

Class Notes

Senior Alumni

Includes all classes that have celebrated their 50th Reunion

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Wow! Senior Alumni activity has ground down to a snail's pace as we stay in place confronting COVID-19. Kudos to the staff of the UMaine Alumni Association. Their monumental efforts to bring us together for our various and collective 2020 class reunions in September proved to be a rather remarkable virtual event.

UMaine President Joan Ferrini-Mundy joined us with an update on the university along with details of UMaine's strategic plans for staff and student COVID-19 testing, social distancing, designated quarantine facilities, and classroom reconfiguration. Every student has at least one face-to-face classroom period with others provided by virtual learning options. Faculty creativity is being put to the test as they lean in to the many challenges of distance teaching.

Resourceful students are finding ways to make student life work on campus. The campus mall became the meeting place for social distancing activities last fall, including outdoor movies. The parking lot at Buchanan Alumni House even became the scene of salsa dance classes. Outdoor activities have become more attractive than ever. And student-athletes are finding ways to continue conditioning routines while adapting to non-conference competition with safe-practice restrictions. It's a brave new world.

Dean Dana Humphrey

updated us on the construction of the new Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center. This LEED-certified facility includes state-of-the-art energy conservation and offers the advantages of natural lighting throughout the building. It'll be exciting to tour this new facility next fall when group reunions resume. Note: Architects for this facility include five graduates of the University of Maine!

Interactive student panel discussions on student life under COVID-19, virtual presentations of innovative programming, and a video campus tour helped bring us updates on campus developments. Alumni class reunion socials were hosted Wednesday afternoon, and our Senior Alumni social on Thursday afternoon helped bring the event to a close. But not before **John Diamond '77, '89G**, president of the UMaine Alumni Association, enjoined us all to raise a toast to "dear old Maine" and join in the singing of the "Maine Stein Song" along with Rudy Vallee's movie version from the 1940s. It was wonderful to hear it sung without the current-day clapping that drowns out so many of the words. (Just my editorial comment, dear readers!)

Eighteen alumni representing 12 classes joined the Senior Alumni social: **Woody Beach '51, Leonard Bowles '55, '56G, Patricia Gagnon Bryant '59, Jan Bishop Butler '55, Paul Butler '55, Etta Libby Davenport '61, Dana Dolloff '63, '64G, Nancy Morse Dysart '60, Alfred Hagan '62, Edie McVay King '67, Louis King '60, Bill Lawler '62, Leonard Minsky '50, Ralph Pillsbury '60, Nancy Schott Plaisted '53, Frank Tonis '70, Carver Washburn '54, and Gary Williams '59.**

Additional alumni joined other sessions. I was pleased that we had about 15 participants on the Class of

1960's 60th Reunion social. (See the 1960 class notes for details.) On a sad note, we reported the loss of several classmates during the past year, including that of our treasurer, **William "Bill" Parker '60**, husband of **Joan Currier Parker '59**. We send condolences and heartfelt sympathies to all classmates and friends who lost a loved one during the extraordinarily difficult year of 2020.

Important reminder: The 2020 reunion classes are each invited to re-scheduled, in-person reunions in 2021! The unique advantage of this COVID-19 adjustment is that we'll get to visit with members of the classes that followed us. As always, each class will host individual events and socials while also having the opportunity to join with Senior Alumni and all reunion classes for other special activities. The university and the Alumni Association are determined to roll out the red (or rather, MAINE blue) carpet for a really special reunion when, at last, we can gather in person. In the meantime, stay safe and stay well. Each of you is a cherished member of our class families. And most of all, stay in touch!

1950

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Happy 2021, Class of 1950!

The class Reunion couldn't take place in person, as originally planned. However, the university held online virtual events during the September Reunion. **Len Minsky** was among the participants.

Ruth Holland Walsh was

disappointed not to be able to travel to Orono for Reunion. She said she missed not seeing other people, but was pleased to hear that alumni participated in virtual events.

Ruth and her little dog, Toby, get outside to walk each day. Ruth's computer isn't currently working, so she has been relying on her phone, and would love to hear from people. Although she was born in Wyoming and lived in Kansas, Hawaii, Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, Ruth has great loyalty to Maine and the University of Maine.

1951

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From the *Bangor Daily News* we learn **Bryce Beattie** was inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame in January 2020. Bryce coached and accumulated more than 400 wins at George Stevens, Freeport, Windham, and Noble high schools. At Freeport, his teams won state championships in 1964, '66, and '69 with an up-tempo style predicated on full-court pressure. Before retiring to North Berwick, he coached and taught at Salem High School in Massachusetts. At the University of Maine, Bryce majored in physics and belonged to Theta Chi.

From the *Lincoln County News* we learn **George N. Weston** celebrated his 100th birthday in June 2020. During his birthday week friends stopped by his home and wished him well from a distance due to the COVID-19 precautions. In his honor friends gave donations to the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration, of which George had been a longtime

Class Notes Legend

Only UMaine degrees are noted in Class Notes

Bolding of name identifies UMaine alumna or alumnus

G denotes graduate degree from UMaine

H following class year identifies honorary member of that class

Hon. indicates an honorary degree from UMaine

supporter, although he doesn't enjoy alewives himself. He said, "My grandfather had three smokehouses ... but alewives are too bony for me."

George graduated from Lincoln Academy in 1938 and joined the navy in 1939, serving six years throughout WWII. After Pearl Harbor his squadron was relocated to Hawaii, and took part in Pacific Theater reconnaissance. Later he was transferred to Guadalcanal, where he served as a bombardier on a Consolidated B-24 Liberator, a heavy bomber.

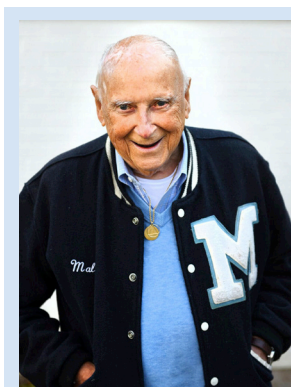
After additional combat as a gunnery officer in the South Pacific, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and other medals. He earned a degree in mathematics from UMaine and then worked for the Navy Hydrographic Office for 23 years, becoming director of the navigational science division of the Defense Mapping Agency.

He retired and returned to Damariscotta Mills in 1975. He still mows his lawn on a riding mower. He established the George and Helen Weston Fund for Mathematics to purchase up-to-date technology for Lincoln Academy's math department and was named Lincoln Academy Alumnus of the Year in 2007.

Woody Beach, who is head of Senior Alumni, participated in UMaine's Virtual Reunion in September. The remote format enabled people to visit via Zoom and to listen to presentations by various campus leaders.

Stanley Christianson called saying he enjoyed the 1951 class columns. Stan majored in history, was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma, played in the University of Maine Marching Band, and was in ROTC. He received his army commission immediately after graduation and served in the Korean War. His first wife, now deceased, was **Margaret Knight** '51. Before retiring, Stan worked as an insurance claim investigator for Liberty Mutual Insurance. He and his wife, Helen, live at 60 Stafford Street, Apt. 204, Plymouth, MA, 02360-8117. His phone number is (207) 253-9559, and he would love to hear from his fraternity brothers.

Ruth Curtis Joy, a resident of Needham, MA, passed away



Mal Osborn '52 of Winston-Salem, NC, misplaced his beloved UMaine letter jacket last fall, but thanks to his family's efforts on social media, it was recovered. Mal was a cross country and track star as a UMaine student.

from COVID-19 in May. She was predeceased by her husband, **Wendell Joy** '51. They were not close friends at UMaine, but got together after college when they were both employed by AT&T. Ruth was a senior account representative before retirement. She was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Needham and loved antique dolls. Ruth majored in sociology and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and Canterbury Club. She is survived by two sons, Steven and David.

Millicent "Penny" Guptill Higgins, of Manchester, ME, died on November 5, 2019. Penny was in the five-year nursing program so was technically a member of the Class of 1952, but she enjoyed going to reunions and summer lunches with the friends she had made during her first years at Orono. She was predeceased by her husband, **Thomas C. Higgins** '50. Penny practiced nursing and returned to school for advanced degrees. Penny earned an MSN in 1972 and completed her ED.D. in 1989 from Boston University. She taught nursing in the Boston area and at St. Joseph's College in Windham, ME. Her published writing includes articles in the *Journal of Nursing Education*, *Journal of Continuing Education*, and *The Maine Scholar*. She was always active in the community life of the towns where she lived,

most recently in the Lithgow Book Club, a knitting circle, and Augusta Senior College. She is survived by her daughter, **Diane Higgins Niles** '75.

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The Class of 1952 received no news for this issue.

We hope everyone is staying well and weathering the current situation as well as can be expected. We'd love to hear from classmates and share their news in the next magazine.

We send our best to you all.

1953

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Although we had no 67th Class Reunion last summer, I felt in a way as though I was at Reunion, talking to classmates on the phone for this column. So nice to hear their voices.

To read the longer version of this column, see: bit.ly/3117fWY.

Charles Adams, of Surrey, BC, Canada, was only with us freshman year. He was born in Belfast and went to high school on Vinalhaven. Then came four years in the Air Force, Korea, and emigration to Canada in 1958. He taught and became a principal. Father of four (now three), his daughter and son (a firefighter in Seattle) live nearby.

George and Rita Yardumian Weatherbee '54 have moved to Wood Pond Village, Crosby House, 180 Main Street, Walpole, MA 02081. (He said I could print their new address.) He spoke of the

various Maine businesses he had, how his late son took over, and now George's grandson is at the helm. The late **Frank Pickering** got him going to class reunions. His favorite ice cream? Chocolate.

Helen Strong Hamilton, of Exeter, NH, walks two and a half to three miles every day. She also loves chocolate ice cream.

On his 88th birthday, **Ron Bishop's** wife, Lorna, told him to follow her, and outside were people from his church with signs, balloons, and cake. "I'm still alive," he said. "I don't move around much, but people come six days a week and walk with me." As to ice cream? "I'm partial to mint chocolate chip."

Dick Searles, of Old Orchard Beach, was playing Solitaire on the computer, and his wife, Joan, was walking on the beach when I called. Dick remembered our wonderful 50th pre-reunion in Bar Harbor. Ice cream? Coffee.

Dave Field, ATO, of Shapleigh summers, returns to Yarmouth in October, when he gets "tired of burning wood" at his cottage. Sorry to hear of his wife, Dee's, death last year. He keeps in touch with **Warren Moody** in Anderson, SC. His ice cream is "hard to find": ginger.

Woody Carville, of Orono, sees people at Governor's restaurant. He'd like to see more of everyone, he said, but with the virus he doesn't. Ice cream? "Nice and cold and solid."

Phyllis Noyes Scantlebury was in Florida when I called.

Barbara Peters emailed in August: "I enjoyed the many Class of '53 reunions that I attended with my husband, and all the various events that were planned. He always spoke fondly of his college days and classmates, and I enjoyed meeting some of them. I wanted you to know that **Roland** died 7 August at a nursing home where he had been living for the past two years, just five minutes away from our home in Torrington, CT. I spent every day with him until the lockdown in March, but I was able to visit him at his window each day. Our son and daughter and I were allowed to be with him for a short time the day before he died. Best wishes to you and the Class of '53." Thank you,

Barbara, and our best wishes and condolences to you and your family.

Zeke Mavodones, of Poughkeepsie, NY, sent this email: "Celebrated my 90th: Serenaded in church hall after services; nine-car drive-by caravan of Masonic Brothers honking horns; Vermont and Massachusetts families came to house next day and celebrated with cakes, candles, foods galore; also Facebook messages ... it has been like winning the Lotto of Life." Congratulations!

Vance Bakeman, of Greenville, SC, grew up on a chicken farm in South Brooksville. He lived at the North dorms, then Sig Ep-Corbett, roomed with **Fred Hutchinson '58G** at some point, and said **Fred Tarr '59G** would come over. He mentioned Goodyear, atomic energy program in Ohio, how he met his wife, Helen (died 2014), in Portsmouth, OH. He also talked about basic training in Fort Knox, KY, and finishing at Army Chemical Center. He mentioned going to our 50th Reunion and **Ralph McGibney** (Sig Ep, chemical engineer). Sorry, Vance, for any mistakes.

Lois Welton Byrne, a Chi Omega, of Oceanside, CA, lives near her son, daughter-in-law, and daughter. She spoke of her college roommate, **Charlotte Troubh**, who is moving/or has moved back to Maine, and was her bridesmaid; also, **Pat King Burke**, a roommate, who was at Maine for two years. Her favorite ice cream? "Put ice cream in front of me and I'll smile."

Besides Roland Peters, we have lost four more classmates (that I know of). The class sends its heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of: **Doris Ramsay Smith**, Scarborough, ME; **Jean Hoyt Tauscher**, North Chesterfield, VA; **Richard Hefler**, Windham, ME; and **Robert McTaggart**, Longmeadow, MA. I wish I could write about each and every one. We will miss you all.

I can't end on such a sad note, so let me tell you about the Senior Alumni Virtual Reunion held September 23-24. This was a new adventure. I borrowed my daughter's laptop and watched/listened on two afternoons to the university president, the

Alumni Association president, deans, various speakers, students, and alumni, saw tables/graphs and the singing of the "Stein Song." It was great, but I was happiest joining a social, to actually see and talk to people.

1954

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After an unusual summer and fall, it is time to pass on a little news of the Class of '54. Unfortunately, as time passes our numbers are reduced and fewer of you keep us up to date. We'll try to keep you informed if you will keep us in the loop.

We heard that **Carver Washburn**, who lived next door to me in North Dorm #7, participated in the Senior Alumni Social during the online Reunion last September. There was no in-person Reunion due to COVID-19, but the Zoom event enabled Carver to visit with other alumni from his home in New Jersey.

A few months ago we received a call from **Elliot Lambert**. Elliot and I were classmates and graduates of Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford, ME, in 1950. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after being a pilot for 23 years and has been married for 35 years. Three daughters, like all of us, have resulted in the need to travel for visits. Retirement has proved to be fun, with a somewhat rewarding vocation and avocation — tree stump grinding!

In the not-so-good news category we received notice of the passing of two classmates, the first being **Ruth A. Johnson**. After UMaine, she received a master's degree at Boston University. She entered the U.S. Army as a lieutenant in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1962. She later taught school and became interested in orienteering, which led her to travel extensively in Europe and

Scandinavia. She continued this after retirement, taking part in competitions. She took first place in her age group in orienteering many times, accumulating over 100 medals, and was included in the *Guinness Book of Records*, having tied with men in the U.S. Championships. She was also honored many times locally for her volunteering efforts during her retirement.

Finally, we received the obituary of **Joan "Jo" Elizabeth Leach Davis**, who died in July. She often said she got her BS and her "MRS" at college, where she met **Dan P. Davis '53** and, upon graduation, they were married in Sanford, ME. She spent several years as a "service wife" when Dan was in the Army; they eventually returned to Sanford. She taught school for many years, and was thrilled in 1982 when the Sanford High School yearbook was dedicated to her. In 1995 they built a retirement home at Square Pond at Acton, and she assisted in her children's businesses. She and husband, Dan, who predeceased her, traveled the U.S. many times together. Our condolences to the Johnson and Davis families.

1955

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I do hope and pray that each of our classmates, their families, and friends have had safe and healthy lives during these recent months.

I received an email from **Elaine Walts Chipman**, who lives in a senior community in Peabody, MA. After attending the university, she entered a program at a local hospital and became a registered medical technologist, which she continued for 20 years. She likes living at Brooksby, where she and her cat have lived since her husband passed away a few years ago. Elaine indicated that due to the lock-down, she has watched too much television, read too many books, done many puzzles, and attended

many Zoom meetings.

Muriel Verrill Gade didn't come to Maine last summer but hopes to return in 2021. Her family is in Houston, and she is thankful for her many friends in Santa Maria, CA, but the pandemic has curtailed visiting. She is thankful that she can get out and work in her yard and walk in a nearby park.

Mert Robinson and his wife, Donna, are concerned that they may not be able to go to Barbados this winter because of all of the restrictions due to the virus. They have been going to Barbados for over 25 years, but they are keeping their fingers crossed that they will be able to make the trip this year.

After 20 years of going to Florida, **Paul** and I decided not to go last year, just four days before we were supposed to leave because of the COVID-19 virus. We found that was the best decision (although not a happy decision).

I would like to tell you a little bit about what happened at our "2020 Virtual Zoom Reunion." The various Zoom sessions included words from UMaine President Joan Ferrini-Mundy; Dean Dana Humphrey from the College of Engineering; Dr. Robert Dana, vice president for student life; and four students who told us how Maine's new pandemic-related health and safety protocols are affecting their academic and social experiences. **John Diamond '77, '89G**, UMaine Alumni Association president and CEO, led a great deal of the presentations, and UMaine Foundation personnel were present and helpful with the sessions.

Our Class of 1955 social gathering consisted of **Jon** and **Lois Pratt Pulsifer**, **Mert Robinson**, **Joe Stockbridge**, and Paul and me. We shared many stories and laughed a good deal of the time.

When we were not involved in sessions, there were pre-recorded presentations and videos through Zoom that we could watch, and these were very well presented.

We missed you, as the two days were fun. It was great to hear the "Stein Song" greet us at the opening session and to

hear it again at the end.

We are not sure at the moment, but there may be a "live" 65th Reunion for the Class of 1955 next September and for the classes that did not have their "live" reunions this year. We'll hear more about that at a later time.

Please do take good care of yourselves and I would absolutely love it if you would send me some news.

1956

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The new Class of 1956 correspondent will take this opportunity to thank **Joan Fuller Russell** for providing a significant amount of news that wasn't reported in time to be printed in the past summer issue of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*.

Sadly, **Carolyn Bull Dahlgren** passed away on May 3, 2020. Carolyn was an active class member, serving as our class correspondent for many years, and was a class executive committee member as well. At the university, Carolyn was a proud resident of The Elms, and graduated with her degree in elementary education. Her first job was in New Britain, CT. There she met Leland Dahlgren, who worked in construction. They were married in 1957.

Aside from being an admired teacher, she was a den mother, a Girl Scout leader, tutor, substitute teacher, and Sunday school teacher. Her busy life also included being a hockey mom, volunteer for Dollars and Scholars, and going door to door for the U.S. Census. In 2006 Carolyn received Yarmouth's yearly community service Latchstring Award for over 30 years as a coordinator for the town's medical loan closet.

While all this service established a high bar, it was Carolyn's ability to listen, ask questions, and pull stories from people that endeared her to so many.

Joan Russell reported that

the Portland Alumnae, which meets four times a year, held its August 6th meeting by Zoom rather than the usual luncheon. Vice President, Student Life **Robert Dana '80** spoke on the manner in which students would be returning to campuses in Maine in the fall. Future meetings of the group for 2020-2021 will be held by Zoom with a speaker from UMaine.

Congratulations to Joan: At the July meeting of the Yarmouth Lions Club, for which she is the treasurer, Joan was chosen to receive the Lions Club International Foundation Award "for dedicated service to Lionism." Roar, Lions, roar!

One of the greatest, if not the greatest cross-country runner in the University of Maine's history, is in our Class of '56 — **Paul Firlotte**.

On October 10th, 2019, seven former stars joined the Ellsworth High School Sports Hall of Fame. While in high school, Paul captured three individual cross-country championships in 1949, 1950, and 1951 as well as the New England title.

In 1956 the University of Maine cross-country team was probably the school's greatest. Paul was hailed by sportswriters as the "Ellsworth Express." Led by Paul, the Pale Blue squad swamped the Yankee Conference meet posting a low score of 25 and went on to capture the New England title at Boston for the first time in 17 years.

The other Class of '56 runners on the team were **Paul Hanson** and **Stan Furrow '62G**, '65 Ph.D.

Looking forward to our 65th Reunion in September 2021.

1957

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Liz Hibbard Smith, our former class correspondent, and husband, **Les '63**, are both well and coping with COVID-19 restrictions. They live at Thornton Oaks Retirement

Home in Brunswick. As seems to be the case with others who are in independent retirement situations, they have been living with many restrictions — no visitors, closed dining rooms, limited activities, etc. Fortunately, some things are beginning to ease.

Here's an update from our president, **Jiggs Cecchini '63G** — The very day I contacted Jiggs, he said that his wife, Bev, and one of their daughters were in Blue Hill, ME for the sale of their camp, which had been their family's summer home since 1962. Jiggs said this was the first summer that he hadn't spent any time there.

Jiggs said, "We finally found the person to take over as executive director of the Coaches Association. Now I am his mentor and still the treasurer of the CHSCA and have been since 1984. Not sure when I will ever slow down and retire. Still having too much fun and Bev thinks I will be bored if I stop."

Jiggs said he had spoken to **Peter** and **Joann Hanson Kostacopoulos**, who spend summers until mid-November in East Machias on Lake Hadley. He said **Aram Garabedian** called him often because his cousin, Sara Gideon, was running for the U.S. Senate from Maine against Senator Collins. Aram believes she would have been the first Armenian in the U.S. Senate.

Judy Dale Macdougall wrote: "When I left the university, I expected to be a teacher, and I was for a very short time. Even after our three boys were born, I substituted in schools now and then. I was lucky enough to also substitute at the Milo Public Library and enjoyed it very much. I became the assistant and finally the director. While I was at the library, I developed the summer reading program and continued it for 25 years until I retired.

