Demers '40** in Hollis, New Hampshire. Have you made contact, ladies?

Ruth Shaw Thomas' name looked terribly lonesome on the last Annual Giving list, but we thank her for keeping the class on board. Keeping in mind that it now takes \$2 per year since graduation to get that heavy print listing, here's the challenge for the next list: \$82. That will do it. (Not to be confused with the Commitment Fund...let's do our best there, too.)

I know some of us are going to drop in on the Class of '47 one afternoon this summer. I'll see you at the banquet. You'll recognize me; look for grey hair and wrinkles!

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

Got a nice long card from **Marilyn** and **Lin Pelletier** from St. Petersburg, Florida. They live there during the winter months and in Sebago in the summer. She says that is the best of both worlds and I do believe she is right. Heard from **Bill Paradis** who now lives in Ashford, Connecticut. He taught in several Connecticut communities and then worked for about 14 years as the director of Project Concern (an integration program). He retired in 1982 and with his wife **Dorothy** owns a small craft business and a farm in Ashford. Bill is looking forward to Reunion Day.

Vera Chapman Wilkins also winters in St. Pete and

spends her summers in Maine at Sibley Pond. She sold her house after the death of her husband last spring. Her sons and stepson all are MCI grads.

Marie Tasker Walker writes that she travels with her husband all over Maine. He is in the construction business. The couple have seven grandchildren, and are thinking of retiring to Florida during the winter months, Maine in the summer. Marie corresponds with many people they meet in their travels.

There are many of you who haven't been to the MCI Reunion. We'd like to see you there, August 1!

Class Agent: **Joan Tinkham McAvoy**, 34 DeCicco Road, Waterbury, CT 06705.

1948

After thirty years in the office supply business in Northampton, Massachusetts, **Elizabeth Coolidge Whalen** and her husband retired to Quechee, Vermont part of the year, and Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina in the cold months. Elizabeth reports that lessons in golf, skiing, and needlework and giving her activities that thirty years didn't produce time for. For any classmates or friends traveling in their area, please call. The mailing address is P.O. Box 416, Quechee, VT 05059.

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

1952

Lynn Blood Stavro's five children are all leading active and interesting lives. Son **Brent** and his wife live in Poland Spring, Maine where they train and show American Saddlebred horses. **Jeffrey** lives in Belfast; **Timothy** is a business school graduate living in Biddeford, Maine; **Larry** works at Raytheon in Andover, Massachusetts; and daughter **Kelly** is a pre-med student in Connecticut. She is an active scuba diver and for eight years was a national competitive figure skater. Now that **Lynn's** children are grown, she has changed careers, from motherhood and business to the wholistic health field. **Lynn** recalls fond memories of MCI and hopes to see many old friends at Reunion.

Class Agent: **Mr. Alvah Wyman**, RFD #1, Box 2230, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1953

Can you believe that we've been gone from MCI 34 years? Lord, I can remember when I thought 34 was considered OLD! Now we all know better, don't we?

Walter '50 and I have had a busy year. We spent last summer installing a swimming pool. Why not come for a dip this summer? **Walter** is in his 27th year with the State as Supervisor of the State Highway Garage. I'm still teaching second grade at Farrington School in Augusta. My 23 active students keep me hopping and I love it!

Our two grandsons, **Justin, 5** and **Ryan, 4**, keep us busy also. Our daughter **Deborah** and husband **Michael** presented us with a beautiful granddaughter in December.

Donna Pease Chisholm, Palmer Trailer Park, Lot 4, S. County Trail, Rt. 2, Slocum, RI 02877, writes that she is working for a motel chain. She was offered the opportunity to manage a motel in Maine but says she's staying in Rhode Island with her daughter, grandchildren and friends. Her son **Truman** is in the Marines and stationed in North Carolina. She hopes to get to this year's reunion. Hope to see you, **Donna**.

Doris Ragon Pease '28, passed away this past December 1st. **Doris** had resided with her daughter, **Donna Pease Chisholm** in Exeter, Rhode Island. **Doris** was a New England

Telephone Co. operator in Pittsfield and Waterville for 30 years.

We lost one of our classmates this winter and I know all her family would appreciate your thoughts and prayers. **Gloria Orchard Jones** died in February at her home in Carmel, Maine. Those who wish to make contributions in her memory may donate to the Church of the Open Door, P.O. Box 177, Hampden, Maine. Special thanks go to **Gloria Beattie McNichol** for representing many of us unable to attend funeral services.

