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55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2015

Hello, Classmates! "The college of our hearts always" is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On February 24, 1865, legislation was passed to create the Maine State college of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. By now you have received the save the date postcard to help you make plans to join classmates for our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, which will take place from September 28 to October 1. We will be in the historic Pemaquid Area two days before we embark to Orono. No buried secret can hide from the shovel. In May 1965 more than 3,000 buried artifacts found in the area by archaeologists proved that in 1607 America's first settlement began there. We will be visiting the Darling Marine Center in nearby Walpole where, for the last 50 years, they have been doing cutting-edge research in the Gulf of Maine and worldwide. During a conference call of your class officers on January 15, we discussed tours of the Marine Center and the area and also what our two days in Orono. You will be involved in celebrations of two areas of the university. All your officers participated in this planning exercise, with the Fred Pierce even call in from Hawaii!

The Class of '60 is in great shape. The market value of our scholarship fund is %43,802. Our class fund is at \$40,201. At our prior fall meeting at UMaine's Falmouth Center we voted to transfer \$20,000 to our scholarship fund, and Nancy Morse Dysart '60 is working with the UMaine Foundation to match these monies for more scholarships. The need for them at this time is greater than it has ever been. I for one have not forgotten going to the bookstore to purchase textbooks from my summer earnings, only to find the marker with the price told us all, "One Idea will pay for the price of the book."

Here is news from our most recent scholarship recipients. Jackelyn Deshon is from Dover, NH. She will graduate this year with a degree in elementary education. The good news is she plans to stay in Maine and teach for a few years before she goes abroad. While at Orono she played volleyball and also is a member of Kappa Delta Phi International Honor Society.

Colleen Lucy, from Bangor, is the granddaughter of Ronnie Stather Nelson '60. This past year the scholarship fund provided her with \$1,700 in assistance. Colleen plans to attend graduate school and be a physical therapist. She is a member of the women's cross-country team.

Ryan Fahey graduated with a degree in microbiology last June. He is from Braintree, MA, and was on the men's swimming team.

We have received thank-you letters from these students who say the funds not only help with tuition but also other expenses like textbooks and Praxis tests. Now for the news from classmates. The trip to Ireland organized by Donna Fritz Brunstad '60 was a roaring success. Donna and her husband, Bill, moved from

Maine to Portland, OR, a year ago. They “love Portland,” and plan to stay permanently. They are moving from their temporary quarters to City Center on the Willamette River. Their new address is 1616 SW Harbor Way #603, Portland OR 97021. Donna’s email is her name @yahoo.com

The Hawaiian cruise orchestrated by Rick Lloyd '60 has prompted Pete Hannah '59 and Kay Sawyer Hannah '60 to leave the Pemaquid peninsula for a month’s stay in Hawaii. Although they are across the island, they joined Rick at a recent dinner party when Rich entertained Dr. Carol Kim and her husband, Dr. Paul Millard, while they were there from UMaine for a conference. Dr. Kim is vice president of research at the university. With windows open and the trade winds wafting tropical breezes in, they enjoyed entertainment by Carlos Barbosa-Lima, an internationally known guitarist, a houseguest of Rick’s, our Hawaiian ambassador.

Again, Diane Tatlock Pierce '60 and Fred Pierce '61 have returned to their condo in Kuai for the winter. They left Las Vegas December 31. Diane took two San Diego grandkids on a Norwegian cruise of the islands for a birthday and graduation gift. Over the years Fred and Diane have experienced many trips with Fred’s Libbey-Owens-Ford group, where he worked for over 25 years. They planned to celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a three-week cruise in February to Australia and New Zealand with a group of friends from Las Vegas. They also will join the group back in Hawaii for the PGA Hyundai Golf tournament at Kapalua. Fred works on the fourth fairway as a shotlink operator and Diane drives the players and caddies from the ninth green to a distant tenth tee box. Sally Wakefield '60 in Dunedin, FL, keeps busy with her four grandchildren. Sally Sinclair Hunt '60 lives in Saco and does work with the historical society there. Judy Stevens Hill '60 summers in Maine but lives in Spring, TX, most of the year. Ralph “Chelsea” Pillsbury '61 retired from the tile and flooring business in Damariscotta, and now resides in Land-O-Lakes, FL. Last August, George Davis '60, '80G and his wife, Lauralee Perkins Davis '83, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with as many friends in the Waterville area. George is retired as the former principal at Winslow High School.

**Bonnie** and Bob **Brown** '60 live in Portland, ME. Bob has retired as the head coach at Cheverus High School and their son is the head coach of the Philadelphia Fliers.

We also have other classmates who summer in Maine. Charlie Weaver '61 comes to Webber Pond and Sandie Page '60 has a cottage in Hebron. Sandie still volunteers with the blind in her area of Brattleboro, VT. Sandra Crowe Wooding '60 wrote from Chatham, NY. Sandra has two children in their 40s, three grandchildren, and still shows her two horses. She is busy with many activities including gardening, book clubs, and teaches knitting. Donald Mooers '60 down in Jacksonville, FL, continues to support the Coast Guard there in search and rescue and port security on their training missions. They use a 32-foot twin engine vessel at the operational facility. Don is also a qualified helicopter hoist specialist and assists in training people to rescue people out of water in a basket. He has completed eight years of coordinating the boat crew

academy, and had 51 graduates, all the while writing and implementing the program. His email is don.mooers@att.net.

Charlie Gaunce '60, president of Central Maine Toyota in Waterville, has been nominated for the 2015 Time Dealer of the Year honor. After graduation he started working full time at Central Maine Motors, the family business. He is one of the founders of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority, serving as vice president. He is past president of the Rotary Club and a 50-year trustee and chairman of the board of the local hospital. For 20 years he has been a director of the chamber of commerce. Charlie is one of 55 auto dealers from 17,000 nationwide. Good luck, Charlie! He and his wife, Nancy, have three children and five grandchildren.

UMaine has been ranked among the best universities nationwide! Plan your time to come back and spend time with classmates in the fall. (We will be at the University Motor Inn, which will be all new and totally renovated.) Our class is a strong group of giving and dedicated helpers of mankind. Life happens while we all have been busy. As Pablo Picasso said, "It takes a long time to become young." As always, give me an "M"! Send news—Gail.