"For many years in August, we met UMO friends at **Dave '58** and **Eleanor Small Williams'** home in Belgrade and then at a restaurant in Bangor. It was wonderful to keep in touch with them as well as **Chris** and **Joyce Lyon Fuller**, **David** and **Janet Griffin Maxcy**, and others who were in Maine.

"Malcolm, our second son,

has set up a ZOOM for the family. I never heard the word before COVID-19. We've been meeting the family Sunday evenings. What fun! We are all doing well. Walter is writing and doing research for his own pleasure. I correspond with friends, knit, and read."

I asked **Walter Macdougall** to add a few sentences and he wrote:

"My thought, as I read your email, is how much the University of Maine has continually enriched my life. After graduation, I taught English and science in middle and high school (Milo, ME). In 1986 I returned to the U. of M as a graduate instructor in education. My old interest in philosophy kept nudging and . . . my final job at the university was the greatest experience. For six years I taught and was taught by my students in the Honors College at the University of Maine. (Editor's note: see Walter's tribute to Dr. Ronald Levinson on the class page of the Alumni Association website.)

"If you ever have time, you might find interesting the article by Dean François Amar on my Honors College experience. It was published in the Honors College magazine *Minerva* in 2017." (Editor's note: You can find it online at rb.gy/urflin.)

Joyce Lyon Fuller wrote that after graduation, she and Chris moved 28 times while Chris pursued his 20-year Army career, flying helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. They spent nearly two years in Germany (cut short when Chris received orders for Vietnam during the war) and also in Tehran, Iran. They have been settled in Stratford, CT, for many years and have three daughters and sons-in-law, eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild, Serena. They have always spent summers at their camp on Messalonskee Lake in Belgrade, (except for 2020), where they've gotten together with classmates **Ellie Small Williams**, **Dave** and **Jan Griffin Maxcy**, **Walter** and **Judy Dale Macdougall**, **Elva Bracket Alden**, **Judy Foster Howard**, and **Sally Johnson Main**. Their oldest daughter, **Susan Fuller Phelps '80**, is also a graduate of the University of Maine.

Please visit our class page at UMaineAlumni.com to read a longer version of this column.

1958

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Here we go again, classmates, NO NEWS from the Alumni Association. Are we getting too old to make the news?

I do have a few notes from the back of cards —

Daniel G. Rearick of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, passed away on December 7, 2019. He leaves his wife, **Nancy Woods Rearick** '61, his son and daughter, and three grandchildren. Dan was a member of the outdoor long distance track team and continued running marathons after graduation. He was also involved with various music groups in his area — singing in the church choir and playing the ukulele and the trombone, as well as the euphonium. He was a charter member of the Fredericton Concert and Marching Band and marched in parades for nearly 40 years.

I am sorry to report that **Cynthia Rockwell Wright's** husband — Charles "Chuck" L. Wright, Jr., M.D. of Wiscasset and Round Pond — passed away in August. Chuck was an orthopedic surgeon working at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and later had a private practice in Melrose, MA. Upon his retirement in 2001, he opened an antique shop in Round Pond.

I am happy to report that **Al Godfrey** has received an "all clear" from his doctor relative to his cancer prognosis. Good work, Al. He recently finished his year as president of the Jay-Livermore Falls Lions Club. Said it was an interesting year complicated by COVID-19. Thirty-four years ago Al retired from his work with the state government, and two years ago he retired after 32 years as a consulting forensic engineer. He began the private practice after his first retirement.



The Class of 1960's virtual Reunion took place via Zoom last September. Alumni from Florida to Maine and other parts of the country were able to watch presentations and visit with each other.

The Godfreys have five children, nine grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. He is waiting patiently to become a great-great-grandfather, although he says he is too young for that. He wishes us all good health and says he has no plans to slow down.

Again, please send copies of news items to me. I don't want this column to be just a death notice one but if that's the news, then that's the news.

Hope you are having a safe and happy 2021.

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Hello out there, '59ers!

How life changes! Little did we know less than a year ago the world would be in this horrible state of pandemic. As the Grateful Dead song says, "What a long, strange trip it's been." I sincerely hope you have all escaped the virus and are doing well, considering.

Before the pandemic set in our class executive committee chose "Stay in Touch" as our class initiative. How appropriate! At this time more than ever we need to keep contact with others. Look for news about our Zoom project. More info will be forthcoming.

Our "Stay in Touch" email

newsletter continues to go out monthly to 163 classmates. If you are not receiving a copy, and you have an email address, please let the alumni office know that address. Thank you.

Now for some news — **Eric Bolen** sent great information about his career. He is former dean and professor emeritus in the Department of Biology and Marine Biology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. He has also served on the faculty of Texas A&M Kingsville and Texas Tech. Publications that he has authored or co-authored, of which there are over 200, are various topics having to do with wildlife, wildlife management, ecology, and natural history. He is currently at work on several other books and has been editor of *The Wildlife Society Bulletin*. He holds life memberships in various professional organizations. In retirement he enjoys woodworking, making replicas of antique furniture and shorebird decoys. He and wife, Elizabeth, share four children and nine grandchildren.

Rudy Stoczek's daughter wrote to inform us of his death in late 2018. On campus, Rudy was on the *PRISM* staff, belonged to Phi Mu, and earned his degree in wildlife management. He had a long, illustrious career in wildlife and forest management and was known as the Eastern Canada Bald Eagle specialist and the authority on the Eastern cougar and common loon. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio and TV frequently asked him to speak about his areas of expertise. In 2010, Rudy received the Award for Professional

Excellence from UMaine's Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology. Rudy's wildlife research focused on the osprey, common loon, cougar, and peregrine falcon, but his greatest interest was the bald eagle. After Rudy passed away *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, a peer-reviewed scientific journal, published an article on him, highlighting his contributions to Canadian natural history and the legacy he left behind.

Torrey Sylvester writes that after 50 years in Aroostook, he and Jennifer have moved to Wells near three children and eight grandchildren. He notes that seeing the ocean reminds him of the 36 months he spent on a Bath-built destroyer. He is a retired lawyer and says he doesn't miss it one bit.

Judy Adams Gardiner has recently moved to an independent living facility in Mystic, CT. She is enjoying it but like all of us in the same situation, the powers that be are keeping us under some restrictions.

Jean Ulmer Tompkins, also moving south from The County, now lives at Dirigo Pines in Orono and is also dealing with some pandemic regulations.

Marianne Schmidt Hamlin and husband, **Art '57**, have moved into the Atrium at The Cedars, a retirement community in Portland.

Two classmates took part in the Senior Alumni Social in September via Zoom. **Patricia Gagnon Bryant** of Vero Beach, FL, and **Gary Williams** of Ashland, VA, joined the event, and were able to socialize with other alumni.

So wear your mask, social distance, and we will all get through this together.

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Most of what I can share comes from our Class of 1960 "Virtual Reunion," held via

Zoom in September. We look forward to seeing more of you at our pre-60th Reunion in Boothbay Harbor and Reunion on the Orono campus in September 2021.

John Diamond '77, '89G, president of the UMaine Alumni Association, greeted us and presented the 2020 Class Correspondent Award to **Gail Rae Carter**. She was commended for her life achievements and for volunteering to write our class column, continuing that work enthusiastically for a decade until 2016.

Ace Conro has agreed to continue serving as president for at least another year and, since the unfortunate decease of **Bill Parker**, he has assumed the class treasurer position. Our **Sandie Page** Class of '60 Fund has \$289,650 available for scholarships. In 2020, 68 of our estimated 500-550 classmates still living gave \$78,510. The year's rate was about 15 percent. Ace urges us to aim for 24 percent, our highest reached in the past. He'd also like us to be able to change our scholarship availability to descendants at the graduate level in addition to undergraduates.

Nancy Morse Dysart read the names of class members who have died since our last meeting and for whom we'll have a memorial service next year on campus.

Cliff Ives led a Thanksgiving prayer for the memories of those who couldn't be with us now but with whom "we've shared our life journeys." Cliff and **Jane Petherbridge Ives** live in Portland after serving with the United Methodist Church in Maine for many years followed by 12 years as a bishop in WV.

Joanne Keith Sullivan of Harrison asked for self-introductions, which led to each of us sharing a bit of our current lives. She spoke of being busy with gardening and other activities, though misses her husband, who passed in 2018, and more recently, a family dog. She raised her UMaine wine glass to us all.

Fred Pierce enjoys golf whether at his Las Vegas or Maui, HI, home but misses his roots back in Maine. He



The New Jersey City University Athletics Hall of Fame was dedicated last winter as the Lawrence R. Schiner Athletics Hall of Fame. Larry was employed for 40 years at the university, the last 30 years as director of athletics.

and **Diane Tatlock Pierce** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June.

Jean Toothaker Chapman, who lives in Charlottesville, VA, enjoys her three to four-mile daily walks and gardening. She, **Sally Curtis Hartikka**, and **Jane Libby Littlefield**, also a gardener and walker, express appreciation for being able to meet annually with friends, including **Priscilla Fish Grunes**, who recently moved with her husband, Harold, to Naples, FL. Jean said their group got together in 2006 at their Brunswick High 50th reunion and have met every year since except this past one. They've met in Seattle, Canada, Williamsburg, and seaside locations in Maine; they now meet on Zoom.

Joanie Mavor of Bonita Springs, FL, found her first summer as a resident of Florida "hot but fine." She worked in the computer science field before she retired. Her husband, **Preston Mavor**, died in 2010.

Fred Varricchio and his wife, Claudette, spend their time equally in Wakefield, NJ, and Venice, FL. He inquired whether anyone has a photo of our class from our 1995 Reunion.

Pat Gagnon Bryant '59 of Vero Beach, FL, wife of the late **Bill Bryant '60**, who passed away in 2017, said they returned to the states in 2010 having been world travelers since 1994.

Nancy Morse Dysart spoke of her many activities, including

participation on campus with the Nontraditional Scholarship Committee, which she finds rewarding. She expressed appreciation for the many condolences she received at the passing of her husband, Don, in December 2018. She is having her home renovated. Nancy is making progress on plans for the pre-campus phase of our Class of '60 gathering at Boothbay Harbor next September.

Class vice president **Rick Lloyd** is president of the Aloha Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America and editor of the colorful *The Scored Journal*.

For any who fancy antique cars and are interested in what they share in their newsletters, Rick can be contacted at shaira@hawaii.rr.com.

Other classmates who attended the virtual reunion were **Gary Auclair**, **Paul Gauthier**, and **Bill Munsey**.

I communicate by email with **Sandra Crowe Wooding** of Chatham, NY. Her book club and knitting groups had met outside until fall. Although she wasn't involved in any horse shows this past season, she has stayed fit enough to continue to enjoy riding.

Many of us fondly remember **Catharine Ayer Curtis**, who died of an aortic aneurysm in July 2017. Her husband, **Phil Curtis '62G**, who has since remarried and resides in Old Orchard Beach, shared some reminiscences regarding Cathy that you can read in the online version of this column.

In 2009 Catharine's address to a packed legislative hearing on behalf of same sex marriage was unusually persuasive.

Peter Hannah '59 and I have kept close to home except for a grandson's August wedding reception, spaced out on our lawn, and nearby sojourns to our cabin.

Hoping to hear from you for the next column.

Please read the longer version of this column on our class page on the UMaine Alumni Association website. In the meantime, Ace will send his annual letter as he strives to keep us all connected. Be well!

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You might have read about the university's plans to change the name of Little Hall, named for Dr. Clarence Cook Little, a former president, because of his involvement with the study of eugenics. **Richard Little**, his son, penned a letter to the *Bangor Daily News* (July 13) in defense of his father and his dad's accomplishments as a trained geneticist as well as a researcher in the harms of tobacco. Left out of the information in the alumni magazine was the fact that Dr. Little was one of 11 scientists to found The Jackson Lab in Bar Harbor. Richard asked the university to consider the whole of a man's life before removing a memorial. I suggest you Google for the complete letter. Richard lives in Amherst, NH, and served in the USAF prior to earning his engineering degree.

Kay Allen and her roommate, Shannon Burke, have been "cocooning" diligently because they never like to be sick and especially want to avoid COVID. They keep busy by running Pet Furever Home and Hospice in Dripping Springs, TX, with seven "tenants" ranging from a 40-pound boxer to a 100-pound St. Bernard cross, and including a Labrador cross, a greyhound, a coonhound, a border collie cross, and a basset-lab cross. They're all at least eight years old, and several are in their teens. Being seniors, they sleep a lot when they're not barking at the joggers. Sounds like me but I don't bark!

The New Jersey City University Athletics Hall of Fame was dedicated on February 28, 2020 as the **Lawrence R. Schiner** Athletics Hall of Fame.

This honor was a result of Larry's 40 years of employment at the university, the last 30 years as director of athletics. Larry founded the NJCU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1979 and was inducted on two occasions before retiring in 2007.

Nancy Rich Marbury, **Shirlene Heath Gosline '73G**, and **Meg Thompson Villarreal** met for lunch at Nancy's cottage in Boothbay Harbor in August. Meg is president of her homeowners association in Brunswick. She says she's not sure how much good her English major is when it comes to dealing with aging sewer pumps, falling trees, repaving roads, storm flooding, etc. When not fighting with contractors, Meg enjoyed several of the Zoom webinars that the Alumni Association has been offering. Nancy and husband, Luke, are making plans to downsize from their home in Baltimore.

Carol Wescott Peters and **John '64** stayed in Florida last summer for the first time but look forward to spending next summer in Maine. At the time of this writing, they were planning to spend Christmas in Virginia with their son's family. **Jane Wilson Sturgis '97G** writes that her life is very restricted right now. Zoom meetings for all her commitments, groceries, and the drug store. Sounds about right to me!

Betsy Flynn Drake and husband, Jack, said that summer was basically not venturing far from home but enjoying the patio, flower gardens, and entertaining friends outside on several occasions. For this winter, they will not be going to Myrtle Beach, but staying at Birch Bay Village in Bar Harbor!

In September, two classmates joined the "virtual" Reunion that the Alumni Association held via Zoom. **Etta Libby Davenport** and **Ralph Pilsbury** logged on to visit with other alumni during the Senior Alumni Social. Ralph and his wife, Susan, live in Land O'Lakes, FL, where Ralph can play golf close to home. Former owners of a flooring store in Damariscotta, they've enjoyed visiting Maine the past few summers and look forward to our Reunion next year.

Here's hoping that the next reunion will be in-person, but if not, the Alumni Association can help classmates visit online.

Remember to email me photos for our photo album, which is on our class page at UMaineAlumni.com.



Joe Sala '65, '69G, of Ellsworth, sent this photo, one of a series of photos of members of the ski team constructing a ski jump across the Stillwater River near the steam plant, during Christmas break in 1961. Drop a note to the Class of 1965 correspondent with your email address if you'd like a pdf of the photos.

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Hello, friends. I am at home on Mount Desert Island, writing this column at the end of the strangest summer most of us can ever remember: safely distanced outdoor dinners with family and friends, and masked walks through Acadia. As you read this, my hope is that you and yours are healthy and safe and that you have been able to celebrate part of the holidays with loved ones.

This past spring **Gary Cran** retired as our representative on the UMaine Senior Alumni board. Gary has been doing double duty for our class for nearly a decade. He will continue on our executive committee as class agent, a job that brings him much satisfaction. As Gary says, "The most rewarding thing is receiving thank-you letters from students who have been awarded our class scholarships. Their descriptions of relationships with their grandparents and their hopes for their futures are heart-warming." Of course, the hardest part of his job is reminding us all that it is our

yearly contributions to UMaine that sustain the **Valerie Beck Sterritt** Scholarship.

I am pleased to announce that we now have two new members on the Senior Alumni board. **Ginny Dyer Bousum** and **Mary Hilton Shorey** joined the board this summer. We thank you both so much!

I asked both Ginny and Mary to send me some news about their summers. Ginny wrote to tell me that, as a sailor, she was disappointed to have her boat on the hard until July, but still enjoyed some wonderful sails on Penobscot Bay during the shortened summer. The highlight sail was with her youngest granddaughter, Scarlett, to Bucks Harbor following Robert McCloskey's story *One Morning in Maine*. Scarlett even had a loose tooth. On a more poignant note, Ginny wrote that the pandemic caused the cancellation of the traditional graduation ceremony for her granddaughter Eliza, cum laude UMaine, Class of 2020.

Mary wrote to say that she and **Frank** are keeping up with friends and family through FaceTime. They are very busy on their beautiful farm and are so thankful to all the cooperative people who helped them this spring as they navigated their health appointments, etc. In a year of giving back, she writes, "This is our year to support the Salvation Army."

Bill Smullen writes that

he stepped down as CEO of the nonprofit Clear Path for Veterans. However, taking it easy is not Bill's way. He is now in the process of writing his fourth book, this one on the merits of mentoring. He still lives in Syracuse "where golf courses abound and compete for his time."

Don Ouellette writes that he and Betty are doing well. Like most of us, they had a quiet summer. When Don's 80th birthday party had to be canceled, his son and daughter came up with a unique gift. Don and Betty were teamed up with a senior writer from the company Story Terrace to help them write their biographies. They have been gathering old photos and reading letters Betty kept from their courtship while Don was at UMaine and Betty was at Maine Medical in Portland. Don says that recalling the memories they both have from their childhoods and early years as a couple has been a wonderful experience. He is also very busy with community projects. He has set up video streaming for the 5 PM Mass each Sunday for his church's Facebook page and helped the Orleans library prepare to conduct fall Lifetime Learning presentations remotely.

While the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of our 80th birthday party in August, classmate **Pat McCourt DiTata** decided to make the trip to Bailey Island anyway. She writes that she and her partner, François, enjoyed exploring the island, hiking, and touring Bath's Maine Maritime Museum. They are looking forward to joining all of us next August. The highlight of her email was the announcement of Pat's first great-grandchild, Rylah May Verdeflor.

While the past summer was distinguished by separation, **Millie Simpson Stewart** and **Sally Kennett Juenemann** did manage one lovely afternoon together on Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner on their friends, Mary and Jim Fish's boat. Millie told me that they wore masks, or stayed distanced except for one picture taken by Sally's partner, Bob Hancock, that day.

Two classmates joined the

online Senior Alumni Social, which was part of the virtual Reunion in September. **Bill Lawlor** and **Alfred Hagan** participated in the event, visiting over Zoom with other University of Maine alumni.

The class executive board is planning, "fingers crossed," to have a very special party on August 26. Save the date! We hope to see you all there! In the meantime, please keep in touch with me, and join our class Facebook page. It has never been more important to stay connected.

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Hello, classmates,

As I wrote my first column, I certainly did not expect the ensuing months to unfold as they have. I'm sure we share the hope that by the time you read this column, life is becoming more settled. I find myself often thinking of Jerry Garcia and his "What a long strange trip it's been!"

Onward to what we can control!

Last August **Dana Dolloff**, our class president, arranged for **John Diamond** '77, '89G, president of the UMaine Alumni Association, to talk with some '63ers about how UMaine was handling COVID, how the university was doing, how classes were to be handled, how the Alumni Association was doing, and what is happening with UMaine Alumni Association advocacy, which is a special interest to our class. Although the meeting took place several months ago, it is still available to be viewed. You can find it at: bit.ly/360XHpX.

As a sidebar, John's dad, **Nathan Diamond**, a nontraditional student, was a member of our class.

Well-deserved recognition goes to **Dan Foley**, who has run in each of the 22 Beach

to Beacon road races since it started in 1998. He is one of the 103 people referred to as "legacy runners." With no race this year, his status carries over to 2021. Dan will be 87 at the time of the race. Dan, we are all cheering you on.

I received a very nice note from **Elaine Farashian**, who is enjoying her retirement in Newtown Square, PA. We roomed next door to each other senior year in Balentine Hall. We laughed often at the number of times someone would call "Elaine" and we both would answer.

William T. Hanson, better known as Tim, served for almost 25 years in the Air Force, flying both in combat and in peacetime. He retired as a lieutenant colonel and now lives on Cape Cod in the summer and Florida and Texas in the winter. Tim is the author of a memoir titled *Prisoner of Peace*, which is available on your Kindle on Amazon. It is a true and chilling tale involving a mid-air collision of a KC135 tanker. Tim lands the plane without two of the four engines and no rudder control and gets court martialed. That is the teaser you get from me. Tim is donating the proceeds from the sale of his book to our 1963 class fund.

Ron Brown, one of the group who worked so hard on the mini reunion planned for Portland in June of 2020, lives in Casco, ME. He shows no sign of retiring as he is a professional engineer with more than 45 years of professional experience and over 25 years as an independent IT and telecom consultant. He has served for more than a decade as an MTUG (Maine Technology Users Group) board member and is also currently vice chair of the IEEE Communications and Computer Societies in Maine and vice chair of the IEEE Maine Section.

From Farrington Village, NC, **James Rudbeck** '65G checked in to let us know he and Mary are staying busy within their community as their travel plans for the year have gone awry. He continues to play tennis three or four times a week. Jim told me he had the pleasure of meeting John Diamond a few years back when, as he put it, the

men's basketball team had the audacity to play Duke.

Bonnie Bassler Keast moved from California to Exeter, NH, a few years ago. Being back in the area has its benefits, she reported. This summer she visited with **Linda Ellis Bennett** at her cabin on Grand Lake, which also included time with **Lou Clark Ellis**.