Class Agent: Mrs. Catherine Doyle Mooers, P.O. Box 52, Manchester, Maine 04351.

1954

Joyce Hunt Goodblood lives in Burnham and has been with the Postal Service for 13 years. She is currently Postmistress in Burnham. Joyce and husband Ruel have recently sold their farm and will be building a new home this summer on the Troy Road. Their son **Ruel '73** and wife Cookie, along with their two daughters, live in Auburn. Ruel, Jr. owns, trains and drives harness horses. Daughter **Linda '75** lives in Fairfield and works for the Maine Department of Transportation. Daughter **Kelly '78** and her husband live in Jacksonville, Florida. Thanks for the news, Joyce, and good luck to you in your new home.

Lois Fields Savard has been hospitalized recently, but all of us who know "Min" know that she has the courage of a lion. I am sure she would love to hear from you. Her address is 13 Pond Road, Fryeburg, Maine 04037.

Don Varnum writes that he is alive and well at Eagle Lake Road, RFD #1, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609. His son Ken is grown and out in the world, and wife Jan is teaching in Bar Harbor. Don has just completed 24 years at the Jackson Laboratory, and is now working in the area of molecular biology and developmental biology. Don says he still enjoys canoe camping, white water rafting, fishing, working in stained glass, and beer...not much has changed! He sends his regards to all in the Class of '54.

I have some health problems myself since February 11, when I had a heart attack. I'm still on the mend, but the doctors feel I should be as good as new before long. I'd love to hear from some other of my fellow classmates.

Class Agent: Mr. David L. Willey, Pittsfield Avenue, Hartland, ME 04943.

1955

Leona Cross Kilton Lovely proudly informs us of her marriage on June 22, 1987 to Mr. Ransford Emery Lovely. Ransford's four daughters are MCI graduates: **Deborah '79**, **Brenda '80**, **Wanda** (deceased) and **Linda '85**. Leona and her new husband reside in Hartland, Maine. Leona works at San Antonio Shoe Company in Pittsfield, and will become a grandmother for the tenth time this fall. Her other children are living in various places around the country. Son Steven Kilton is in the Marines, oldest daughter Dorothy Dube and son live in Denver, Colorado, and son Robert Dow and family live in Orlando, Florida.

From **Germaine Michaud Dalton** comes sad news of the passing of her husband **John James Dalton** in 1986, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Jack was born on Prince Edward Island in Canada, and served in the American Air Force and the Canadian Navy. For many years he had a career in radio and TV broadcasting. The traditional Christmas Daddy's Show in Canada this past season was dedicated to his memory, as Jack was the first Christmas Daddy in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1964. He will long be remembered for his generosity and concern for those less fortunate than he. Since 1973, Jack had been in the shopping center development business. Besides his wife Germaine, he is survived by five children, four

grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

Class Agent: A volunteer is needed!

1959

Sophie L. Kellis writes that she has recently opened an office in Wells, Maine as a massage therapist. She is still continuing her work as a registered nurse, helping the elderly in their homes.

Class Agent: Mr. Anthony Frederick, 174 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03102.

1962

Jean Stackhouse Carnes writes that she is really looking forward to our 25th class reunion this summer. Jean's hobby is patchwork quilting, and has exhibited some of her work in shows around her Andover, Massachusetts home. She has also done some teaching of her favorite craft. At Reunion, Jean hopes to have everyone sign a fabric patchwork square for an album/friendship quilt she is working on.

Jean is an R.N. who has worked for 16 years in the coronary care field, and most recently has worked for seven years in nursing care for the elderly. She is presently working part time at a Melrose-Wakefield, Massachusetts hospital. To put it simply, "all is well with Jean Carnes." She sends regards to all MCI friends and classmates.

Dan Brooks is still working in the auction business in Burnham, Maine, with his father-in-law and wife **Pamela Houston Brooks '65**. Daughter Kim graduated from MCI last year, and son Shane is a senior this year. Dan remarked that "a lot happens in 25 years." He hopes to see a good turn-out for the Class of '62 at Reunion.

Class Agent: Mr. Ronald Bessey, 13 Peltoma Avenue, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1964

Charles R. Philbrick writes to me that he, his wife Rae, and their two sons Brian (17) and Steven (14), are very busy these days. The Philbrick boys, both students at MCI, spend their after school hours helping Charlie and Rae in their family businesses. They own and operate the Corner Citgo & Food Mart, and just recently started their newest business venture, the Pool & Spa Place, all in Pittsfield. Charlie and Rae have been married nineteen years, and estimate that the total number of grandchildren in our class is twenty. Any other guesses?