As I bring this column to a close, I need to bring Dana Dolloff back into the picture. Besides being our class president, Dana has remained involved with the UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation, which recruits great students to UMaine and gives out scholarships for students interested in the paper industry.

Along with Dana, the following classmates worked together to plan a mini reunion in Portland for 2020: **Marcia Roak Fitzgerald**, **Gail Hoxie Brown**, **Gina Barnes Grogan**, **Irv Marsters** '71G, **Jim Goff**, **Perry Clough**, and **Ron Brown**. The hope is that by the time you read this, there are definite plans for a mini reunion in 2021. Hope to see many of you then. Please stay in touch.

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Our classmate **Bob Clark** reports that he and his high school sweetheart-now-wife, Sandy, are planning to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary in Las Vegas, if this challenging world we are now in allows. Their life has given them three wonderful children and nine grands, who all visit them Down East in Grand Lake during the summer and at Bradenton, FL, during spring break. Their oldest is headed to Iowa State University for his master's in aerospace engineering — fascinating career with the U.S. back in space. Wonder if he has Elon Musk's phone number. Such different career possibilities than

we faced at the beginning of the '60s. He confesses they are still Pat's Pizza customers every time they have a chance — not everything changes!

We will all mourn the loss of **Nancy Barnes Hill**, a '64 grad in sociology who then earned her master's in social work, followed by her Juris Doctorate in 1976. She was a scion of the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs for over 25 years. Respecting the historical focus of her New England upbringing, she was a member of the D.A.R. and the Mayflower Society and was an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina College of Social Work and Florida State's College of Social Work. She lectured in several foreign countries. Nancy was living in Mt. Pleasant, SC, and a member of our Class of '64 Executive Committee with intentions of increasing the scholarship fund. Might be a great way to remember her, if you choose. **Peter Bourque** at peterbourque@myfairpoint.net can tell you how to do that.

A Class of '65 UMO alumnus contacted me about organizing a University of Maine group in San Diego. I only have one person on my list beside myself in SoCal, so if you are here from ANY UMaine class, please let me know so we can group with you, when we can group safely. The experts talk about people of our age being more susceptible to the virus, but I figure they did not trek to classes in minus 12 degrees in a skirt, before pants were allowed! We are strong!

Being a San Diegan, but a New Englander by my early years, I was fascinated to learn that the first-ever San Diego newspaper was issued 170 years ago, published by a tall then-30-year-old Yankee. He was a native of Calais, ME, who after voyaging to Liverpool and back as second mate on one of his father's Calais vessels, joined a newspaper in Boston. In 1848, he, John Judson Ames, went to Baton Rouge, LA, and started a Whig paper during Gen. Zachary Taylor's campaign for the presidency. The story of his sinking boat with all his expensive printing equipment off Baton Rouge, and then losing the second supply in San Francisco during the big

fire, exhibits his typical Yankee determination and grit.

I absolutely need your stories for our next column. Please call, write, or email me; I am always eager to hear about the extraordinary people who were smart enough to choose the University of Maine.

Oh! Our major league baseball team, the San Diego Padres, is featuring an announcer who graduated not long ago from UMaine! As a pro baseball player, **Mark Sweeney** '91 ranks second in career pinch hits with 175 and first in career pinch hit runs batted in with 102. Every touch is so savored.

Let me know your news — I am all ready!

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Greetings from Midcoast Maine!

Following up on my last class notes, with extensive research and help from other classmates, **Jim Jandreau** has concluded that we lost two members of the Class of 1965 in Vietnam:

2nd Lt. **Thomas Bernard Ferguson**, U.S. Marine Corps, who died of wounds as a ground casualty on March 30, 1968. His name is on the Vietnam War Memorial Panel 47E, Line 10.

1st Lt. **Alan Harry Zimmerman**, U.S. Army, who went missing from a helicopter crash on Feb. 2, 1967. His name is on the Vietnam War Memorial Panel 14E, Line 110.

All of our other classmates who served in Vietnam returned home safely.

To honor our fallen heroes, Tom Ferguson and Al Zimmerman, we propose compiling brief biographies and pictures, both of their UMaine days and the military, into a book for the class and giving it a home at Buchanan Alumni House. To that end, please go through your files, think back to our college days, and send



Bob Kittredge '66 (second from left) and longtime British friends visited Highclere Castle, known to Downton Abbey fans as the setting of that popular TV show, in September 2019. Bob met these friends, whom he considers his second family, more than 50 years ago when he worked as an engineer for the U.S. Navy Department. His work as a research engineer regularly took him to the U.K. Bob retired from Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Portsmouth, RI, in 2010. He enjoys travel and fly fishing in his free time.

me your recollections and any photos you might have — high-resolution images if possible.

We also heard from several classmates who shared their experiences in Vietnam and told of crossing paths with others while there, among them **Craig Deakin, Stu Gerald, Don Herrick, Horace Horton, Larry Hower, John Ireland, Jim Jandreau, Axel Larson, Steve Melgard** '71G, **Wayne Robbins, Alan Robertson, Hank Schmelzer, Owen Wells, Joe Weston, Vic Whitehouse** and **Elwyn Wooster**.

Another veteran, Phi Mu Delta brother **Linwood "Woody" Fleischer**, wrote that he attended his first two years in Portland and the last two in Orono. Woody was wounded and injured in Vietnam but recovered. Through the VA, he was able to earn four advanced degrees, including a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. He went on to serve as a school district administrator in several states. He and his wife now live in Connecticut and Surfside, FL, near Miami Beach.

I also heard from veteran **Ed Schultz**, who wrote: "I appear to have made it back safely. While passing through Cam Ranh Bay, on my way back from R&R in Hong Kong, I bumped into classmate **Keith Helmer**,

who was passing through on his way to R&R in Honolulu. Sometimes, it seems like it was only yesterday."

Bill Flahive '67G helped us clear up some confusion about **Paul Lewis Stimpson**, whom he remembered from his UMaine flight class. Paul, Class of 1964, was a first lieutenant in the Army. Bill said Paul died April 22, 1967, he believes in a helicopter crash. Paul had not been in the university's records because he left college early to serve. He is listed there now.

We thank you all for your service and sacrifice.

Got a note from **Richard Bishop**, who is trying to locate **Bill Ahrens** '64. Richard said **Pres Wadsworth** lives not far from him in Portland, OR.

Lisbeth Wiley Chapman, who lives on Cape Cod, wrote that she was able to reopen her Hopper House tours in mid-July with some changes to accommodate COVID-19 rules. Incidentally, one of Edward Hopper's paintings was placed on a postage stamp commemorating Maine's 200th anniversary this year — celebration of which, unfortunately, was postponed.

I also want to pay tribute to my freshman geology professor, Dr. Harold Borns, an internationally renowned glacial

geologist with a fabulous sense of humor who left this life in March at age 92, active until his last days. I wish I had told him how I used what he taught me in an early newspaper assignment when I covered a rock and mineral show in my home state of New Jersey (travel through which, Dr. Borns said in class, "rotted the paint off my car"). And that every time I show a visitor Acadia National Park and other wonders of Maine, I point out the granite batholiths (the term for our rounded, bald mountains) and explain how their lofty peaks were scraped off by the receding mile-high glacier that once covered the state.

Rest in peace, Dr. Borns. You were a great teacher.

Please let me hear from you with your recollections of Tom and Al — and any other news you care to share.

Until next time.

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Hello, fellow 1966 graduates! I have assumed the position of class correspondent for the alumni magazine. Since I agreed to do this close to the deadline for submission for the next one, this column will serve primarily as an introduction to me. I composed the little rap below for my wife, Marge, and my 50th wedding anniversary a few years ago, and hope it will serve as a mini introduction.

After graduate school I was on the faculty at Bowling Green State University for 44 years and am now retired.

Please fire off any news updates you want to share to lmeserv@bgsu.edu. And don't forget, our Reunion, the 55th anniversary of our University of Maine graduation, happens in 2021! Hopefully the pandemic will have passed and we can meet face-to-face.

Best wishes.

Anniversary Rap

Grew up in Maine on a dairy farm,
Sweat on my brow, muscle in my arm.
Went to U. Maine in Animal Sci.,
Gonna learn to be a better dairy farmer if I try.
Junior year Dad sold every cow,
Raising the question, "What the heck do I do now?!"
Learned that hormones were pretty cool,
So off to New Jersey to graduate school.
Lots of folks in Jersey, but I found the best one.
Met Marge on a blind date, son of a gun!
Married in '68 so that was year one.
Today (9/7/18) marks year 50 and we're still havin' fun!

Or at least that was the initial plan of how this column would end! I had such a great response to my initial email blast (14 responses!) that I felt I should include a couple of the newsy ones (stay tuned for others in the summer of '21).

Fraternity brother **Bruce Brockway** reports that he retired from the forest products industry in 2008 and he and wife, **Cheryl Cheetham Brockway** '69, moved from Old Town to Cape Cod to be near daughter Melanie and her family. As with my history of planning to be a dairy farmer and retiring after 44 years of teaching college, **Steve Maines** was a pulp and paper major who didn't set foot in a paper mill but was a professional photographer in Maine and in a number of developing countries for 37 years. He spent a month in tent cities in northern Indonesia after their tsunami. He also wrote and published a book, *Dancing with Spirit, Reflections from the Mirror of Life*.

Perhaps we could start a series: "What I thought I would do with my life when I was in Orono and what actually happened."

My contact at the Alumni Association reminded me that news doesn't have to be at the level of receipt of the Nobel Prize! If you think it's news so will other classmates.



Betty Loew White '68, shown with her miniature horse, Esso, described a childhood experience and compared it to the pandemic:

"I grew up in a suburb of Boston, and when I was five years old, my parents sent me to a day camp. When my buddy from camp came down with polio, they closed the camp. Not long after this, I became very ill with a high temperature. I recall my father carrying me to our car, and driving me to the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. From my hospital room, I could see an iron lung with a patient lying inside it.

"I was in isolation. Few people entered my room because they had to dress in special hospital gowns and wear masks. My mother came

to visit me every day. I was extremely lonely. She told me they thought I might have polio. As it turned out, the lab tests revealed that I did not have polio.

"After a week, I was released from the hospital and was incredibly happy to be back home. But my family did not go anywhere that summer — not to the beach, not to friends' houses to play, not to the theater, and no one came to visit us. Many people throughout the world were coming down with polio. Relief eventually came with the polio vaccine. I remember lining up at school, where we each were given a sugar cube that contained the vaccine."

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Happy 2021, Class of '67. Here's hoping that everyone is well and making the best of these unprecedented times with all the restrictions in our lives.

There was no news shared recently, so we have nothing to report for this column.

Please remember that you don't need to be a best-selling author or summit Mount Everest to appear in this column. We just want to hear from you!

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It was great to hear from **Linda Carr Griffin**, who said that she worked a lot when she was in college. As a paid position, she edited two college yearbooks and worked on the campus weekly newspaper as a layout editor, where she accepted columns from the now-famous fellow-alumnus, **Stephen King** '70, '87 Hon. L.H.D. Linda was an English major and taught English at the high school level in Glenolden, PA, while her first husband, Douglas M. Griffin, attended veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania. Linda resides, once again, in Maine.

It was also great to learn that **Stephen M. August** of Bath has been appointed to serve as treasurer of the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT). KELT is a membership-

supported organization that serves to protect the land, water, and wildlife of the Kennebec estuary. It maintains 12 preserves, which are enjoyed by the public.

A small portion of "Unprecedented Times," which I wrote last spring, appeared in the summer edition of the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. I was asked to share it again. The entire piece is on our class web page; this is an edited version: *Unprecedented Times*

We are waking up each day, doing our chores as usual. Our miniature horse, Esso, and our three Rhode Island Red hens look forward to their breakfast. They greet us with glee. It's good to breathe deeply and enjoy the fresh air. These are the everyday things that go on as normal here in Aroostook County.

But, turn on the radio — COVID-19. This epidemic didn't just creep into our lives. It swept like a plague of locusts from one side of the globe to the other. No one saw it coming this rapidly. Fifteen minutes of the COVID-19 update is all I can stand. This nasty virus is here in northern Maine. I command Alexa to turn off the radio.

I look out the front window and see a school bus pass the house. There are no students aboard the bus, just a sign in the side window that says, "We Love You!" and their lunches, of course; their lunches are on board. The bus stops. A young woman steps off and deposits a lunch onto a neighbor's mailbox for the student who lives there.

I need to buy groceries and pick up a prescription. When I arrive at Walmart, the parking lot is nearly vacant. I sigh with relief as I place my mask onto my face, making sure that my glasses are set outside the edge of the mask, so they don't fog up so readily. I no sooner get into the store when a woman passes me, sighing at the sight of me in my mask and muttering, "Oh, my God!" I must have been a scary reminder of the virus.

When I get out to my car, I take my mask off and wash my hands with some of the rubbing alcohol. Why do I feel as if I am suddenly a surgeon coming from the operating room?

Then I think of my son-in-

law, who is a nurse. They take his temperature before he enters his place of work. My daughter made a mask for him. She used some Mickey Mouse fabric that was left over from one of her former sewing projects. They have a six-year-old daughter who has been home-schooled and doing distance learning with her first-grade class for several months now. She likes to connect with me on Zoom. I never know when she is going to call. It's always a pleasant surprise. One day we had a virtual tea party. She drank a cup of hot chocolate prepared by her mother, my daughter. I drank a cup of green tea and we talked about what our names would be if our names were spelled backwards. She figured hers out right away, "Nylada" and mine "Ytteb." Now we have a secret tea society going on.

I am grateful for the electronic devices that help keep us connected with our friends and loved ones. We are not only able to connect with our family members, but we also connect with some of the other social groups such as our church, knitting groups, and my rug hooking group, as well as a book discussion group.

Stay well, my friends, and stay in touch!

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Hello, classmates. What a year 2020 has been! We hope it has been a healthy year for you. Already, more than a year has passed since our 50th Reunion. Remember to send your news to us or to the alumni office.

Kandyce Plummer Powell (my Alpha Phi sister) received one of the 2020 Maryann Hartman Awards recognizing the inspirational achievements of Maine women. Kandyce has served as executive director of the Maine Hospice Council and Center for End of Life Care in Augusta since 1992. She has lobbied the state legislature where she co-authored two bills, has developed a hospice

program at the Maine State Prison, and has co-chaired the Maine Hospice/Veteran Partnership. In 2018, Kandyce served as a visiting professor at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, where she continued her collaboration focused on humanizing health care.

Peter Brewitt '71G of Kennebunk combined his love of flags and history by hunting for the perfect tree to use as a flagpole at his home. He found a 22-foot pine on his own land, stripped the tree's bark, dried the wood, and made the flagpole on which flies the Maine bicentennial flag, the Maine state flag, and the Maine Merchant and Marine flag.

Susan Cole Zimmerman lives in Woolwich. She is a retired nurse who works as a substitute for nurses and teachers. **Sylvia Lesperance Payeur** lives in Acton.

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I'm going to take the liberty of stealing some words from my friend, **Carol Swaffield Ridlon**: "I attended the Reunion. The best part was the social hour for our class. Actually there were people that I knew — there were only about 12 of us! But it was fun!" Carol listed off a few names like **Patti Nebb Shaw**, **Sally Devereux Ellms**, **Helen Fortin McArdle**, **Frank Tonis**, and **Nancy Clark Gill** — and went on to tell me that she watched a presentation on the new engineering building and a video about **Stephen King's** '87 Hon. L.H.D. book *Hearts in Suspension*. Still really bummed that we all couldn't REALLY get together. Maybe someday, right?

Just a smidge about me. First — please note that I have changed my email address (sudytgraham@gmail.com). Last year, 2020, was quite the year and I can hear most of you mutter, "That's an understatement." Here's my rundown. My oldest daughter is facing a divorce, has three kids, is going back to school, and trying to figure out her future. My middle daughter (who lives close by) needs to work full time while going through nursing school. My youngest daughter (25) and her boyfriend are planning to move to Maine in May (she's leaving me! Actually, she's begging us to follow!). Then there's my husband, Chuck. On July 25th he was airlifted to a hospital in Grand Junction (four hours away). He was severely anemic due to bleeding ulcers and had rejected the blood they were trying to give him here. After tests and three doctors working together, they realized that it was his heart — and that he had been having heart attacks for some time. Not to elaborate, Chuck ended up having a triple heart bypass and valve repair. COVID added a whole new dimension. Yup — 2020 was quite the year!

I received a book in the mail a couple of weeks ago, just out of the blue! I was so excited when I saw what it was and whom it was from! Do any of you remember — a few columns back — my writing about a classmate who rode her horse from Bethel, ME to Jordan, MT? She wrote a book about the experience and sent me a copy! Thank you, **Karla Edmunds Christensen**! I cannot wait to lose myself in its pages! Big hug! Here's the name of Karla's book (hoping that many of you will pick up a copy. I mean — how many of us have done something like this?): *Horseback! Maine to Montana* by Karla Christensen.

Lynn Hillman Furstrand '80G sent us an interesting update. In 2009 she established her own school called The Hawley Institute, which serves both children and adults. I am going to go ahead and directly quote what Lynn wrote. "Every student is either from a foreign country or is the child of parents

who are from a foreign country. I offer lots of ESL but also help in completing undergraduate or graduate degrees; passing the TOEFL, Cambridge, and other exams; achieving equity for students in the public schools. It is the most rewarding experience I have ever had." Thank you for sending us an update, Lynn!

Please let us hear from you — how you are surviving all this craziness — and how you are doing (even if it's just a sentence or two — well, maybe three or four)!

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Hello and good health to everyone in our class and their families. This year has turned out to be a difficult one, to be sure. Those of us who live rather quiet lives are grateful indeed to have a place to be among the pines and birches here in Maine. Our usual summer home full of visitors had to be restricted this summer and fall because of the COVID-19 virus. No one imagined that this would happen all over the world, and we, like all of you, are astounded at the changes in everyone's travel and vacation plans. We are sending good thoughts your way, and hoping that you have been able to remain in good health throughout this horrible time.

Hal Booth was at our planning meeting for Reunion 2021, when we planned pre-pandemic for the event. He is still living in Hallowell and he happened to mention that his father graduated from the University of Maine in 1941, and his daughter Helen graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 2004. USM, as it is now called, has grown into an amazing place that you might want to look into as a choice for a friend or a family member. I can't even begin to tell you all of the programs that now exist here in the Portland area, but

I'm sure that you recall losing all of our nursing students after two years so that they could finish in Portland. Now we have a very select full-time program in Portland and another one in Orono. Ah, so many changes in only 50 years!

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This was an exciting summer and early fall for our family. Our first grandchild was born in August. He and his family are doing well. As those of you who have grandchildren know, it is the most wonderful feeling in the world. I can't wait to watch him grow. We were fortunate to be able to spend two weeks in Maine in early September, spending some time with him and enjoying Maine's beauty.

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A fellow retiree is **Barbara Koeritz Wentworth**, who retired

in 2020 after working as president and CEO of the United Way of York County. Barb will be greatly missed and will miss the wonderful people that she worked with.

It was so great to hear from **Mary Ann Chute Huff**, all the way from Oregon (Maine without snow, as she affectionately calls it). Mary Ann is also planning on retiring partially now with plans to transition to full retirement in the next two years. She plans to use the time to travel (once COVID restrictions end) and get settled back on the farm where their children were raised. Currently the farm consists of just chickens, a cat, and visiting daughter and granddaughter. Plans are to add more critters and a garden. I can identify with these same plans myself.

Hopefully we will be able to meet up in person for our 50th Reunion and see what we have all been able to accomplish in retirement.

In April, **Bob Van Peurse** was named to the Brewer High School Hall of Fame. Bob was both a track and field star there and starting halfback on their 1970 Class A state championship football team. While at Brewer he set a PVC record in the 440-yard run that stood for 46 years, and was the 1971 state champ in the same event. He ran track at UMaine for four years, where he set the indoor 600-yard record. Congratulations.

Patricia Longabucco Bishop sent an update: "After graduating from UMO with a B.S., I went on to receive my M.S. degree in wildlife biology from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, NY. I worked at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany, NY, for 30 years as a research scientist conducting studies on agricultural nonpoint source pollution and ways to control it. I was the department's expert on this topic and was invited to the UK and EU to give presentations on our work in the NYC watersheds that documented the effectiveness of agricultural best management practices for nonpoint source pollution on stream water quality.

"After retiring in 2010, I went on to work part time for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and, currently, The Humane Society of the U.S., as a scientist researching and advocating for the reduction, and eventual elimination, of the use of animals in chemical safety testing. I live in the country outside of Albany with my husband, two cats, an elderly German Shepherd, and a Friesian horse with whom I compete in dressage!"

I would love to hear news from

others who may also be retiring and starting new plans, moves, or enjoying new grandchildren. Please email news to me at schweitzer53@yahoo.com.

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Hello, '76ers,

Winter is upon us and we've just ended a very challenging year. I hope you all are safe and well as we look forward to what should be better times.

Steven Snow writes that he retired last July from Georgia-Pacific Gypsum in Newington, NH. He is an avid runner competing in Masters track and field. He noted that his track club broke the national record for the 4x100 relay. He also placed second in the long jump and fifth in the 100m dash at the USATF Masters National Championship.