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

1965

From Bridgton, Maine, **Lawrence Yeaton** reports that he and his wife Joanne are the proud parents of their first child, John Paul Yeaton, born September 15, 1986 in Conway, New Hampshire. Larry is pastor of the Bridgton Advent Christian Church. If there are any alumni vacationing in their area, Larry extends the invitation to visit.

Class Agent: Mrs. Marie Lewis Armistead, 17 Murdock St., RFD #5, Carver, MA 02330.

1967

Daniel Pelletier, who is a 1971 graduate of St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont, is presently a sergeant in the Lewiston Police Department.

David Burton writes of his promotion to the position of personnel manager at Champion Mills in Klickitat, Washington. He

and his wife **Reta Bickford Burton** have bought a home in Hood River, Oregon (the wind surfing capital of the world). Hood River is located on the Columbia River, about an hour's drive from Portland. Their two boys are doing fine; John is a junior in high school, and Matthew is in the eighth grade. Both are very active in sports. Dave and Reta plan to be in Pittsfield for this summer's 20th reunion.

Class Agent: Mrs. Carol Champagne Anthony, 46 Somerset Avenue, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1969

Jeffrey Farkas is married, with one son seven years old and another due in August. The family lives in Marietta, Georgia. Jeff, a partner of Receivable Funding, has recently opened a branch office in Atlanta.

Class Agent: We need a volunteer!

1971

Laurie Fitts announces the birth of her daughter, Emma Fitts Loosigian, on June 12, 1987. Emma weighed in at 9 pounds, 15 ounces.

The Classes of '70 and '71 are invited to join **Hunter and Tamra Friend** at their home on the Libby Hill Road in Newport, Maine on Reunion Day, August 1, from 11:00 a.m. on. Please bring your own beverages, and plan to have lots of fun with volleyball, horseshoes, etc.

Class Agents: Mr. Thomas Cianchette, 11 Summer St., Pittsfield, ME 04967.

Mrs. Johnna Furbush Meservey, RFD #1, Box 23, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

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Mr. Milton Webber, RR #1, Box 1101, Sanbornville, NH 03872.

Mr. Hunter Friend, P.O. Box 182, Newport, ME 04953.

1974

Raymond Stauble and wife Barbara are expecting twin girls (that's right!) in October, to add to Kate, 3 years, and Maria, 1 1/2 years. The twins will be granddaughters #9 and 10 for Ray's folks in Detroit; no grandsons yet! Ray teaches science at Westbrook High School and Barbara is a medical technologist at Maine Medical Center.

Class Agent: Mrs. Susan Cianchette Koch, P.O. Box 1124, Camden, ME 04843.

1975

Kevin Bryant reports to me that **Dan Cropley** is living in Lakewood, Colorado, where he is a Rooms Division Manager at the Holiday Inn in Lakewood. Dan is still single, at this writing. **Bart Kelleher** left the U. S. Navy this June. He is presently living in Palmyra, Maine, glad to no longer be stationed in the Persian Gulf area.

Louise Stauble Desilets and her husband Paul are busy building their "dream house" on top of a mountain in Gill, Massachusetts. The home should be ready in November. Daughters Julia and Andrea are now 4 1/2 and 2 years old respectively. Louise works part time as an Intensive Care nurse, and does community work with the local Headstart and Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The new house, other properties and Paul's cleaning business make life very busy! Louise recently completed a five year term on Greenfield Community College's Board

of Trustees, with the distinction of being the first female appointed to the board, in 1982. She had lots of fun learning about public higher education in the Bay State.

Ed Buzzell writes that he has been relocated from his old job at S. D. Warren Company to Wisconsin, by Champion International. His job title is Process Leader A, in charge of the Digester Bleach Plant operations. Ed's still a single parent; Sunuria is 12 years old and Nathan is 9 years old. They live in a house on Fisher Lake in Florence, Wisconsin, and all enjoy Alpine skiing and kayaking. Ed hopes to be at our 15th reunion in 1990.