Anthony "Tony" DiBiase has been inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Tony was an All-Maine, all-tourney and All-SMAA player for the Westbrook Blue Blazes in 1972. After graduating from UMaine he coached in Machias, Noble, Gorham, Portland, South Portland, Gray-New Gloucester, and Scarborough high schools and St. Joseph's College. He coached nine Western Maine finals and won four gold balls. He has amassed more than 500 career wins.

Last May **Steve Vanidestine '81G**, athletic administrator at Bangor High School, was selected as Maine Athletic Administrators Association Robert Lahey Athletic Administrator of the Year for 2020.

The *Bangor Daily News* reported in April that Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Court **Leigh Ingalls Saufley** was stepping down after 20 years as head of the state's court system to become dean of the University of Maine School of Law in Portland.

Nora Griffin-Shirley, professor and director of Texas Tech University's Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Sensory Disabilities, received the 2020 Lawrence E. Blaha Award from the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

It is the highest award that the association's Orientation & Mobility Division can bestow, honoring people for exemplary behavior

in the field of orientation and mobility, outstanding contributions to the profession, and dedication to serving people with visual impairments. Congratulations!

Finally, this past Patriots Day, April 2020 would have been my 10th consecutive running of the Boston Marathon, but like so many events and activities it was canceled due to the pandemic. To keep my streak going I ran 35 three-quarter-mile loops around my neighborhood to make my 26.2 miles!

Until next time, stay well and please take a moment and send me an email to include in our next column.

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Hello, everyone! When I wrote our last column back in March I never imagined what the next few months would bring. Yet, here we are with masks, distancing, gallons of hand sanitizer, and now planning Zoom holiday dinners with family. I sincerely hope each of you is well, both physically and emotionally.

Thanks to **Jacqueline Murphy Luciano** of Ocala, FL, for sending an update. She and several University of Maine friends had hoped to have a mini reunion this year to celebrate their milestone birthdays but the virus prevented that. Instead, **Bob Sherlock** in Illinois set up a Zoom meeting that included **Heather Sutherland '79G** in Canada, **John and Janet White Schwanda** in Maine, and **Diane Krause and Marilyn Adkins Ozelius**, both in Massachusetts. Jacqueline writes of the event, "It was such a joy to see much-missed faces, laugh at silly things again, and reminisce about when the world was a whole lot simpler at Orono. Hoping that next year we will be able to have a belated celebration. Black Bears forever!"

I also received a note from **Mike Doble**, who retired in April from Raytheon as director of corporate relations. Before that he had been with a public relations firm in Washington, DC, and prior to that served in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel assigned to the Army Chief of Staff, or as Mike puts it, "the 4-star who runs the Army." His most recent retirement afforded him the opportunity to finish writing



Austin Watts '78 has spent 19 years since first doing a century (bicycling 100 miles in a day), and this past August he did three centuries in a week, and got to 100 lifetime centuries. Austin is a mechanical engineer, working for Watts Engineering, and also consults with SAPPI at the Somerset and the Westbrook mills. He took advantage of the slowdown in his work due to COVID-19 to spend more time on his bike. His usual century route takes him through Monmouth, Wiscasset, Bath, and Bowdoin. Austin is married to Helen Caswell Watts '83. Their daughter Sarah Watts '13 took this photo after Austin completed his 100th ride.

his first novel, *On the Hot Seat*. Check it out.

Richard Rosen was hired by Maine Maritime Academy in Castine to serve as vice president for financial and institutional services. He is working with another class member, MMA president **William Brennan '02 Ph.D.**

David Cole '78G of Brewer has retired as city manager of Ellsworth, a position he held for the last five years.

Steve Hewins stepped down as president/CEO of Hospitality Maine in December. He previously headed the Maine Restaurant Association and Maine Innkeepers Association, which merged in 2018. Steve helped Hospitality Maine navigate through the pandemic, during which Maine lost thousands of jobs in the tourism and hospitality industry.

He plans to focus on Hospitality Maine's educational foundation.

"I am especially passionate about the need for a sustainable education and career pathway to develop the new generation of hospitality professionals needed in the post-COVID economy," he said.

Listeners of Maine Public Radio will miss the live broadcasts of **Sara Crafts Willis's** program of

contemporary music "In Tune." Sara retired from Maine Public this fall, after 20 years of hosting the program. An audio stream of "In Tune" and archived programs can still be heard on mainepublic.org.

Lynne McKenney Lydick has been an active volunteer at Abby's House in Worcester, MA, for over 20 years, serving on the board of directors and its human resource and nominating committee. She has given generously of her time and talent to promote the mission of Abby's House, providing shelter and affordable housing as well as advocacy and support services to homeless, battered, and low-income women.

Lynne was awarded the 2020 Annette Rafferty Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies the values of Abby's House and its founder. Lynne has also shared her time and talents with other organizations including the Worcester Public Schools, the League of Women Voters, almost 20 years with the Jane Fund of Central Massachusetts, and for the last 22 years, the Worcester Women's History Project. Congratulations, Lynne!

To each and every one of you,

Black Bears all, and to your families, I wish you much better times in 2021. Stay healthy and stay strong!

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Hello and how are you all surviving our new socially distant normal? I'd love to hear how you are managing these most unusual of times. How are you staying in touch with your loved ones? Are you working from home, and if so, do you miss your co-workers? Do you have Zoom fatigue? I know I do!

Our classmate, **Martha Shultz Poliquin**, ran for the Maine State Senate from District 22, which includes her hometown of Lisbon, as well as eight other neighboring communities. Her main concerns include property tax relief, affordable health care, and senior care. Her 98-year-old father lives with her, which she says has given her a front row seat to the issues involved in providing support for our aging population. Her other areas of focus include climate change, the environment, renewable energy, and funding for public education. "I'm very optimistic and really excited to knock on doors and hear what issues are important in the other eight communities I haven't met yet," she said in a pre-election interview with the *Times Record* newspaper.

Bob Steneck was honored with the 2020 UMaine Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award for his work on ecosystem dynamics. An article from the *Boothbay Register* describes Bob as an "internationally recognized marine ecologist whose research expertise ranges from coral reefs and kelp forests to fisheries and marine conservations and management." His work has contributed to our understanding of the ecological and socioeconomic consequences of fishing, including the shift from groundfish to the crustacean-dominated Gulf of Maine fishery — and this is just a small sample of his research. In looking forward, Bob stressed, "Never before have we needed marine scientists more, in order to keep our fingers on the pulse of our rapidly changing ocean. Nowhere is this more important than the Gulf of Maine, where we see weather,

climate change, and invasive species rapidly changing the ecosystem and the economic landscape." Congratulations, Bob, on the recognition of your work.

Here's my regular plea: if you don't send it, I can't include it. So come on, '78ers, please let me know you're out there!

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I am writing this on a lovely September day. Here's hoping that everyone is healthy and happy and that we see an end to this COVID nightmare soon.

On to positive news!

Dale T. Phillips, who took writing classes from **Stephen King** '70, '87 L.H.D. during his tenure at the University of Maine, has three new books out, available in fine bookstores or online at daletphillips.com. They are *Neptune City*, *Deadly Encounters*, and *The Return of Fear*.

Kennebunk High School is missing **Brian Dill** in the classroom and on the football field and baseball diamond this school year. Brian retired after 41 years of coaching and teaching. He worked as a special education teacher and as assistant football coach and varsity baseball coach. His colleagues and former players praised him for his patience, calm demeanor, and ability to relate to the students.

John D. "JD" Martin has joined his younger twin brothers **Konrad** '89 and **Kevin** as the chief financial officer at their company, Tech Advisors of Medfield, MA. Before joining Tech Advisors JD had a long career as director of finance in Virginia public schools. He also owned his own CPA firm in Blue Hill, ME, for 16 years. He now lives in Virginia with his wife, Tracy, who teaches first grade. They have three grown children.

Lee Dellicker recently sold his Massachusetts-based construction management business, Windover Construction, to his employees through an ESOP transaction. Windover is now 100 percent employee owned. Lee and his family have relocated to Charleston, SC. Lee remains on the board of Windover and will stay on as an advisor and advocate for the



Julia Holmes O'Neill '81 joined Moderna Therapeutics in Cambridge, MA, and is contributing to readying the Moderna COVID vaccine for full-scale manufacturing and distribution at facilities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and other sites.

next few years.

Farm Credit East, a financial products and services business, recently announced the retirement of **Fred Morton** after 40 years of service. Fred began his career as a loan officer and concluded it as executive vice president and regional manager, overseeing five offices, two in Maine as well as offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. He has also served in leadership roles for a number of industry organizations including serving as a director on the Maine Forest Products Council and the University of Maine's Board of Agriculture.

Bob Whalen '86G has been the coach of Dartmouth's baseball team for 31 seasons. Under his leadership, Dartmouth has accumulated 600 victories, a record that puts him fourth among Ivy League coaches at one school in any sport. Bob has also led his teams to two Ivy titles, 11 Red Rolfe Division crowns, and 77 first-team All-Ivy and All-EIBL selections, plus sent 28 players to the professional ranks. He played college baseball under head coach John Winkin at UMaine from 1976 to 1979, appearing on the school's 1976 College World Series team. Bob began his college coaching career prior to the start of the 1982 season as an assistant at UMaine. He coached at Maine through the end of the 1989 season and was associate head coach for his final three seasons there. During his tenure, UMaine reached four College World Series.

Chris Decker '99G is a retired educator from Turner, ME. He has worked as a teacher at Turner Elementary School, as principal at Rumford Elementary School, and assistant principal at Mountain Valley High School.

Please feel free to send news of

your doings! It would be especially interesting, I think, to hear how you all are coping with social distancing, staying home, and Zooming. Share your tales!

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Hello, Class of 1980! As I sit here working on this column, I am amazed that we have been out of college 40 years! With the world that we are living in now, mass gatherings just are not happening; however I continue to hope that we will be able to have a reunion sometime soon.

Class president **Rick Knowlton** wrote this message last fall:

"Congratulations on our 40th Class Reunion! I hope that you are safe and healthy.

"I did raise a stein to UMaine and to fond memories of our time in Orono on Homecoming weekend!

"This Reunion marks our 20th year of granting annual scholarships from the Class of 1980 Scholarship Fund. Forty descendants of our class have received awards totaling over \$18,000, but the need is so much greater. As a reunion class, donations to the class fund this year will qualify for a matching grant from the UMaine Foundation. I ask you to join me in making a contribution to the Class of 1980 Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact **Dee Gardner** '89 at the UMaine Foundation."

Steve Dunwoody reached out, and shared his memories of being on the University of Maine swim team. Steve notes, "We had such a strong team in 1978!" Steve also remembers those early 5 AM practices!

Karen Hart has retired from Skowhegan Savings Bank after 37 years of service. Karen is a Farmington native, and resides in Smithfield with her husband, Steve. She enjoys just about anything the Maine outdoors has to offer, and enjoys spending time with her two grown children, Andrew and Alexandra.

The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce recently awarded **Robert Kieffer** the Lifetime Achievement Award. Rob is the agency manager for United Insurance Kieffer Agency, located in Caribou. Rob's daughters Alison Kieffer, Lydia Kieffer-Till, and

Ginger Kieffer '17 presented the award to him. They noted that in addition to running his business for 39 years, their father has been involved with numerous community organizations and has served on many local boards.

Thomas Fox, former professor of forestry at Virginia Tech, has been conferred the title of the Honorable Garland Gray Professor Emeritus by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. The emeritus title may be conferred on retired professors, associate professors, and administrative officers who are recommended to the board by the president of Virginia Tech in recognition of exemplary service to the university. Thomas was a member of the Virginia Tech community from 2000-2017. He made significant contributions to the field of forestry through his work in forest soils and silviculture that focused on intensive plantation management.

Brent Colbry G retired in June. Brent was the superintendent of Maine School Administrative District (MSAD) 54. Have fun in your retirement, Brent.

Forty years, and it seems like only yesterday! Share your memories with your classmates.

We would love to hear from you. Be safe and well.

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Well, that was a hell of a year, wasn't it?! Although I write this column with about three months to go in 2020, I think it is safe to lead with that line. And it's certainly my hope that things will be looking much better on many fronts by the time you are reading this! We've all had to change our routines and become hermits of sorts (which is sure difficult for some of us!), and we've been left wondering what the new normal will be — and when it will arrive.

Hoping our beloved UMaine campus will return to more normal operations during the spring and that we may be able to gather for Homecoming 2021, our 40th Reunion (yikes!). Stay tuned for more on that subject!

We have a number of classmates who are doing great

things in the medical field, and one who is directly involved with working on a vaccine for COVID-19. **Julia Holmes O'Neill** is working with Moderna Therapeutics in Cambridge, MA, as a Distinguished Fellow, CMC Statistics Lead. She writes that she is "deeply involved with preparing the COVID vaccine for full-scale manufacturing and distribution, among other things."

She had been doing consulting work through her company, Direxa, but said this opportunity was too interesting to pass up. Indeed. She was fortunate to work remotely from her camp in East Machias this past summer, which made her six-day workweeks a bit more bearable! We thank you, Julia, for your work on this important vaccine — a huge step along the way to returning our country to normalcy.

Sad news to report on Dr. **Alison Poulin**, who passed away on July 13th, 2020. Alison grew up in South China. After attending UMaine, she married and had two children. In 1993, she moved to North Carolina to attend dental school. She practiced dentistry in that area until 2013, when she moved back to Bangor to run the dental practice where she got her start as a dental assistant nearly 30 years before. Gone way too soon — our hearts go out to her family and friends.

On a brighter note, **Linda Rice** has gone from growing up in Orono, to Broadway, and back to Maine on North Pond. This theater major had an interesting career in NYC, working with wigs and hair on Broadway, and then a stint on *Saturday Night Live* for 14 seasons. At SNL, she would have just days to design wigs for the show's characters each week. During those years at SNL, she was able to spend summers on North Pond in Smithfield, where her family had a seasonal camp. It was during that time that she started volunteering around the lake and soon became a tireless, self-taught crusader against invasive plants that choke Maine lakes. She's logged 10-hour days as a boat inspector, making sure boats entering North Pond aren't carrying milfoil or other threatening plants. She also visits lakefront property owners to help them figure out how to slow erosion and runoff into the lake, and patrols area lakes by canoe or kayak looking for invasive species. She was honored with the Lakes Lobbyist Award from the 2020 Source Sustainability Awards. Congrats, Linda, and thanks for your dedication to keeping our lakes crystal clear!

Kevin Buckley works with a company called DS Graphics/Universal Wilde in Westwood, MA. The business handles a range of digital print, print-on-demand, direct



U.S. Army Col. Herbert Joliat '85, a 30-year veteran, is stationed in Iraq for his sixth deployment. He is currently attached to the U.S. Consulate at the Embassy in Erbil, Iraq, where he heads an initiative combining civil affairs and promoting good will among the Iraqi population through the schools, supplying needed resources. When not deployed, he resides in Brewer, ME.

mail services, and other services. Kevin helps to connect clients and customers.

Congrats to fellow public management grad, **Bill Fraser**, who became the Northeast regional vice president for the International City/County Management Association for a three-year term. Bill is the longtime city manager in Montpelier, VT. You've come a long way from those Delta Upsilon days, Bill! Any other classmates out there who hung out with us in North Stevens Hall who are still working in municipal government? My career took a different path, as I sort of fell into television advertising 36+ years ago and just celebrated the fifth anniversary of operating my own agency, bbd marketing llc.

I'm surprised not to have more news, since we've all been stuck at home far too much in the past year. I encourage you to send along news via email and to also connect with classmates on our Facebook page. We really need to build our following there, as it's a great platform on which to share news "as it happens," along with photos and event announcements. Please, invite other classmates whom you are in touch with to join! We also have done a sad job of building our class scholarship fund. I'd welcome your donations and thoughts on rallying the troops as we head toward our 40th Reunion. Let's hope — we'll be raising our steins together once again!

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How things have changed since the last alumni update. I hope all our fellow members of the Class of '82 and their families are safe and well. New Hampshire has so far avoided the degree of impact that so many other states have experienced, though, unfortunately, the effects have been most devastating to the elderly, especially nursing home residents. We all hope for an end to the pandemic soon — in the meantime, keep wearing those masks.

My wife, Karen, and I were fortunate to be able to get away for a week in Maine this summer. While most out-of-state visitors were required to observe a 14-day quarantine upon arrival, the rule exempted visitors from New Hampshire. We spent a lovely week on Arrowsic Island, offering easy access to the beach at Reid State Park, which was not at all crowded during the week. We also enjoyed take-out meals from some of our favorite restaurants in Bath. While in Maine, we took a side trip to Orono to visit the UMaine campus. It was a bittersweet visit, as the campus was empty and everything locked down. But it brought back a flood of great memories and hope that normalcy will return soon.

Bret Vicary G. '86 Ph.D. was honored with the 2020 President's Award from the Association of Consulting Foresters of America. Bret is president and CEO of

Sewall Forestry & Natural Resource Consulting, LLC. The award recognizes his "demonstrated professional excellence in helping to bring professional tree appraisal practices up to the standards of acceptable practices" according to the award committee. Publisher of the 10th edition of the *Guide for Plant Appraisal* and principal author of the NCREIF Timberland Committee's *Best Appraisal Practices*, Bret is a faculty associate at UMaine and a frequent speaker at timber investment conferences worldwide.

Want some tips on photographing the heavens? **John Meader** was featured in a *Bangor Daily News* article last July highlighting his amazing photos of the newly discovered comet NEOWISE over the northern skies. John is an astronomy educator and photographer from Fairfield, ME. Since 1987 he has operated the Northern Stars Planetarium, a portable "star dome" that he takes to elementary and middle schools throughout Maine, reaching around 18,000 students each year. Previously, he worked in the planetarium at the Francis Malcolm Science Center in Easton, ME. Hopefully, you got a chance to see NEOWISE last summer — John says it won't be back for 6,800 years!

It's so fascinating to learn about the different paths our classmates have taken since UMaine. Have any news of your own or just want to share what's new in your life? If you have anything to share, or just want to give a shout out to your classmates, please drop me a line.

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Hi, Class of '83. I didn't receive any news for this column. Please communicate via email, phone, or Facebook and let your classmates know what you're doing. Where are you living, working, and what are you doing in your free time?

Let's hope that 2021 brings positive changes, good health, and new adventures for us all.

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Hello, classmates!

I hope that 2021 is a happy, fun-filled year for all of you. May we be able to put COVID-19 behind us. Although dealing with the pandemic created some upheaval in our lives, I was energized by the logistical challenges in dealing with my business and working with clients remotely. I enjoyed having fewer social obligations and more free time last summer and fall. Most importantly, however, I am relieved we have stayed safe and healthy.

I started my freshman year at Maine in the fall of 1980 — 40 years ago (!) — as did many of you. On August 31, 2020 (a beautiful late summer day) I drove to Orono to have lunch with a friend. Afterward, I walked around campus to reminisce and compare campus today to what it looked like in August 1980. One of the biggest changes, of course, is the addition of a number of new buildings since



Kim Akeley-Charron '89 has served as executive director of Thompson Education Foundation in Loveland, CO, since 2012. In that capacity, she works to increase the foundation's support and provide for exceptional educational experiences for students in the Thompson School District.

we left UMaine in 1984. Notable of these are the Collins Center for the Arts, the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, and the New Balance Student Recreation Center. I also went by the construction site of the \$78 million Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center, which will provide much improved learning space for engineering students. There were very few students on campus due to the pandemic restrictions, but the majority of those I saw were walking with their heads down looking at their phones,

oblivious to the world around them. As I stood by the Black Bear statue at the Fieldhouse, I looked down the mall to Fogler Library. I realized that the little elms that were planted when we were freshmen to replace the majestic elms lost to Dutch elm disease have now grown to be large, beautiful elms. I walked down the mall basking in the sun-dappled shade of those elms. I really wanted to twirl around and throw my hat up in the air like Mary Tyler Moore. I doubt the students would have noticed as they stared at their phones.

The *Bangor Daily News* printed a series of stories last spring and summer about former UMaine athletes, talking with them about their time at UMaine and their subsequent careers. One of the interviews was with **Bill Swift**. After playing baseball in the major leagues, Bill coached at Scottsdale Christian Academy and Arizona Christian University. He and his wife live in Paradise, AZ, and have three daughters. My favorite part of the story was that his two older daughters run a wedding planning business, and he and his wife will sometimes make the five and a half-hour drive to help them. I thought that was sweet.

Sherree Dubendris Craig is now a licensed insurance consultant in Maine. She is a senior account executive in the benefits division at Allen Insurance and Financial. Sherree also holds Fellowship standing in the International Society of Certified Employee Benefit Specialists and an advanced certification in self-funding from the National Association of Health Underwriters. Way to go, Sherree!

I received an email from **Pat Dunn**, who has relocated to San Francisco, CA, where he is the compliance program manager for UJET. His job challenges include developing a business continuity program from the ground up, and writing the pandemic plan, including a back-to-work plan in an ever-changing pandemic and political environment. He is hoping to touch base with fellow alumni in the Northern California area, so if you live there, look him up!

I saw lovely photos on Facebook of many of you dealing with the pandemic. **Rich Vannozi '06G** had a great vegetable garden. **Diana Douglas Nye** made incredible COVID cocktails, every single day for months! Even though they were "stuck" at home, they made the best of it. I would love to know what you are up to this winter. I'm sure many of you have postponed trips and adventures. I want to know, where will you go when you can travel again? Email me your replies and I will share them in my

next column. Join us next time to read where I will be going! In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy!

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I am writing this column when I should be gearing up to visit with you at UMaine Homecoming and our 35th Reunion; another special event that has taken a back seat to COVID-19. Better days are ahead, and we will be together soon!

Congratulations to **Tracie Littlefield Martin**, who was honored by the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association with a Distinguished Service Award for the Downeast Athletic Conference. Tracie is the athletic director and a physical education teacher at Narraguagus Jr./Sr. High School in Harrington, ME.

If you need a dose of Maine beauty, check out Scene by Dewey on Facebook and scenebydewey.com. **Darryl Hendricks** is the director of information technology for Preti Flaherty and a part-time nature photographer. Dewey and his wife, **Holly Holman Hendricks**, also '85, live in South Portland.

Change brings opportunity. Drop me an email and let us all know how you navigated 2020 and your plans for the new year.

Fill the Steins with your favorite beverage and celebrate 35 years of friendships and happy UMaine memories — the college of our hearts always!

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Greetings, Class of 1986! It was a beautiful summer here in Maine, in spite of the pandemic. Boating, bicycling, walking, gardening, grilling — I had plenty of it. As some of you know, I have been "staying home and saving lives" since 2013, when I made a conscious decision



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to telecommute to my job and live a simpler life in this smaller place. My life has not changed tremendously due to the virus. I've turned over no new leaves other than the ones in my back yard; I've made no resolutions, and read no epic novels. (I read *War and Peace* in 2011 and *Atlas Shrugged* in 2012.) Reading epic novels is not a bad thing and I hope many of you are spending this unusual time doing so. Reading great works of literature taught me that throughout history, humanity has moved forward by living fearlessly. And that is what I'm doing. You do the same.

Meanwhile in the midst of this pandemic, **Davia Pickett Knowlton** retired from Bangor's Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center after nearly 50 years in nursing. She had worked at the hospital since 1977, primarily in labor and delivery, welcoming thousands of Maine babies into the world. Well done, Davia, and may your retirement be as interesting as your professional life.

Glendon Rand, longtime cross country and track and field coach for the Brewer (ME) Witches, was honored with the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Lawrence Labrie State Distinguished Service Award. An accomplished distance runner and coach, he was also selected for the Maine Running Hall of Fame in July. Congratulations, and keep running!

Rick Nickerson's '99G name frequently graces this humble column and he's at it again. In April, he was named artistic director for the 2020-21 season of the Maine Music Society. The Maine Music Society likes to say they are "making music soar" and despite the cancellation of the 2020-2021 season, Rick has been working tirelessly to continue that spirit on social media.

Stay fearless, Class of 1986!

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Hi, Class of '87. How's your quarantine going?

It's hard to believe how much the world has changed since I last sat down to write our class notes.

I've been driving my daughter to work in Boston to avoid public transit. In April, what would normally be a 30-40 minute trip



Three alumnae recently collaborated on the children's book *Black Bear's Adventure*. Twin sisters (left to right) Lisa Joy Jones '89 and Laurie Joy Miller '90 co-illustrated the book that Emily Theriault Leonard '90 (far right) wrote about her 2015 experience hiking the Appalachian Trail. Emily's trail name was Black Bear. She said, "My trail name wasn't just because I like bears. It's because I am a UMaine Black Bear at heart, and I like bears." The book is available online and on Emily's website, emilysescapades.com/.

could take as little as 15 minutes!

Then the traffic came back!

We continue to see a decline in news articles being published and thus a decline in material to write about in these alumni articles.

Please feel free to email your news to me at: anagelin@verizon.net. Have you retired? Have all the kids graduated from college? Life is constantly changing and as our class approaches the empty-nest and retirement years, those changes seem to accelerate.

Remember, it doesn't have to be about a big promotion or that you were selected for Mission Mars!

Congratulations to **Dan Tremble**, who is currently serving as chair of the Bangor City Council. Dan is no stranger to the Bangor City Council, having served previous terms, including a time as council chair. He was treasurer for Penobscot County for a dozen years. Dan owns and operates Bangor's Fairmount Market.

Roberta Hersom was named superintendent of MSAD 49 in Fairfield. Roberta has been in education for 26 years and has been with MSAD 49 for the past 21 years. She has been a teacher, principal, and assistant to the superintendent.

She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this challenging position.

Roberta is a prime example of how valuable UMaine is in providing leaders for our local and state organizations.

In these challenging times, any educational leader committed to their students and faculty has been working overtime to make sure a sound plan is in place to

allow students to learn and to keep everyone safe.

If you are an educator, tell me how it's going for you and I'll try to include your experience in our next class notes.

Please be safe so you can read our next article!

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It goes without saying we are all trying to figure out our new normal as I type this update on my iPad while I sit in Eliot, ME. My wife, Kim, and I just helped move our son, Turner, back to campus at Orono, where he began his junior year. We also took a short family trip in August to move our older son, **Bryant Goodenough** '20, to Michigan Tech in the Upper Peninsula, where he will pursue a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

James Hodgkin G was hired as the new superintendent of the Winthrop Public Schools and began his new position in July 2020. With 34 years of experience in school administration, James has been the principal of Houlton Middle and High School, served for eight years in the Gardiner-based Regional School Unit 4, and six years in the former Mexico-based MSAD 43. James earned his bachelor of science in secondary education

from the University of Maine at Farmington, and both his master's degree in educational administration and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from the University of Maine.

Russ Sossong '92G, and his wife, **Dawn Harris Sossong** '91, discovered his uncle's special "O" sweater, which he received from Orono High School as a recipient of the Frederick T. Burpee Award decades ago. The award recognizes a student at Orono High School who best demonstrates the ideals of outstanding sportsmanship, team spirit, courtesy, and team-oriented work ethic.

After finding the sweater when they were cleaning out Russ's uncle's house, they decided it needed to be returned to the school, where it could be prominently displayed for all to appreciate.

I was on campus in August and imagined how the restart of school and traffic patterns on and around the mall and student union would be so different. I'm hoping the resilience of our students will shine during these crazy times.

I would love to hear from you — please email, text, call, or send me a message on Facebook.

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Hello all,

School is back in session, in one form or the other. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the work our Class of 1989 University of Maine-trained teachers and health care providers are doing during these unprecedented times.

I know **Kimberly White Silsby** is leading the staff and students as principal of Augusta's Cony Middle and High Schools. **Cathy Healy** is teaching in person in Virginia.

Lisa Bourbon McKenney is teaching in Texas. **Heather Lucas Zachau** is teaching in Freeport, ME, and **Sarah Simmonds** is teaching in Falmouth, ME. Together these women have about 120 years combined experience in the classrooms and no doubt have had to pivot to keep those students masked, six feet apart, or engaged online while continuing to provide quality education. I know there are many more out there, too, and I want to say you are appreciated

for all of your efforts. This crew started with chalkboards, jumped to Whiteboards, then SMART Boards, and now, when needed, they teach virtually as well. Back in 1985-1989 when these versatile women were riding the Professional Preparation Team buses to local area schools, and student teaching in a community in Maine, they could never have imagined the challenges they would face this year. Hats off to you and all the others in our class who are essential to our society, including University of Maine-trained nurses, doctors, public health, and other health care professionals facing the front lines of COVID-19. Thank you!

From the *Bangor Daily News* —
Jeff Ramich, of Brunswick (Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference) received the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) Distinguished Service Award.

Tony C. McKim, president and CEO of First National Bank, has been elected to The Worthington Scholarship Foundation board of directors. The Worthington Scholarship was founded by David Beverly Worthington of Spruce Head Island. Currently 230 students are receiving \$4,000 annual, renewable scholarships. It is intended to help students afford and be successful in a community or four-year college. Says Tony, "I know first-hand how a college education can help our Maine youth achieve their dreams. With scholarships and guidance, the Foundation can have a great impact on Maine's future." Visit worthingtonsscholars.org for more information.

From the *Kennebec Journal* —
Patricia McKenzie '97G, administrator for Kennebec Behavioral Health's outpatient and substance abuse services, was honored by the Peer Support Specialist Network of Maine for her service to Maine's Peer Support Community. "She has been a loyal supporter of the Intentional Peer Support Program and to many in the peer community for many years ... Pat is a champion advocate, promoting the expansion of peer services throughout behavioral health and health care settings," said award presenter Kelly Staples, the facilitator of the Certified Peer Support Specialists program. Kennebec Behavioral Health was founded in 1960 and operates clinics in Waterville, Skowhegan, Winthrop, Augusta, and Farmington. More information at kbhmaine.org.

Kim Akeley-Charron grew up in northern Maine, and earned a degree in art history with a public relations concentration. She served as membership coordinator at the UMaine Alumni Association for two



Nancy L. Chapman '90 reported that she dropped off her son, Chappy, at Penobscot Hall for the start of his college experience "34 years after I moved in as a freshman." Nancy directs the project office for supervisor of shipbuilding in Bath, ME.

years, and after moving to Colorado, she worked as cultural events/marketing coordinator for the City of Loveland's Cultural Service Department for almost a decade. For the past nine years she has been executive director of Thompson Education Foundation in Loveland, CO. She and her husband enjoy traveling, watching their sons create their own paths in life, and spending time with their Mini Retriever puppy Mayze.

Stay healthy, dear classmates.
Please send me news.

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Thinking of you and your families during this unprecedented crazy time and wishing you all well.

Our oldest child, Kayla, is at UMaine! She is living in Penobscot Hall, the same dorm and floor where **Sheri Badger** and I lived our sophomore year. Sheri and I believe that Kayla is in the same room as our then-next door dorm neighbor and friend, **Rich Cleary**. We know she will love UMaine as we did.

Speaking of roommates, **Amy Daviau Brockner G** recently emailed me. It was great to hear from her after so many years. She recently became the assistant superintendent for instruction in

the district she works in, located in the state of New York. Amy has two sons.

Peter Chase '92G also emailed me with his news. Peter and his wife, Jenny, just completed their 20th year at The Pennington School, a college prep school for students in 6th-12th grades, located in Pennington, NJ. Peter teaches German. The 2020-2021 school year marks the first year that all four Chases will be at Pennington. Jenny is an associate in the Office of Admission, their son Nikolas is in 10th grade, and their son Bryson is in 6th grade. Peter will be filming lessons for the College Board for AP German Language and Culture. In the summer of 2020, he also began writing two columns for the German-language newspaper *Neue Presse USA*, one on teaching small children German and the other on the origin of German words. Thanks for writing in, Peter!

Jon Bach writes that he is still working in Quality at eBay but now he is in Marketing Technologies. Great to hear from you, Jon.

Mark White G was awarded the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) Leadership Award this past May. At the MIAAA's 50th conference he became the president of MIAAA. Mark works at Presque Isle High School.

Please email, text, or call with your news! I would love to share your updates with our classmates!

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While this has been a year to adapt, adjust, and keep our distance, there have been a few new ways to bring us together. Across the miles, family, friends, and even old classmates have been reconnecting over the Internet. Zoom happy hours have brought college classmates together for the first time in years. Sometimes the distance in time or miles doesn't seem that far.

We'd love to celebrate your news and milestones. Please share by sending me your updates.

Educators from each of Maine's counties were honored in May in a webcast. **Heather Davison Webster** received recognition as the Lincoln County Teacher of the Year. Heather is an English teacher at Medomak Valley High School and has been teaching for 22 years. She also is active in extracurricular activities at MVHS. She is co-director of the school's one-act play for the Maine Drama Festival, co-founder of the school's writing center, and helps produce the online student literary magazine.

Congratulations, Heather! We appreciate our teachers more than we can express this year.

While awaiting the return of live sports this summer, former UMaine and Major League Baseball player and current Padres broadcaster, **Mark Sweeney**, launched a new podcast in June called, "Major League Beginnings," that encompasses all things baseball. These interviews with favorite stars from baseball and beyond reveal rarely told tales of the moments their worlds changed. Fans can access the podcast on Apple, Google, and Spotify for free.

Wishing you all strength and hope in the New Year.

M-A-I-N-E, Gooo Blue!

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Greetings, Class of 1992, and best wishes for 2021. We are in need of someone to write future columns for the class. Please consider lending a hand to report updates.

Laura Roberts Umphrey

'94G is now director of the School of Communications at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. She joined the faculty of Northern Arizona University as a professor of communication in 2002.

Scott Pellerin is senior director of player development for the National Hockey League's Toronto Maple Leafs. He works with the draft picks in conjunction with the minor league coaches, one of whom is **Greg Moore '06**. Scott's daughter, Jordan, is a senior at UMaine.

Stephen Ouellette was one of the authors of a publication that received an award for best external publication. The Institute for Defense Analyses 2020 Larry D. Welch Award went to Stephen and his coauthors for "Characterizing the Orbital Debris Environment Using Satellite Perturbation Anomaly Data." In the article, the authors developed a novel concept to identify space debris.

Ethelle Lord '92G was sorry to report that her husband died just two months prior to their 25th anniversary. His long career included teaching business courses at UMaine Presque Isle. Ethelle, who lives in Mapleton, ME, is an authority on the subject of dementia coaching and the founder of the International Caregivers Association.

To find out more about becoming the correspondent for the Class of 1992 and the simple task of writing this column twice a year, please contact Abby Zelz (abigail.zelz@maine.edu) at the UMaine Alumni Association.

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Happy 2021, Class of 1993. I hope you have made the best of the challenges we've all been facing.

Here's hoping that this year will bring a little more normalcy than we saw in 2020.

Please send your news so I have something to share in this column for the next issue. Wishing you a healthy and happy winter and spring.

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Hello, fellow classmates,

We hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy in these crazy COVID times. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the end of 2020 and a fresh start in 2021. Happy New Year to all, and please let us know how you have been faring through the chaos.

We heard that United States Air Force Lt. Col. **Alice Reynolds Briones** was named director of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System on February 21, 2020. She is the first female director of AFMES. As director, Alice leads an organization of approximately 300 military, civilian, and contractor personnel who provide comprehensive services in forensic pathology, forensic toxicology, DNA technology, and identification and mortality surveillance for the Department of Defense.

In May, the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association honored a number of athletic administrators for their contributions, including **Todd Livingston** of South Portland (Southwestern Maine Activities



Melanie Manzer Kyer '94 has published a children's book, *The Great Holiday Cookie Swap*. The book is a combination picture book and cookbook in which cookies from different cultures compete to be the favorite. The book provides a story while including information about treats from different cultures. Melanie also created teacher materials and craft activities to accompany the book.



Wendy Churchill Fontaine '96 won the 2020 Creative Nonfiction Prize at Hunger Mountain literary magazine for her essay, "An Embarrassment of Riches." Wendy works as a writer and script consultant in Los Angeles.

Association). Todd was nominated for both the Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award.

Cary Weston is a partner in the Bangor-based marketing and communications firm of Sutherland Weston. The firm earned four national Telly Awards for video production. Established in 1979, the Telly Awards are the premier awards honoring video and television across all screens.

Andrew Campo is the band director at the Montezuma-Cortez Middle School in Cortez, CO. The music program was honored in the spring with a national award for its inclusiveness and excellence by the NAMM Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the National Association of Music Merchants. The program's inclusivity efforts include making sure that all students have access to programming and instruments.

Finally, last but not least, a big shout out to **Melanie Manzer Kyer**, who actually took the time to send in some news. Melanie, who majored in German and French while at UMaine, is currently a German teacher at York High School in York, ME. She published her first picture book, *The Great Holiday Cookie Swap*.

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Welcome to winter! To say 2020 was an unprecedented year is an understatement. I sincerely hope that all of you and your loved ones have remained healthy through this trying time. I also hope that by the time you read this there has been significant improvement on the COVID-19 front. So, let's start with some happier news!

Ryan Smith has been promoted to executive vice president at Camden National Bank in Camden. Ryan has been with Camden National Bank since 2012 and has more than 25 years of banking and finance experience. He resides in Auburn with his wife, **Tanya Downing Smith '96**, who is an elementary school teacher in Mechanic Falls. Ryan is also a volunteer coach for youth baseball. He serves on the board of the Maine Building Materials Exchange and is a member of the Commercial Lending Committee for the Maine Bankers Association.

Also celebrating a promotion is **Gilbert Thibeault**, who became vp of construction at Sheridan Construction in Fairfield. The company noted his skills in engineering, LEED, and project management as ones he'll use extensively for Sheridan. Congrats, Gil!

Moving into a new position is **Mark Hatch**, who recently became the MSAD 54 (Skowhegan) assistant superintendent of schools. Mark had previously been principal of Messalonskee Middle School for the past 17 years and is an active member of the Maine Principals Association. Mark lives in Sidney.

Our classmate, **Bonnie Newsom '99G** was recently awarded a fellowship to conduct research at Acadia National Park. Bonnie is an assistant professor of anthropology at UMaine. The fellowships are part of the Second Century Stewardship, which is an initiative of the National Park Service, National Park Foundation, and Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park.

Lastly, there was a nice article in the *Ellsworth American* last April about the renovation of the barn at Bay Meadow Cottages by **Stephen Henry** and his wife, Kirsten. The two of them purchased the property located in Bar Harbor's Salisbury Cove village in 2017 and were

determined to restore the barn, rather than tear it down. Though the weather didn't make it easy, the couple finished the renovation, and I encourage you to read the article — they have some stories to tell! If you get up that way, stop by and see the barn and the cottages they are renovating on the property.

That's all I have for now. Until next time!

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Wendy Churchill Fontaine won the 2020 Creative Nonfiction Prize at *Hunger Mountain* literary magazine for her essay, "An Embarrassment of Riches." Wendy works as a writer and script consultant in Los Angeles, CA, where she lives with her husband, James Visconti, and their daughter, Angela.

Robert Westenberg G of York High School was named the 2020 York County Teacher of the Year by the Maine Department of Education and nonprofit Educate Maine.

Tanya Downing Smith is a fourth-grade teacher in Mechanic Falls. She and her husband, **Ryan '95**, live in Auburn.

Matt Snow, who majored in studio art/multimedia, wrote from San Francisco: "After leading art and UX on mobile games at Zynga and Jam City for 10 years, I took a position as vp of design at RigUp. I lead product and brand design for this Austin company that places energy workers."

"I've had a successful career leading design at multiple companies, and I owe it all to ASAP Media Services at UMO. Michael Scott led our mighty team. We learned essential multimedia skills that set us up to be leaders in the web 1.0 space."

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Hello, Class of '97!

I hope to see you all at next year's Homecoming in person! Kudos to UMaine and the Alumni



Yolanda Sly Kozuha, correspondent for the Class of 1997, and her husband own Greenwood Lake Roasters, a craft coffee roastery. They have changed their business operation during the pandemic.

"We're hanging in and adapting," she reports, "trying to improve and plan for the unknown."

Association for moving Homecoming online! Like us all — adapting and pivoting as needed in these unique times. My focus: preparing the roastery for winter and unknowns. Which means ordering outdoor heaters for the roastery walk-up window in August so they can arrive and be installed just in time for cold temperatures. Or explaining delays in our more common coffees like Colombian or Peru. Keeping perspective, we're good. Hoping you and yours are well. News? Email me at yolandasly@gmail.com or via Facebook Yolanda Sly Kozuha.

It was wonderful hearing from York Hall friend **Elaine DiFalco Daugherty '05G**. It also reminded me of how time flies, especially as kids get older. Hearty congratulations are in order! In May she completed her terminal degree (the highest degree available in any given academic discipline) — an MFA in Theatre Pedagogy from the University of Idaho. She teaches at Central Michigan University. Her twins are 11, and her son just finished drivers ed.

Congratulations to **Eben Shaw** for being named Maine's Principal of the Year for 2020 by the Maine Principals Association. He's been the principal of Leavitt Area High School since 2010, after being assistant principal since 2007. As part of the MPA recognition, Eben was applauded for implementing mindfulness processes for stresses, opportunities to attend truck driving school, providing many club opportunities, and supporting his staff with coaching and professional development.

Congratulations to **Stacy Shaw**, who was promoted to senior vice

president, chief information officer at MMG Insurance, as reported in the *Bangor Daily News*. Stacy joined MMG in 1998 and has held a variety of roles. He is a member of the University of Maine at Presque Isle Foundation Board, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and a past director and president of the board of directors for the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to **William "Bill" Furbush** on being named Epping, New Hampshire's, school superintendent, as reported in *Seacoastonline.com*. His extensive K-12 career includes teaching, and the roles of principal, assistant superintendent, and most recently superintendent for SAU 28 in Pelham, NH. "I felt my skill set was a great fit to continue the great work of moving this district further," he said. He expects to receive his doctorate of education from New England College in May 2021.

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Hearty Maine Hello from Northern Virginia! My family and I returned to the United States this summer after five years living overseas in Kazakhstan and then Germany. I just completed three years at U.S. Army Europe as a branch chief of international military affairs. In July, I started a new position as the program manager for combat intelligence interoperability in the ABCANZ (American, British, Canadian, Australian, and New Zealand) Armies Program.



Wendy Hughes Baker '00 is assistant vice president, wealth management at R. M. Davis in Portland, ME.