The years since graduation have been busy ones for **Deborah Jane Leighton**. Deborah attended the University of Maine at Presque Isle for two years, worked in the Waterville, Maine area until 1981, and then, in search of adventure, joined the Army. There she worked with satellite microwave radio and telephone communications, while stationed in West Germany, and later in Arizona. Deborah said that the best part of being in the Army was traveling around Europe, and has promised herself a return trip someday. She came home to Maine to settle down in 1985, and has been busy since then building a house in Burnham, while working at the C. M. Almy Company in Pittsfield.

Nancy Ballard Harrison has a change of address: 1234 Gaskins Road, Richmond, VA 23233, and also happily announces the birth of her son, Christopher Brett, November 6, 1986.

Class Agent: Mr. Ralph Ingraham, Jr., P.O. Box 522, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1977

Robert Sloma writes that it's been a long time since our graduation in 1977. Bob attended Bangor Community College for two years and received an Associate Degree in law enforcement in 1979. From there he worked for the Newport, Maine Police Department, and in 1981 entered the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville. Upon graduation, Bob soon obtained a job with the police department in Mexico, Maine. Later that year Bob married Donna Hughes. They are now the proud parents of three-year-old Robert III, and four-month-old Jonathan. The family is busy fixing up their "carpenter's special" home in Mexico, and is active in the Mexico Baptist Church. Bob hopes to see everyone again at our tenth reunion.

Class Agents: Ms. Denise Marcoux, Stillings, Box 1894, Hall Dr., Durham, NH 03824.

Ms. Suzanne Kohler, 12B Talmar Wood, Orono, ME 04473.

1979

James Hachey and **Jeff Hazell** are partners in business, a company named the Bar Harbor Lobster Company in Orlando, Florida. Jim has worked for Procter & Gamble, first in field advertising and then sales, in Philadelphia. Jeff previously worked in the restaurant business, before wholesaling seafood. He was a manager for TGI Fridays, Stouffers and the Hyatt Regency Grand Express Resort. Both now live in Orlando, and would love to hear from old friends and teammates. If you're ever in central Florida, please look them up!

Class Agents: Mrs. Kelly Breau Fitts, RR 2, Box 190, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

Mrs. Diann Marcoux Libby, 196 Forest Avenue, Orono, ME 04473.

1983

Shanna L. Bartlett was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Diamond Jubilee Festival of Webber College in Babson Park, Florida. At the coronation, Shanna and her consort Andrew Baker of

Ocala, Florida were presented to the largest gathering ever of students, parents, faculty, trustees, alumni and friends at the Diamond Jubilee Homecoming Ball held at the Lake Wales Country Club. Shanna graduated with a B.S. degree in April, attended a Lufthansa Airlines seminar in Seeheim, Germany, and plans to pursue a career in the tourism/travel industry.

Class Agents: **Ms. Susan M. Paresson**, RFD #1, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

Mr. Edward Porter, 15 Chester Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1985

Rohan Harrison finished his second year at Assumption College, where he started and starred in soccer, and maintained a 3.5 G.P.A. Rohan is majoring in political science and just recently has transferred to American University in Washington, D.C.

Stacy Small Parlin has a son named Steven, who is almost a year old. Stacy is very happy as a housewife in Coopers Mills, Maine.

Robert Speed is currently working with Asplund, in training for a foreman's position. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Quint** who graduated from Fisher Junior College, Boston, in May. Jennifer earned an associate degree in the legal secretarial program and is presently job-hunting in the Portland area. **Hope Roberts** attends the University of Maine at Orono and is working toward a B.S. degree in social service. **Eric Frost** and **David Ettinger** are now both juniors at

Maine Maritime Academy. They are cadet shipping on the "Mississinewa", presently in the Mediterranean Sea. They are doing their cadet shipping with "Military Sea Lift", a civilian branch of the military.

Doug Clapp is very busy at Amherst College where he's active on the golf team. **Jana Morra** is busy at Dartmouth, working toward her major in education and psychology.

Class Agent: **Ms. Stacy Roy**, 3 Davis Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967.

1986

Susan Cook is now Mrs. Susan Weeks; she was married to Daniel Weeks of Palymra, Maine in August of 1986. They reside in Palymra.

Ben Bourne attends the Washington County Vocational Technical Institute in Calais, where he is enrolled in the automotive program.

Melissa Conlogue, MCT's new Admissions Secretary and Alumni Assistant, worked previously as registrar in the main office. Missy is happy to announce her engagement to **Mr.**

Timothy J. Noonan of Unity, Maine. Their wedding is planned for September 12 of this year.

Class Agent: **We need a volunteer!**



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