Congratulations to **Scott Flagg** on being named the head coach for the football program at his alma mater, Brewer High School, in May. Scott served as an assistant coach for defensive backs for Brewer the past two years, and head coach of the middle school team the two previous seasons. He also coaches JV boys' basketball and JV tennis at Brewer. Scott is an occupational therapist at Brewer Community School and the high school. He has previous varsity football head coaching experience at Hampden Academy, where he served as an assistant for five years. Prior to that Scott had extensive experience coaching football and basketball at Gray-New Gloucester High School. Scott has a master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Southern Maine.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Putnam** for her new position as executive director of Waban Projects in January. Waban is a non-profit corporation organized to develop and operate programs that promote the general welfare and education of children and adults with developmental and other disabilities. Jennifer came to Waban with extensive experience in nonprofit leadership and the developmental disabilities community. Most recently she served as the executive director of The Progress Center in Norway, ME. She also serves on the boards of the Maine Association for Community Services Providers, the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board, and Community Housing of Maine. Jennifer also earned an MBA from St. Joseph's College and a certificate in leadership studies from the University of Southern Maine.

I hope everyone is staying healthy. Now that I am back stateside I look forward to seeing fellow alumni back in Maine and at university events!

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While COVID has put a damper on life as we previously knew it, we know that the Class of 1999 is out there working, raising children, and pursuing a range of interests. We need you to report what's happening in your lives so we will have news for the next column.

What have you done differently during the pandemic? What have you binge-watched? How did you

handle the challenges of monitoring remote working, learning, and/or teaching? Do you have any Zoom disaster stories to share?

Have a good winter and spring, everyone — and please share your news, even if it's just about staying home, wearing a mask, and maintaining a distance from others.

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Hi everyone,
Here's some of the news. There's lots more, but we need a class correspondent to help report it in future columns.

Wendy Hughes Baker, assistant vice president, wealth management at R.M. Davis, passed the certified financial planner exam last spring. Wendy lives in New Gloucester, ME, with her husband and two sons. She has been with the firm since 2004.

Brendan Walsh, former hockey co-captain, is now a detective in the Boston Police Department and a member of the drug control unit in Roxbury. The COVID-19 pandemic has made his job more challenging. "It's harder to do your job with social distancing," he reported. Brendan has been with the Boston Police Department for 14 years. Besides his detective work, he plays for the Boston Police Department hockey team and in a pickup league. See the story about Brendan elsewhere in this magazine.

Alfie Michaud reacted to the killing of George Floyd and other instances of racial violence and injustice in a personal way. UMaine's former goalie, who is now an assistant coach at his alma mater, recalled his encounters with local police as an indigenous hockey player in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He was frequently the target of racial profiling. He said he feels hope, however, and advised that people should: "Try understanding each other."

The Alumni Association is looking for someone to write this column for the Class of 2000. It's a simple job, and the Alumni Association helps find the news. Please email abigail.zelz@maine.edu if you would like to become the author of the class column.

Stay well, everyone!



Orlina Boteva '04, '05G and Jacob Pelletier '03, '05G live in Orono with their children Aleksandra (4) and Paul (9). Orlina is UMaine's director of international programs and has worked on the Orono campus since 2009. Jake works as an engineering analyst at Compotech in Brewer.

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Hello, fellow alumni! While I don't have much news to report in this issue, I do have something super fun to share —

Brian Scott joined Towson University as their offensive line coach and run game coordinator. Previously he spent 13 seasons with Old Dominion University, where he was the team's offensive coordinator. Scott holds the Maine Sports Hall of Fame Special Achievement Award.

If you have news to share, please send it to me at blkbear19@yahoo.com.

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Hello, Class of 2002!

Jonathan Solomon, after having spent a number of years as assistant coach, was named head coach of the Houlton Shires. Jonathan played defensive tackle for the Black Bears and went on to play semi-professionally for a number of years. While 2020 was surely

different due to the pandemic, we wish Jonathan luck whenever he's able to lead his team on to the gridiron again.

(Editor's note: Look for the essay written by Jonathan's daughter, Tessa, elsewhere in this magazine.)

Updates continue to be light. Feel free to send me news at the addresses above or track me down on Facebook. Please send news, updates, and photos for inclusion in future class columns to the addresses above. The Class of 2002 would love to hear from you!

Stay safe out there!

Don't forget to check out our Facebook group at: facebook.com/groups/UMaineClass2002/.

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Christine Olson Syska joined the Westbrook Housing Authority as the new housing choice voucher program director. Christine earned her bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in race, class, and gender as well as a bachelor's degree in women's studies. She previously worked for the Portland Housing Authority. Christine's role is critical to fulfilling the mission to provide opportunities for affordable quality housing to individuals and families and encourage independence within a supportive community.

Johanna Szillery G received a promotion at CES to supervisor and project manager in the environ-

mental division. Johanna has been at CES since 2013, where she had managed and organized fieldwork to aid in the timely development of dozens of solar projects. CES, which was recently renamed Haley Ward, Inc., is a Maine-headquartered fully integrated consulting firm of engineers, environmental scientists, and surveyors.

Now that we are taking baby steps into the world of COVID, I wish you health and sanity among a new normal that none of us asked to be part of!

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Greetings, friends!

First of all, how are you? I mean it. How are you actually doing? It's been hard to ask that question for many months since I think we all know the answer. Life has been flipped upside down in so many ways. The ever-growing tension in our world is palpable and we're all feeling it, every day. I sincerely hope that if you are reading this you are healthy, but also that you are being kind to yourself because the past year was no joke!

Maybe you've watched every single documentary on Netflix, or written the next great American novel, or maybe you're like me and don't know how you became a houseplant collector. Do you understand how fun it is to propagate your own plants? Or maybe you haven't done jack squat. And that's OK too. Some days if I just get my kids out the door on time I consider it a win.

I'm relishing the small wins as of late. For me personally, I have been reconnecting with my art roots and how I became a photographer. It was 20 years ago that I took my first photography class in the darkroom, so this spring I am going back to school to get my hands dirty again by enrolling in a film class at the Glassell School of Art at the MFA in Houston. I cannot tell you how much I've missed the smell of developer chemicals and watching that image appear on a piece of paper under water. Maybe getting back to our roots is what we all need to feel a little more connected to the things around us.

We are super short on class announcements this season. We almost didn't have any until Angela emailed me in the waning days of summer. **Angela Avery '06G** is now

the board president of the Maine School Counselors Association. She is starting her 15th year as a middle school counselor in Biddeford. Congrats, friend! I remember how dedicated you were to working in the counseling center when we were both grad students, once upon a time.

Orlina Boteva G, '05G wrote: "On a beautiful September day in 2004, my friend and fellow UMaine alum **Daniel Shopov '06G** and I hosted a joint birthday party in Hancock Hall. Bulgarian birthday parties are merry events with lots of delicious home-cooked food and friends gathering to visit. A friend of mine had invited along another UMaine graduate student. This party crasher was quiet and as a good host, I decided to go chat. **Jacob Pelletier '03, '05G** was finishing his mechanical engineering degree and wanted to meet more people. Well, several years later our same group gathered at our wedding. We now live in Orono and are raising our two beautiful children Paul (9) and Aleksandra (4). I have many fond memories of UMaine but this one stands out for some strange reason."

Maybe something wonderful happened during the pandemic and you just couldn't come up for air to share. I totally understand. It has been really rough for a lot of people for many, many months. Send your news along any time. I'd be happy to write about it and share your accomplishments.

Wherever you are living these days, I send you love and good thoughts. Stay healthy, be safe, and keep connecting with people. We need it more than ever these days.

2005

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The year 2020 — when I submitted my last column, we had just had multiple visitors to our National Capital Region home from around the country, and plans for traveling and fun throughout the spring and summer were starting to come together. All that changed in a matter of weeks and we now find ourselves in a drastically different world with (I hope) eyes and hearts that have been changed for the better. Our class notes are slight for this issue but I am optimistic this finds you well.

Congratulations to **Josh McLaughlin** on his Paul Harris



Trevor Marcho '08, '13G, of Columbus, OH, earned his Ph.D. in music education from The Ohio State University last summer.

Fellow Award, an honor from the Houlton Rotary Club. Besides his work as president of J. McLaughlin Construction, Josh has made a huge positive impact on the Houlton community. He established the Education Committee to help link local students with mentors to teach them long-term skills they need to succeed in the workplace.

He also partnered with Southern Aroostook Development Corporation to promote the Houlton Stimulus Project, which helped over 100 businesses during the virus shutdown. Remarkable!

While we couldn't celebrate our 15-year Reunion in the usual way, I hope you took the time to fill a stein to dear old Maine in honor of our class! Here's to the memories and to when we can be together again!

2006

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Hi, classmates! I hope by the time this is printed, life has normalized a little. Wishful thinking? As I'm writing this, my twins have just started fourth grade virtually, which has been a challenge for all of us.

Here are some updates from our classmates: **Kristen McAlpine** was promoted to assistant vice president, senior business development officer at First National Bank in Bangor. Congratulations!

I'm excited to share that our classmate **Maulian Dana** received a 2020 Maryann Hartman Award. Maryann Hartman Awards recognize the inspirational achievements of Maine women in areas of the arts, politics, business, education, health care, and community service.

Maulian became the first-ever Penobscot Nation ambassador in 2017. She advocates for equity and social justice for Native Americans. She has worked to strengthen programs that preserve and teach the customs and traditions of the Penobscot people. A big highlight in Maulian's career has been her activism about how Native American mascots are harmful. In 2019 Gov. Janet Mills signed a law banning schools from using Native American mascots. Maine was the first state in the nation to sign a law like this.

Alex Chaiken was named a partner at Miller Law & Mediation in Portland. He previously worked at the firm Hunter Chaiken and served as a volunteer law clerk for the District and Superior Courts at the Penobscot Judicial Center in Bangor.

In hockey news, **Derek Damon** recently announced his retirement after a 14-year career. Derek played in five European countries, most recently with Heilbronner Falken of the Deutsche Eishockey Liga (DEL 2) in Germany the last two seasons. Derek and his wife and three children are planning to leave Germany and return to their home in Florida. Unfortunately, his last season was canceled right before the playoffs due to COVID-19. Derek has a master's degree in sports management and plans to stay involved in the sport.

Congratulations to **Jimmy Howard** and his wife, **Rachel Miller Howard '07**, who recently welcomed their fourth child, Louis, in March 2020. Jimmy is a 13-year NHL veteran, currently playing for the Detroit Red Wings.

Shannon Thompson is working as an emergency department nurse in Bellingham, WA, 90 miles north of where the first confirmed case of coronavirus was announced in the U.S. Thank you to Shannon and all health care workers!

Classmates, would someone consider taking over the column for me? It's not a huge time commitment, but I'm trying to take some things off my plate.

2007

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Hi, classmates,

The world has been a crazy place and I hope this column finds you all healthy and safe. Amidst the chaos, there is good news to share

about our classmates. I normally don't write about myself, but I do have a personal update for this column. I am getting married! My fiancé proposed over the summer and we are planning an October 2021 wedding in Rowley, MA. It's nice to have something good to look forward to, to get us through these hard times. We can't wait to celebrate with our friends, family, and of course, some 2007 classmates. Now, on to the rest of the updates.

Andrew Eldridge completed editing his first feature-length documentary, *A Most Beautiful Thing*. The film, narrated by Academy-Award / Grammy-winning artist Common, and produced by former NBA All-Stars Dwayne Wade and Grant Hill, chronicles the first all-African American rowing team from the West Side of Chicago. The film was set to be debuted at South By Southwest and in AMC theatres this past spring, but due to COVID-19, the film is now streaming on Comcast On Demand, Peacock, and Amazon Prime. Andrew is the current VP/creative director for Another Age Productions based in Boston, MA. He is an eight-time Emmy Award winner and lives in Somerville, MA, with his partner, Elizabeth.

Bob Williams '08G was recently named the vice president of finance and technology at the University Credit Union in Orono. Bob will serve on the credit union's senior management team and will be responsible for accounting and financial analytics, information technology, and facilities, among other responsibilities. Bob has a long career in accounting and financial management and also serves as the treasurer of the board of directors for the Bangor Humane Society.

Herrick & Salsbury, a land surveying company in Ellsworth, has named **Tara Jeffers Hartson** the new vice president of the company, including an agreement to transfer ownership of the company to Tara as well. Tara has worked at Herrick & Salsbury since the summer of 2006 (before we graduated!) and has held various positions in the company over the last 14 years. Tara lives in Mount Desert with her husband and two sons. They enjoy gardening, hiking, camping, swimming, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

The 2020 Franklin County Teacher of the Year is classmate **Melissa Hoisington G.** Melissa is an elementary school teacher at Kingfield Elementary School. Melissa has been teaching for 25 years with a special focus on Reading Recovery and other literacy

programs. As a Maine Teacher of the Year, Melissa and the 15 other county representatives will collaborate on issues in education and work to find solutions for these issues. Melissa loves being a teacher because of the relationships she is able to build with her students. In my opinion, those students are lucky to have her!

This is all the news to report this issue. If you have news to share, please reach out! Hope you all have a great winter.

See you in the summer!

2008

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Greetings, classmates! I hope this column finds you and yours healthy and well!

To start, I would like to congratulate **Kathleen Esposito Dunbar**, who has been promoted! Kathleen is a registered dental hygienist at her hometown clinic, Eastport Health Care. She has been there for nine years, and is now their dental supervisor. Congratulations, Kathleen!

Another classmate has gotten a promotion — **Ben McPherson** is now the project manager at Landry/French Construction. With his 10 years of experience, Ben has worked on the Bill and Joan Alford Main Street Commons for Colby College in Waterville, Camden National Bank's new branch fit-out in Waterville, and the Lockwood Hotel in Waterville.

Congratulations also to **Trevor Marcho** '13G, as I received word that he got his Ph.D. in music education from The Ohio State University in August! Trevor explained to me that he has been a finalist for four higher education positions at universities and colleges, but COVID-19-related issues have canceled many faculty searches in post-secondary institutions. So for now, he is happy to be teaching music at Oakland Park Elementary School in Columbus, and will continue his search for a position in higher education next year.

UMaine will be welcoming back one of our own, **Betsy Webb Ed.D.**, who stepped down from being Bangor's superintendent of schools. Betsy is now a professor in UMaine's Educational Leadership Program and will also serve as the executive director of the Penobscot River Educational Partnership.

When the pandemic hit, **Emma G. Rose** (née Potvin) wanted to help. The Hampden, ME, writer contacted other Maine writers, who submitted stories, essays, and poetry. Emma edited the anthology *Paul Bunyan Wears a Face Mask: A Curated Collection of Writing by Mainers During The COVID-19 Crisis*, which was published last summer. Writers range in age from children to retirees; some are UMaine alumni and faculty. All proceeds from the book's sale benefit the United Way of Eastern Maine COVID-19 relief fund. For more information, see imperativepressbooks.com.

Elise Baldacci joined the Maine Credit Union League/Synergist as its senior vice president of policy. She previously served as the Credit Union League's vice president of governmental affairs, and then spent a few years in Maine state government. Elise will be responsible for leading governmental affairs, risk management, and compliance efforts.

Theresa McDonnell Eckler, of upstate New York, writes that she is owner of The Limitless Classroom®, an educational consulting company that provides resources and educational guidance to educators across the country.

Best wishes to **Laura Mewa** '13G, who is currently planning a wedding with her fiancé, Larry Heselstine. Larry proposed at Christmas dinner 2019, and the two had their engagement party in February. The happy couple live in Wiscasset.

2009

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Greetings, Class of '09 — here's hoping that 2021 brings good things. Last year was certainly challenging in many ways!

One class member who made the best of the pandemic is **Joshua Bridges**. Early in the pandemic, together with his wife, **Megan** '10G, and children, they recreated famous works of art. In one recreated Raphael painting, their daughter, Blake, sports cherubic wings crafted from Reny's shopping bags. The family also recreated works by Frida Kahlo, Van Gogh, and other artists.

Congratulations to **Jon Moody** G, who became superintendent of schools for MSAD 54 (Skowhegan and vicinity) last spring. He previously served as MSAD 54 assistant superintendent.

Thank you to **Kyle Maynard** for writing in. Kyle is working as an accountant for Beam Dental in Columbus, OH.



Todd Conner '12 started a new position at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT, as a multispecialty clinical pharmacist. He finished a post-graduate year 1 pharmacy residency with St. Luke's Health System in Twin Falls, ID, in June 2020 after completing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Husson University in May 2019. Todd and his wife welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth, in September.

We need a member of the Class of '09 to report the class news. If you want to find out the news before everyone else and be a published author, this job is for you! Please contact abigail.zelz@maine.edu to find out more about helping your class.

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Hello, Class of 2010! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

The Kennebec Estuary Land Trust is dedicated to protecting the land, water, and wildlife of the Kennebec Estuary. This year they elected our classmate **Travis Wolfel** to be the new board secretary. Travis graduated in 2010 with a degree in engineering and will be a valuable member of their board as they continue their work to preserve the Kennebec Estuary for public enjoyment.

Brent West is also using his University of Maine education to preserve areas of the state for public enjoyment. After graduating from UMaine he received a master's degree in ecosystem health and natural resources management from the University of Maryland. He was recently hired as the executive director of the High Peaks Alliance in Farmington. The High Peaks

Alliance is a nonprofit organization in western Maine dedicated to preserving the area and keeping it accessible for outdoor enthusiasts.

CES, Inc., an engineering, surveying, sciences, planning, and other related services consulting firm, announced that **Andrea Dickinson**, who was previously a project professional, was promoted to a project manager and project engineer within the environmental division. Andrea has been with CES since 2010. In late 2020, Bangor-based CES announced that it was changing its name to Haley Ward, Inc.

Christopher Richards '17G was named vice president of enrollment management at the University of Maine. Chris served as interim vice president for enrollment management for the past year and is a member of the President's Cabinet. He has worked in admissions for several years. Besides his admissions work, Chris is also a Registered Maine Guide.

As always, please remember that if you or another classmate has experienced a personal or professional accomplishment or has news to share with the class, send me a note through email or social media so it can be included in future columns.

Have a great winter and spring, and I look forward to catching up with you all soon.

2011

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Although everyone is experiencing a different reality due to COVID-19, that doesn't mean that you can't send greetings to your classmates or check in with UMaine.

News has been sparse since people aren't traveling and working as they normally do. Times may be different, but we still want to hear from you.

What's new? Have you moved? Did you rearrange your living space to work better from home? Exhaust Netflix's options? Hone your take-out and curbside pickup preferences? Reconnect with old friends via Zoom? Or none of the above? Please let us know!

Be well — and see you in the summer.

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There was only one news item this time. Please share your news with us — we need more material to make a good column. Job change? New pet? Pandemic hobby? Please let us know. No news is not good news — it means a short column.

Wesley McMasters G earned his master's in literature from UMaine in 2012, where he also taught. He then received his Ph.D. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In 2018 he was hired as assistant professor of American Literature and Creative Writing at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN.

Wesley recently published a collection of his own poetry, titled *In Which My Lover Tells Me About the Nature of Wild Things*.

We hope everyone is doing well — please come out of hibernation and send some news!

2013

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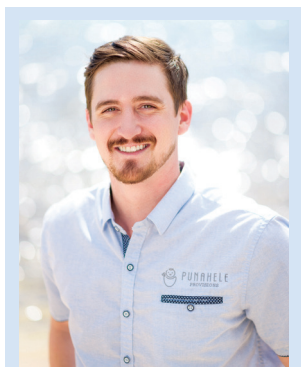
Joseph Begin, of South Portland, was promoted to manager in the tax practice at Baker Newman Noyes. He has been with the firm since 2014. He provides tax planning and compliance services primarily for individuals and closely held businesses, including S-Corporations, partnerships, and LLCs.

Zoe Adkins was named head coach of Saint Louis University's field hockey program. She previously led the program at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, where she also earned a master's in sports management.

Closer to campus, **Lisa Daniel** and her husband, David, opened a doggy daycare business in Old Town. For photos of her business and the satisfied canine customers, see Four Paws Farm on Facebook.

Kathryn Eaton is now manager of stakeholder development for Health eVillages, a nonprofit that brings mobile medical diagnostic technology to rural areas of the U.S. and beyond. She joined Health eVillages after graduation, working as the organization's program manager.

Ethan West wrote from



Ethan West '13 founded Punahele Provisions, which produces baby food using sustainable, locally grown ingredients. He was named Young Professional of the Year by *Pacific Edge Magazine*.

Hawaii that he is merging his upbringing as a farmer with his MBA education from the University of Maine in Orono and Chamade University to deliver on his deep-rooted commitment to sustainable agriculture. Ethan has worked for years to improve Hawaii's food system and food security while decreasing our dependence on imported goods. He was recently named Young Professional of the Year by *Pacific Edge Magazine*, and his company, Punahele Provisions, was named a finalist for Best New Business.

The Class of 2013 needs someone to report the news twice a year. To learn more, please contact abigail.zelz@maine.edu.

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Greetings, everyone, and I hope you are well.

There wasn't much material for this column, so please send me news. Do you have a new address, job, pet, or favorite TV series? Have you taken up any new hobbies during this COVID time? Any favorite ways of dealing with being at home more than usual?

Justin St. John, CPA, of Harrison, ME, was promoted to audit manager at Baker Newman Noyes in Portland. Justin joined the firm in 2015. He provides assurance services to health care organizations, nonprofit organizations, commercial businesses, and employee benefit plans.

How about the rest of you? Please let us know what you're up to!

2015

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Hello, Class of 2015 — By the time you read this it will be winter, and the pandemic will long ago have become old news, whether it's still dominating our lives or not. I sincerely hope its impact on each of you has been as limited as it can be, and that by the time you're reading this it has subsided. It is inspiring to look through the news of what our classmates have achieved even during this most disruptive time. I hope catching up on alumni news can be a welcome break from whatever Zooming or masking or social distancing you're currently experiencing.

If you subscribe to *Time* magazine or are interested in beautiful and compelling artistic renderings of climate change data, you may already have seen that **Jill Pelto** had a colored pencil and watercolor piece titled "Currents" featured on the magazine's cover for the special issue "One Last Chance," published earlier this year. Jill's work has previously been featured in *Smithsonian*, *PBS Newshour*, and *National Geographic*, as well as in classrooms across North America.

Abdullahi Ahmed Ed.D. has been named permanent co-principal of Deering High School. He shares the title with Alyson Dame after both served together on an interim basis for seven months. The Portland Board of Public Education completed a national search before extending the offer to Abdullahi, who taught physics, physical science, Arabic, and chemistry before beginning his career as an assistant principal at Deering in 2015.

Andrea Chasse, who earned her master's in social work in 2015, joined Aroostook Mental Health Center's outpatient office in Caribou. Andrea is serving as a generalist therapist and working toward earning her LCSW credential.

Congratulations to **Garrett Bernardo** and brother **Nicholas Bernardo** '14 for partnering with Harrison Butler, placekicker for the Super Bowl champions from Kansas City, on a clothing line produced

by their NOVUS Clothing Company. Garrett and Nick founded the company during their undergraduate years at UMaine, along with friend Scott Klimchak.

That's all for this issue, Black Bears — as always, please send along any news you have to share. It can be professional (new job, promotion, other milestones) or personal (engagement, marriage, childbirth, that far-off day when your young ones enroll for their freshman year at UMaine) or anything in between. Stay in touch and stay six feet apart.

2016

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Hey, Class of 2016! I hope you and your friends and families are all staying safe during this crazy time. I have been working from home since March 2020 and can't say I'm in any rush to get back to the office anytime soon. I have also started up a new pandemic-inspired sea glass collecting hobby. It's been a great way to get outside and enjoy some sunshine!

This will be my last time writing our class column, so please reach out to abigail.zelz@maine.edu if this is something that you're interested in taking on. We need someone to write the class news for the magazine.

Here is some news I received about our classmates:

Christophe Mulumba-Tshimanga recently joined the Ottawa Redbacks in the Canadian Football League. Unfortunately, their 2020 season was delayed due to the coronavirus. Christophe previously played with the Edmonton Eskimos.

Shannon O'Neil Frye graduated as a Doctor of Audiology from UMass Amherst. She was recently hired at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, NH, as an audiologist.

David Patrick was a lead organizer of a rally to protest the death of George Floyd in Bangor in June. David works for the Organization on Racial Equity and Justice.

Jonathan Colby was named the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office's Deputy of the Year.

Patrick Ricard is preparing for his fourth NFL season with the Baltimore Ravens. He is also a newlywed whose wife, Hayley, is a physician's assistant.

Whitney Lallas joined the law firm MittelAsen, LLC in Portland as an associate attorney. She is

focusing her practice on family law.

Kathleen Dunckel, Ph.D. and her partner, Daniel, bought Belfast Brewery with the goal of bringing the beloved brewery and the Three Tides bar next door back to life.

2017

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Hello, Class of 2017! I hope you and yours are well and continue to be safe amid these unprecedented times. You've all been up to a lot of cool stuff this year — please don't hesitate to reach out with all your great updates for future issues!

Cam Brown is back in our class news, as he heads overseas to play for Denmark's SønderjyskE Ishockey. The team is part of Denmark's top pro hockey league! Cam was the leading scorer for the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL prior to COVID-19 prematurely ending the season.

In other sports news, **Justin Courtney** was one of the finalists for a chance to try out with the St. Paul Saints baseball team. Even though Justin was not offered a chance to try out, he reports it was a positive experience, he appreciated the exposure on social media, and the Saints did get in touch with him to get his contact information. Congratulations!

Victoria Waugh, who works for Michaud Accounting Solutions, earned a Sage Intacct certified implementation specialist certification in February. Sage Intacct is the first and only cloud accounting software to meet the standards to be preferred by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Congratulations on this professional advancement, Victoria!

Andrew Schank, who is currently a Ph.D. candidate at UMaine after receiving his B.S. in civil engineering in 2017 and his M.S. in 2019, was recognized with an Outstanding Student of the Year Award by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for his research efforts with the Transportation Infrastructure Durability Center at UMaine. Andrew was one of 34 students nationwide recognized by the U.S. DOT, and has a history of being a strong researcher on a variety of projects during his time at UMaine. Congrats, Andrew!

Last but certainly not least, **Skylar Bayer**, who graduated from UMaine with her Ph.D. in marine science in 2017, took a position as assistant professor of



Skylar Bayer '17 Ph.D. (above right with her postdoc advisor Dr. Julie Rose) combines scientific research with storytelling. She began storytelling at a conference in 2013 and says that working with the Story Collider has honed her storytelling skills and helps her communicate her scientific research more effectively with colleagues, students, and members of coastal communities.

biology and aquaculture at Roger Williams University starting in the fall of 2020. This is a tenure-track position, and Skylar is actually replacing another UMaine graduate, **Dale Leavitt** '72, '77G, '87 Ph.D. (small world!).

Fun fact — Skylar is not only an incredible scientist but she has also been on TV, appearing on *The Colbert Report* in a funny dramatized segment in 2013. She has been pretty busy this year — she and a collaborator recently signed a book deal with Columbia University Press, and will be publishing a collection of stories from scientists with disabilities and illnesses. Congratulations! The Class of 2017 looks forward to seeing your book in print.

Stay safe, wash those hands, and wear those masks! I look forward to receiving your next round of updates in 2021.

2018

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Hello, Class of 2018!

I would like to extend my heartfelt thoughts to all of you at this time as we navigate through this pandemic. It is truly a somber time as we face the coming winter months and remain hyper-vigilant to protect ourselves and others from this dreaded virus. We are forever Black Bears and have unknown

strengths yet to be developed, and we will keep strong together.

With that said, I don't have much news to share. I have been extremely busy back in my volunteer roles at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center NICU, working in the Cuddler Program as well as volunteer coordinator, food service, at CancerCare. Luckily, our schools reopened this past September, which permitted me to substitute teach in the Bangor School Department.

Amy Lyons — a big congratulations to you! Amy was accepted at the American University Washington College of Law. Amy was a graduate in international affairs (with a concentration in international security) of the UMaine Business School and the UMaine Honors College. Good luck, Amy!

Go Blue and stay safe!

2019

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Kathleen "Katie" Later has joined Sutherland Weston Marketing Communications in Bangor as an account executive.

When **Alyssa Derrick** showed off her throwing arm in a video, launching a football across a parking lot, the video went viral. That caught the attention of the owner of the Houston Stampede of the Women's Football League Association. Alyssa, a former

UMaine softball player, has signed with the team and is now working on her football skills.

Kristen Van Meter G is a nurse serving on board the hospital ship USNS *Mercy*, a floating hospital that was deployed to respond to the nation's COVID-19 pandemic.

Jenna Gilbert joined Sevee & Maher Engineers (SME), headquartered in Cumberland, ME. Her work at SME includes a variety of assignments primarily in civil design and engineering, stormwater management, and permitting.

Another engineer, **Kaitlyn Chick**, works at Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions in Portland. She specializes in environmental engineering.

Congratulations to **Maylinda Boynton**, who was crowned USA National Miss Maine 2021. Maylinda is a grad student, studying human development. She won the Spokesmodel Award for her presentation of a video advocating for Camp Kesem at the University of Maine. The camp offers free summer camps for children who have been impacted by a parent's cancer. She also won the Role Model Award, and played the tuba for the talent portion of the competition.

The Class of 2019 needs a class correspondent who will write the news for future magazines. Please contact abigail.zelz@maine.edu if you would like to represent the class. No special talents are needed — just a willingness to write the class column twice a year. The Alumni Association helps gather class news.

Be well, and have a good winter and spring!

2020

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The Class of 2020 needs a volunteer to write this column for the *MAINE Alumni Magazine*. It's not a tough job — the Alumni Association provides assistance.

Writing the column only requires a little time twice a year, and helps classmates stay in touch with each other and UMaine.

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Deaths

Towns are in Maine unless otherwise noted.

1938

Blanche Holman Shaw, 102, of Norwood, MA, on 6-12-20.

1940

Burton Hathaway Albee, 99, of Manchester, CT, and Winter Garden, FL, on 2-25-17.
Marion Rhoda Tufts Farrar, 102, of Hingham, MA, on 6-7-20.

1941

Olive Chick DeMartine, 98, of Townshend, VT, on 10-7-17.
Glenna Johnson Smith, 100, of Presque Isle, on 8-8-20.

1942

Edward Payson Arbo, 99, of Charlotte, NC, on 7-9-20.
Francis Victor Schmidt, 99, of Cherrystone, VA, on 6-15-20.

1943

Charlotte Ellen Nickerson Hood, 99, of Virginia Beach, VA, on 2-7-19.

1944

Margaret McCurdy Cook, 97, of Cape Elizabeth, on 9-20-19.
Gwendolyn Cushing Dobbs, 96, of Virginia Beach, VA, on 5-10-19.
Julius James "Zeci" Goos, 98, of Naples, FL, on 9-21-2020.
Richard Burgess Innes, 97, of Gorham, on 10-9-20.

1945

Arlene Beaumont Anderson, 96, of New Castle, NH, on 5-11-20.
Donald Worth Danforth, 93, of Andover, MA, on 8-17-17.
Ralph Albert Gould, 96, of Auburn, on 5-8-20.
Doris Emery Spencer, 97, of Beverly, MA, on 10-3-20.

1946

Marion Crocker Kennedy, 96, of Mystic, CT, on 5-19-20.
Esther Libby Surber, 96, of Sandpoint, ID, on 6-8-20.
Marilyn "Ada" Coy Swicker, 95, of Merritt Island, FL, on 1-8-19.
Joseph Raymond Uzmann, 94, of Plymouth Beach, MA, on 1-1-20.
Helen Herrick Whitman, 94, of Wallingford, CT, on 10-30-19.

1947

Eunice Elizabeth Hammond, 94, of Vancouver, WA, on 4-2-20.
Evangeline Gray Matijczyk, 94, of Newport, on 5-1-20.
Beverly Pitman St. Hilaire, 95, of Bow, NH, on 5-23-20.
Dorothy Goodnow Todd, 91, of Owls Head, on 4-15-17.
Valerie Parkin Wyman, 94, of Cumberland, on 8-19-20.

1948

Milton Samuel Adelman, 95, of Naples, FL, on 3-31-20.
Jean Wallace Camero, 93, of Alliance, NE, on 3-29-20.
Paul Gibson Clifford, 94, of New Haven, CT, on 10-7-20.
Joanne Libby "Josie" Hays, 94, of Portland, on 8-24-20.
Lydia Backer LaFleur, 93, of New York, NY, on 6-7-20.
Rachel Seavey Popkin, 94, of Brookline, MA, on 6-12-20.

1949

Barbara McAloon Chesworth, 94, of Longmeadow, MA, on 9-6-20.
Robert Franklin Clawson, 94, of Bellevue, WA, on 1-19-19.
Philip Lawrence Downie, 92, of Bow, NH, on 12-31-19.
Jane Libby King, 92, of Brunswick, on 6-26-19.
Hartley Erald Marsh, 96, of Gorham, on 5-3-20.
William Stanwood Skolfield, 95, of Davenport, FL, on 6-3-20.
Roland L. Wigley, 96, of Woods Hole, MA, on 9-16-20.

1950

Leslie Dyer Ames, 95, of South China, on 4-18-20.
William John Adams, 98, of Bangor, on 4-21-20.
Richard Arthur Bleakney, 91, of Hickory, NC, on 8-9-20.
Jesse Parker Bogue, Jr., 89, of Killeen, TX, on 2-15-17.
Edward Everett Chase, 91, of Garfield Plantation, on 12-5-19.
Paul Nathan Ellis, 91, of Rangeley, on 7-25-20.
Raymond Keene Finley, 92, of Skowhegan, on 8-13-20.
Edwin Soule Gerry, 98, of Peru, on 5-1-20.
Edith Corinne Hayford Grant, 91, of Gorham, on 6-19-20.
Joyce Marie Henderson, 90, of Houlton, on 5-6-20.
Richard Alston Jordan, 93, of Hallowell, on 8-24-20.
John Robert LaGassey, 94, of Bellevue, WA, on 3-30-20.
Anton Wallace "Tony" Larson,

97, of Dover-Foxcroft, on 8-22-20.
Robert Alley Lowell, 92, of Jay, on 6-6-20.
Victor Mandorf, 92, of Olmsted Twp, OH, on 1-9-17.
Carolyn Moores March, 91, of Spring Hope, NC, on 6-25-20.
Jeffrey Neal Martin, 90, of Bristol, NH, on 6-7-20.
Richard Louis Savage, 92, of Acton, MA, on 5-23-20.
Joseph Bacon Taylor, 92, of Orono, on 3-19-20.
Ralph Malcolm Titcomb, 93, of East Sandwich, MA, on 4-26-20.
James Albra West, 93, of Americus, GA, on 1-27-20.

1951

Richard Harold Gardner, 94, of Cushing, on 3-28-20.
Gennette MacNair Ingraham Hawley, 90, of Green Valley, AZ, on 7-24-20.
Ruth Curtis Joy, 91, of Needham, MA, on 5-28-20.
Walter Michael Lomac, 93, of Southern Pines, NC, on 6-4-20.
Winifred Ramsdell Macfarlan, 89, of Brentwood, TN, on 10-22-18.
Donald Augustus Richardson, 90, of Kennebunk, on 6-23-20.
John Constantine Ryder, Jr., 93, of Hilton Head Island, SC, on 3-3-20.
Mary Lermond Turner, 91, of Oak Ridge, TN, on 9-20-20.

1952

Frank Spear Beal, 94, of Wilton, on 9-5-20.
Donald Everett Burt, 90, of East Providence, RI, on 6-3-20.
Hubert D. Chin, 87, of Mechanicsburg, PA, on 6-28-16.
Vernon Kimball Cleaves, 88, of Wallingford, CT, on 2-5-20.
Robert Edward Cohen, 89, of Dover, NH, on 2-27-20.
Harriet Johnson Currie, 89, of Mechanicsville, VA, on 4-12-20.
William Dean Currie, 91, of Mechanicsville, VA, on 7-8-20.
Harry Elmont Henderson, 92, of Sandy Spring, MD, on 5-18-20.
Wallace Ellery Hewett, 90, of Venice, FL, on 9-2-20.
Donald Berton Lockhart, 92, of Kensington, NH, on 7-16-20.
Joan King Merriam, 89, of Middletown, MD, on 3-28-20.
Robert Walter Murdock, 89, of Williamstown, MA, on 10-3-20.
Leonard Jacob Silver, 90, of Walnut Creek, CA, on 4-3-20.
William Nowland Watrous, 92, of Hackettstown, NJ, on 1-15-20.
Eleanor "Norrie" Mahaney

Zdanowicz, 90, of Scarborough, on 4-8-20.

1953

Clyde Moody Bickford, 89, of Lincoln and Howland, on 5-31-20.
Eleanor Byron Gove, 88, of Gardiner, on 9-29-20.
Richard Weston Hefler, 88, of Windham, on 6-27-20.
Wilfred Allan Lothrop, 89, of Fryeburg, on 6-3-20.
Robert Berton McTaggart, 88, of Longmeadow, MA, on 6-15-20.
Roland Wilson Peters, 89, of Torrington, CT, on 8-7-20.
Joanne Thomas Robinson, 88, of Westbrook and Houlton, on 4-27-20.
Doris Ramsay Smith, 88, of Portland, on 6-26-20.
Jean Hoyt Tauscher, 88, of North Chesterfield, VA, on 7-1-20.
Richard Gould Vose, 88, of Camden, on 7-30-20.
George Robert Wentworth, 88, of Bridgton, on 6-3-20.

1954

Joan Mary Reed Buttler, 85, of Pittsford, NY, on 4-26-18.
Kenneth Shirley Chapman, 92, of Whitefield, on 8-24-20.
George Ottis Comer, 91, of Springfield, MA, on 11-15-18.
Joan "Jo" Leach Davis, 88, of Acton, on 7-13-20.
James Robert Dunton, 87, of Yarmouth, on 5-15-20.
Robert Gustaf Erickson, 86, of Flowery Branch, GA, on 9-16-19.
Jerome Paul Hallee, 88, of Arlington, MA, on 7-21-19.
Ruth Ann Johnson, 87, of Falmouth, on 3-8-20.
Helena Mehlhorn McCusker, 88, of Westerville, OH, on 7-4-20.
David Edward Rowe, 91, of Lake Wales, FL, and Newport, on 10-2-20.
Walter Wright Rule, Jr., 88, of Montrose, CO, on 4-18-20.
Malcolm Richard Speirs, 92, of San Antonio, TX, on 5-29-20.

1955

William Hatch Ashbaugh, 90, of York, PA, on 5-25-20.
Reginald Barry Bowden, 87, of Orono, on 9-25-20.
David Lee Brown, 87, of Pasadena, MD, on 7-29-20.
Elizabeth Pierce Cross, 87, of Vero Beach, FL, on 6-21-20.
Nancy Cameron DeWilde, 86, of Sun City Center, FL, on 5-29-20.
Ralph Wessenger Hilton, 97, of Rochester, NH, on 9-3-20.

Harvey Walter Leavitt, O.D., 86, of Natick, MA, on 4-17-20.
Frederick Ralph Maher, 89, of Marlborough, CT, on 7-23-20.
Roger Edmund Mailhot, 85, of Lewiston, on 5-13-20.
Jean Spearin McCann, 87, of Augusta, on 10-14-20.
Robert Walter Pearson, 88, of Waldoboro, on 7-19-20.
John Bostwick Roger, 86, of New Milford, CT, on 4-10-20.
Ronald Joseph Sheay, 86, of Stockton, NJ, on 4-5-20.
Harry William Stanhope, 86, of Concord, NC, on 6-30-20.
Frances Whalen Strout, 86, of Brewer, on 6-24-20.

1956

Patricia Powers Bizier, 87, of Fairfax, VA, on 5-24-20.
Carolyn Bull Dahlgren, 85, of Yarmouth, on 5-3-20.
Ian George Kinoshita, 90, of Dearborn, MI, on 10-12-19.
Donald King Pendleton, 85, of Islesboro, on 3-10-20.
James Samuel Rouvalis, 87, of Topsfield, MA, on 9-19-20.

1957

Priscilla Jean Allen, 84, of Dresden, on 4-1-20.
Richard Frederick Bastow, 86, of Manassas, VA, on 8-20-20.
Hugh Waine Bartlett, 86, of Denmark, on 8-17-20.
David James Daigle, 84, of Delray Beach, FL, on 3-25-20.
Mary Ellen Dunroe Fleming, 86, of Bangor, on 9-18-20.
Ann Marietta Webster Guidoboni, 85, of Wiscasset, on 10-5-20.
Donald Herbert Hackett, 92, of Milford, on 9-20-20.
William John Manck, 85, of Brandon, FL, on 8-13-20.
Charles Phillips Mosher, 86, of Gorham, on 9-23-20.
William Earl Nicholson, 85, of Newtown, MA, on 3-21-20.
Elaine Young Paquin, 84, of Anderson, SC, on 4-13-20.
Franklin Pierce "Sandy" Smith, 84, of Swansea, MA, on 7-8-20.

1958

Marilyn Blake Berry, 84, of Myrtle Beach, FL, on 7-22-20.
Robert Stanton Burnell, 85, of Fryeburg, on 8-11-20.
Doris Littlefield Chapman, 99, of Portland, on 7-17-20.
Brian Roger Cole, 84, of Boiling Springs, SC, on 10-31-18.
Peter Brent Currie, 81, of Clemmons, NC, on 5-13-18.
Stanley Freeland Hanson, Jr.,



Bill and Harriet Johnson Currie both served on the Class of '52 Executive Committee and as co-class agents. Bill also served as class treasurer and president. When he retired from a long career at DuPont, the couple returned to Maine and devoted time and energy to their alma mater. They also led several trips of classmates overseas. Bill was honored with numerous alumni awards.

83, of Windham, on 4-8-20.
Walter Carroll King II, 84, of Redding, CT, on 3-30-20.
Brad Edson Michaels, 89, of Mission Viejo, CA, on 5-11-20.
Richard Irvine Nightingale, 89, of Bangor, on 8-15-20.
Halver Arnold Stedman, 89, of St. Augustine, FL, on 5-1-20.
Robert True Trefethen, 84, of Montgomery, AL, on 6-16-20.

1959

Barbara Lunt Allen, 82, of Chelmsford, MA, on 5-13-20.
Paul Sherman Andrews, 87, of Warren, on 8-21-20.
John Rosaire Benoit, 86, of Bangor, on 6-23-20.
John Thomas Day, 83, of Jefferson, on 6-24-20.
Richard Clement "Sam" Dumond, 83, of Redondo Beach, CA, on 8-21-20.
Marshall Lee Goodwin, D.M.D., 88, of Scarborough, on 5-11-20.
Ernest Edward Hollis, 84, of Bedford, MA, in April 2020.
Madelyn Mae Dunton Linscott, 99, of Winthrop and Brunswick, on 5-25-20.
Donna Meridith Grant Rauschke, 83, of Scarborough, on 6-13-20.
Rudolph Stoczek, 81, of Fredericton, NB, Canada, on 12-2-18.
David Wallace Wadsworth, 82, of Madison, on 7-26-20.
George Henry Wells, 86, of Hot Springs, AR, on 8-18-19.

1960

Claude Louis Cyr, 80, of Standish, on 7-29-20.
Wendell George Davis, 81, of

Danielson, CT, on 5-24-20.
George Edward Hartley, 79, of Dover-Foxcroft, on 7-17-20.
Charles Clark Heald, 82, of Rockland, on 9-2-20.
Rodney Charles Lindsay, 84, of Palm Bay, FL, on 3-17-20.
Donald Roland Mathieu, 90, of Denver, CO, on 6-8-20.
Enid Kelley McNeally, 81, of Gorham, on 4-5-20.
Roger Cox Plaisted, 82, of Vienna, on 7-1-20.
Levi M. Ross III, 85, of Glenburn, on 5-26-20.
Clinton Edward "Gunner" Van Aken, 83, of Veazie, on 7-6-20.

1961

Patricia Jean Ames, 82, of Bath, on 4-25-16.
John Richard Arsenault, 97, of Decatur, GA, on 5-8-20.
Rudolph John Baliko, 80, of Valley Lee, MD, on 5-27-20.
Eleanor Fay Dingman, 81, of Wheaton, IL, on 12-13-19.
Clayton Arthur Dyer, 85, of Scarborough, on 4-7-20.
Charles William Emerson, 82, of Naples, FL, on 4-9-20.
Donald William Gunn, 83, of Houston, TX, on 6-5-20.
Douglas Ralph Hanson, 80, of San Mateo, CA, on 4-28-20.
David Clarke Howe, 86, of Stamford, VT, on 9-9-20.
Charles Guy Hunnewell, 80, of Canton, NY, on 7-13-20.
Joseph Addison Linscott III, 86, of Augusta, on 9-11-20.
John MacGregor, 85, of Tucson, AZ, on 8-21-20.
James Ogden McLain, 84, of Hope, NJ, on 3-17-20.
Theodore Nelson Mellin, 82, of

Annandale, NJ, on 4-25-20.
George Walker Merry, 93, of Lake Havasu City, AZ, on 3-17-20.
John Christopher Quinn, 82, of East Wilton, on 5-13-20.
Bruce Erland Richards, 79, of Lewiston, on 7-24-20.
James Elwood Stevens, 81, of Gorham, on 5-31-20.
Richard Duane Tauscher, 84, of North Chesterfield, VA, on 2-16-19.

1962

Howard Stiles Annis, Jr., 83, of Augusta, on 4-10-20.
Robert Foster Bishop, 79, of Yarmouth, on 3-27-20.
James Robert Branscombe, 78, of Goffstown, NH, on 10-2-17.
Joyce Elaine Fotter Bushey, 84, of Oakland, on 4-1-20.
Judith Blom Coccia, 80, of St. Paul, MN, on 9-27-20.
Robert Jeffrey Donovan, 77, of Woolwich, on 8-26-16.
William Francis Farrington, 90, of Old Orchard Beach, on 5-3-20.
Stanley Phillip Kierstead, 86, of Farmington, on 5-11-20.
Gray Edwin Leighton, 80, of Holden, on 5-16-20.
Norman Francis Maxim, 79, of Lunenburg, MA, on 8-4-20.
Robert Erskine Pendleton, Jr., 80, of Scarborough, on 6-23-20.
Courtney Lewis Prentiss, 84, of Knoxville, TN, on 7-17-20.

1963

Donald Irwin Bornstein, 75, of Sun City Center, FL, on 8-25-17.
Roland Leopold Chretien, 80, of Livermore Falls, on 8-6-20.
Robert Bartlett Collett, 79, of Stratford, CT, on 7-2-20.
Paul Edward Dall, 78, of Tarpon Springs, FL, on 6-25-20.
Shamus Todd Daly, 80, of Saco, on 1-20-20.
Phillip John Jones, 79, of Sarasota, FL, on 4-24-20.
Socrates Mitrokostas, 84, of South Yarmouth, MA, on 8-3-20.
Suzanne Polowe Pinansky, 95, of Portland, on 6-27-20.
Douglas Newton Sanborn, 79, of Buxton, on 10-12-20.
Gwendolyn Walls Stevenson, 79, of Alsea, OR, on 7-10-20.
Charles Howard Wilson, 78, of Queensbury, NY, on 8-8-20.
Earle Emerson Young, 93, of Barkhamsted, CT, on 5-4-20.

1964

Edward Thomas Curran, Jr., 84, of Saint Cloud, FL, on 3-29-20.
Alden Leroy Graham, 79, of South Portland, on 9-17-20.

Nancy Barnes Hill, 77, of Manchester, on 4-4-20.
Richard Young Ingraham, 82, of Cumberland, on 1-21-20.
Ernest Malcolm Johnson, 82, of Shapleigh, on 5-24-20.
Richard Arlen Johnson, 78, of Milford, MA, on 9-8-20.
Kenneth Walter Mills, 77, of Bridgeport, CT, on 4-3-20.
William Lewis Randall, 85, of Auburn, on 8-21-20.
Darrell Arnold Spencer, 79, of Nashua, NH, on 9-8-20.
Leon Robert Worthley, 82, of Gilford, NH, on 10-2-20.

1965

Laurence Willard Allen, 78, of Windham, on 9-11-20.
Lee Milo Wing Bauer, 77, of Mexico, on 4-25-20.
Joan Patricia Strickland Beach, 77, of Ellenton, FL, on 5-15-20.
Lewis Nelson Flagg, 77, of Winthrop, on 5-17-20.
Laurel Fish Gagne, 91, of Turner, on 8-14-20.
Charles William Harlow, 77, of Portland, on 3-28-20.
Edward Luie Moffitt, 80, of Stockton Springs, on 5-28-20.
Lewis Mohler, 83, of Venice, FL, on 7-17-20.
Richard Evans Page, 78, of Zephyrhills, FL, on 7-2-20.
David Ernest Robertson, 76, of Lombard, IL, on 5-31-20.
Thomas A. Robinson, 82, of Enfield, on 9-9-20.

1966

Dora Gormley DesAutels, 81, of Peabody, MA, on 10-16-20.
Donald Ernest Dyer, 78, of Richmond, VA, on 10-9-20.
William Thomas Flint, Jr., 79, of Owls Head, on 5-5-20.
Henry Arthur Goodstein, 74, of Newnan, GA, on 7-18-20.
Vijay Kumar Joshua, 82, of Norwood, MA, on 1-26-20.
Wesley Ayer Nash, 85, of Titusville, FL, on 9-7-20.
Paul William Schaefer, 80, of Elkton, MD, on 6-26-20.
Russell Robbins Sherburne, 76, of Auburn, on 4-28-20.
Eizens Paul Silins, 76, of Sheffield, AL, on 4-25-20.

1967

James Merton Avore, 75, of Bluffton, SC, on 7-15-20.
Gordon William Bell, 73, of Rockland, on 8-7-18.
Harold George Brotzman, 78, of Williamstown, MA, on 7-9-20.
Rev. Clifton George Davis, 84, of Bangor, on 5-1-20.

Dennis Christos Erinakes, 80, of Murphy, TX, on 7-29-20.
Judith Anne Sullivan Kryzynski, 74, of Windham, NH, on 5-26-20.
Helene Howard Quinn, 76, of Camden, on 9-1-20.
Virgil Rodney Ward, 90, of Hiram, on 5-29-20.

1968

Amy Begert Ashton, 92, of Lewiston, on 3-26-20.
Janet Lee Bunker, 74, of Ellsworth, on 4-9-20.
Cheryl Ann Cockey Cooper, 74, of Columbus, OH, on 2-4-20.
Frances Brennan Hamilton, 71, of Auburn, on 1-4-19.
Suzanne Kay Hart, 74, of Veazie, on 10-9-20.
Benita Roberts McMullen, 73, of Mount Desert Island, on 3-25-20.
Marylee Huston Murphy, 73, of Orrington, on 9-4-20.
Rupert Neily III, 74, of West Boothbay Harbor, on 4-27-20.
Michael David Pearson, 78, of Old Town, on 3-14-20.
Keith Lewis Savage, 80, of Portland, on 8-29-20.
William Daniel Schoolcraft, 75, of Garland, on 6-8-20.
Carol Spencer Tasker, 87, of South Portland, on 8-13-20.

1969

Alfred Joseph Anderson, 77, of Framingham, MA, on 7-22-20.
Richard Phillip Arsenault, 78, of Buxton, on 4-7-18.
Eunice Lois Bemis, 90, of Weston, CT, and Bangor, on 5-18-20.
Stephen Lewis Broaddus, 71, of Cincinnati, OH, on 9-21-20.
Ann Michael Constantine, 73, of York, on 6-10-20.
David Alan Dudley, 73, of Boothbay, on 7-30-20.
Joseph Curtis Knights, 72, of North Port, FL, on 10-15-20.
Robert Ernest LeBlanc, 87, of Jay, on 5-6-20.
Laurelle Elaine Greiner Lowe, 73, of Medford, NJ, on 7-3-20.
Carolyn Paul Martel, 73, of Bowie, MD, on 6-6-20.
David Merrill Segee, 73, of Hollis, on 4-21-20.
Peter Walter Semolie, 73, of Whitehall, NY, on 7-6-20.
Robert Brian Tupper, 73, of Fairfield, on 5-30-20.

1970

Jeffrey Lynn Dunham, 69, of Zephyrhills, FL, on 7-24-20.
Robert Wayne Eldridge, 74, of



UMaine "super fan" Jeff Harris '72, '87G served on the Alumni Association board for many years and was a visible spectator at sporting events, waving his UMaine flag.

Bangor, on 4-20-20.
John Mark Frissell, 68, of Swansea, MA, on 9-30-16.
Charles Andrew Gallant, 73, of Augusta, on 4-19-20.
John Richard Haley, 75, of Caribou, on 9-10-20.
Ronald Augustus Hartford II, 70, of Cambridge, on 5-15-20.
Elizabeth Armstrong Kimball Howard, 95, of Belfast, on 4-23-20.
Linda Marshall Kyomitmaitee, 71, of Reading, MA, on 7-24-20.
William Anthony McQuillen, 76, of Peabody, MA, on 4-17-20.
Douglas Ward Moody, 71, of Portland, on 4-14-20.
Edward Cyr Mussenden, 73, of Arnold, MD, on 6-11-20.
John Orimel Noble, 73, of Dracut, MA, on 3-21-19.
Gerald Joseph Pepin, 72, of Bath, on 7-25-20.
Russell Gilbert Van Arsdale, Jr., 71, of Brewer, on 6-10-20.
James Edward Vila, 71, of Tilton, NH, on 2-9-20.

1971

Jack McClellan Bremer, 91, of Boothbay, on 8-14-20.
William James Brigham, 80, of Topsham, on 5-28-20.
Henry Alfred Hudson, Jr., 73, of Harrison, on 9-13-20.
Theresa Moran Laliberte, 91, of Milford, on 10-13-20.
Wade Scott Wiley, 70, of Ferndale, MI, on 4-30-20.

1972

William Walter Coyne, 70, of Rockport, on 6-27-20.
William Dudley Curtis, 71, of South Thomaston, on 9-22-20.
Peter Wheeler Downey, 76, of Bangor, on 5-3-20.
Norman Paul Gauvreau, 71, of Lewiston, on 4-7-20.
Donna Bertha Conant Gibbs, 70, of Lewiston, on 8-31-20.

Alfred Jeffrey "Jeff" Harris, 75, of Bangor, on 10-15-20.
Margaret Moody Harris, 72, of Burlington, on 9-23-20.
Sylvia Wuori Hatfield, 71, of Winthrop, on 7-3-20.
Steven John Herb, 70, of Tatamy, PA, on 9-20-20.
Benjamin Harvey Long, 69, of Oakton, VA, on 3-28-20.
Donald Franklyn Morse, 71, of Bath, on 9-20-20.
Sr. Patricia Joy O'Conner, 71, of Long Island, NY, on 9-2-20.
Rev. Mark Edward Rustin, 72, of Bangor, on 9-3-20.
Ruth Estes Weeks, 87, of Harpswell, on 5-10-20.
Judith Petnov Wilson, 69, of Palmetto, FL, on 3-14-20.

1973

Terry Donovan Adams, 68, of Winthrop, on 2-12-15.
Michele Dawn Smith Alex, 70, of Simpsonville, SC, on 6-30-20.
Gordon Richard Bilyard, 71, of Richland, WA, on 6-17-20.
Nina Bowden Hansen, 91, of Bangor, on 6-12-20.
Mark Douglas Havey, 68, of Virginia Beach, VA, on 7-19-20.
Carol Clark McLeod, 69, of Fairfield, on 9-21-20.
Lance Earl Metz, 72, of Allentown, PA, on 5-2-20.
Karl Robert "Bob" Oxner, Jr., 70, of Conway, NH, in September 2020.
Audrey Donna Johnson Sewall, 80, of Hermon, on 4-25-20.
Betsey Jean Ouellette Young, 69, of Orlando, FL, on 9-21-20.
Brenda Helms Ziglar, 81, of Wayne, PA, on 5-19-20.
Marcia Bennett Zimmer, 66, of Monson, MA, on 4-5-16.

1974

Ronald Edward Avery, 67, of York, on 3-16-20.
Alexander Todd Goniprow, 64, of Olney, MD, on 7-19-16.
Loren Harvey Manson, 68, of Intervale, NH, on 4-2-20.
Everett William Maxim, 68, of Winthrop, on 7-27-20.
Hon. Richard Wood McVinney, 68, of Oneonta, NY, on 3-28-20.
Joyce Heidi Seligman, 75, of Portland, on 6-7-20.

The UMaine Alumni Association offers condolences to the friends and family of alumni who died as a result of COVID-19.

Deaths

Towns are in Maine unless otherwise noted.

1972

William Walter Coyne, 70, of Rockport, on 6-27-20.
William Dudley Curtis, 71, of South Thomaston, on 9-22-20.
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Gordon Richard Bilyard, 71, of Richland, WA, on 6-17-20.
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Loren Harvey Manson, 68, of Intervale, NH, on 4-2-20.
Everett William Maxim, 68, of Winthrop, on 7-27-20.
Hon. Richard Wood McVinney, 68, of Oneonta, NY, on 3-28-20.
Joyce Heidi Seligman, 75, of Portland, on 6-7-20.

1975

Arto Artinyan, 70, of Portland, on 8-15-20.

Janet Johnson Berry, 89, of Warren, on 6-18-20.
Paul Joseph Gerardi, MD, 65, of Albertville, AL, on 5-11-19.
Allen Clinton Graffam, 66, of Topsham, on 5-23-20.
Robert Henry Reid, Jr., 67, of Hampton, NH, on 6-19-20.
Walter Everett Young, Jr., 74, of Standish, on 9-24-20.

1976

Richard Alpha Babine, 70, of Glenburn, on 8-19-20.
Timothy Cecil Dumais, 64, of Milford, MA, on 2-24-20.
Alton Durward Fuller, 76, of Augusta, on 5-30-20.
Dean A. Lewis, 89, of San Antonio, TX, on 4-8-20.
John Howard Lowell, 63, of Buckfield, on 6-16-20.
Thomas Edwin Nunes, 66, of Hollis, on 9-28-20.
Emery George Plourde, Jr., 70, of Bennington, VT, on 8-30-20.
Sr. Martha Helen Thibodeau, 93, of Waterville, on 9-16-20.

1977

Alan Robert Hanson, 66, of Saco, on 7-19-20.
William Milliken Moody, Jr., 67, of Yarmouth, on 3-18-20.
Elizabeth Campbell Morin, 65, of Milford, MA, on 8-19-20.

1978

James Lawrence Burgess, 64, of North Yarmouth, on 7-19-20.
Carolyn Daisy Coleman, 88, of Brewer, on 6-28-20.
David Edward Hinkley, 64, of Turner, on 9-24-20.
Stephen Frederick Hoitt, 64, of Clearwater, FL, on 4-12-20.
Bernadette Keenan McCormick, 71, of Blue Hill, on 4-28-20.
Elizabeth Woolsey Schuster, 62, of Northampton, MA, on 12-15-18.
Robert Earle Woodbury, 75, of Freeport, on 2-9-20.

1979

Francis "Frank" Gabbianelli, 68, of Ridgefield, CT, and Dixmont, on 3-28-20.
Claire Jordan Hyde, 62, of Lexington, SC, on 6-2-2020.
David James McVety, 65, of Otisfield, on 4-12-20.
Tullio Zachary Nieman, 66, of Belgrade Lakes and Farmington, on 7-26-20.

1980

Alan Wayne Carle, 61, of South Portland, on 9-18-20.
Stephen Douglas Clements, 71, of Swanville, on 6-11-20.
Paul William Rhinhart, 70, of Northborough, MA, on 1-2-19.

1981

James Keith Small, 67, of Skowhegan, on 10-10-20.

1982

Rashel Genevieve Ellsmore, 85, of Tallahassee, FL, on 3-30-18.
Lawrence Ernest Greenleaf, 78, of Auburn, on 6-21-20.
Mary Rose MacKinnon, 60, of Portland, on 5-11-20.
Robert Walter Pickering, 60, of Fort Myers, FL, on 8-26-20.
Alison Barbara Poulin, DDS, 61, of Ellsworth, on 7-13-20.
William Thomas Prosser, 88, of West Plains, MO, on 4-29-20.

1983

Charles Edward Cashman, 75, of Harrington, on 3-18-20.
Norma Carosi Godwin, 82, of Florida, on 6-4-19.
Dana Philip Lejonhud, 57, of Hebron, on 7-15-20.
Sharon Mitchell Melia, 73, of Stillwater and Sangerville, on 4-3-20.
Constance Genevieve Dahlen Jones, 92, of Freeport, on 3-23-20.

1984

Kenneth Twomey Black, 58, of Saco, on 4-9-20.

1985

Daniel Roger Bilodeau, 61, of Jacksonville, FL, on 4-5-20.
Michael David Schorr, MD, 58, of Lakeville, MA, on 7-12-20.

1986

Diane Marie Godin, 58, of Madison, on 4-1-20.

1987

Linda Lee Boyle, 57, of Glenburn, on 5-19-20.
Jeanne Ann Cookson, 70, of Guilford, on 10-3-20.
Bruce R. Littlefield, 74, of Jackson, on 8-12-20.
Dorothy Carini McKellick, 67, of Rumford, on 5-21-20.

1988

Kevin Sherwood Geel, 64, of Lewiston, on 8-21-20.
Carrie Schneider Sabin, 94, of Bangor, on 9-26-20.
Theolyn Mae Arnold Staples, 69, of Bangor, on 6-12-20.

1989

Alan Raymond Brown, 51, of Ellsworth, on 10-16-20.

1990

Elizabeth Markowsky, 89, of Rolla, MO, in September 2018.
Allen Ivian Perley, 54, of Carmel, on 7-16-20.
Michelle Ames Zambrano, 54, of Atkinson, on 5-29-20.

1991

Andrew Darren Lymburner, 50, of Ashland, MA, on 5-26-20.
Jeffrey Eugene Meserve, 52, of Dayton and South Paris, on 7-8-20.

1992

Carina Jo Clay-Murray, 51, of Raymond, on 8-26-20.
Catherine Ann Rideout, 79, of Milo, on 4-23-20.

1993

Peter Edward Caristi, 72, of Holiday, FL, and Hermon, on 4-30-20.

1994

Laurie Beth Cook, DVM, 50, of Westerville, OH, on 6-7-20.
Teresa Ann Gray, 68, of Richmond, on 6-4-20.
Helen Lorraine Griffith, 88, of Jonesboro, LA, on 8-3-20.
Nancy Beatrice Morse, 78, of Milford, on 4-23-20.

1995

Ronald F. Smith, 77, of Glenburn, on 3-21-20.

1996

Molly Joy Hogan Anderson, 45, of Portland, on 4-20-20.
Robert N. Coffey, Jr., 48, of Ann Arbor, MI, on 7-12-20.

1997

Michael S. Brigham, 70, of New Vineyard, on 9-3-20.
Rebecca Marie Cole, 54, of Calais, on 4-8-20.
Michael R. Murchison, 60, of Lincoln, on 7-14-20.
Ann Ferrarone Read, 49, of DeWitt, NY, on 9-17-20.
Michael Robert Tibbetts, 48, of Lisbon Falls, on 4-30-20.

1998

Claire Leighton Grindel, 88, of Hancock, on 5-23-20.

2000

Dorothy Helena Barnes, 53, of Portland, on 5-1-20.

2002

Cynthia Melendy, 69, of Lewiston, on 4-17-20.

2003

James Edward "Jef" Fitzgerald, 60, of Bucksport, on 4-11-20.

2004

Alexandra "Sandi" Leotsakos, 55, of Chelsea, on 5-25-20.

2010

Christie Staples Kennedy, 31, of Ellsworth and Swan's Island, on 3-17-20.

2015

Patricia Anne Hughes, 59, of Palmyra, on 3-16-20.

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