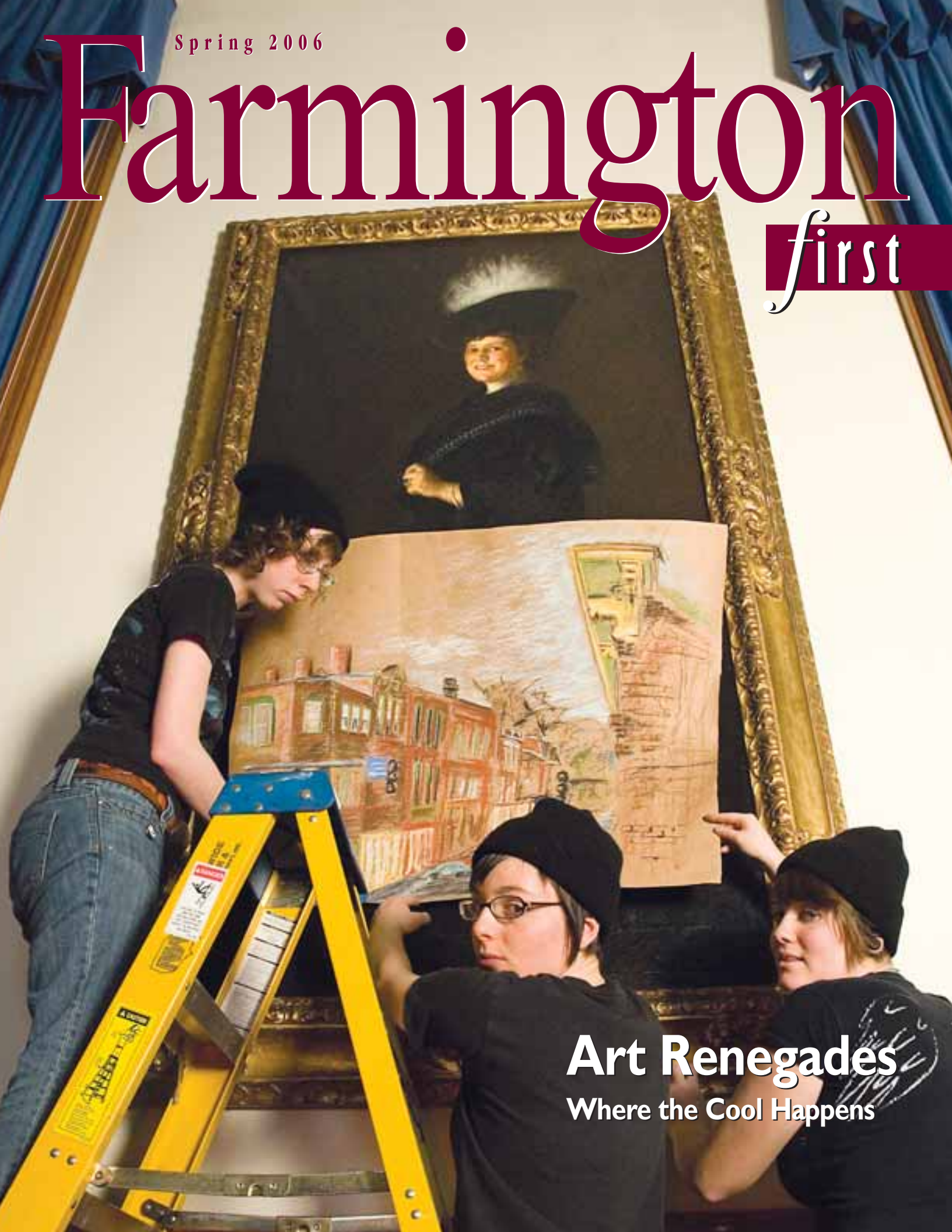


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**Art Renegades**

Where the Cool Happens

## From the President's Desk

*"The arts are an integral part of a liberal arts education. Practicing any art teaches valuable lessons not easily available in other ways."*



President Kalikow

Dear alumni and friends of UMF:

A hotbed of the arts is located in Farmington, and it is us! Music, dance, visual arts, theater, poetry, and more—all are happening in studios, concert halls, classrooms, computer labs, residence hall rooms, and anywhere creativity and imagination are born.

The arts are an integral part of a liberal arts education. Practicing any art teaches valuable lessons not easily available in other ways.

Think of singing or playing or acting in an ensemble. You practice your instrument or your role; you do the performance together; and you get immersed in a common task that has a beautiful outcome shared with the performers, and with an audience. What a complex task with so many opportunities for learning! Individual skill development. Collaboration. Understanding the artistic challenges. The value of practice, practice, practice. The feeling of mastery when you know you have finished a beautiful performance. Those satisfactions are high points of human experience.

Other lessons can come from manipulating materials toward an envisioned goal. Clumsiness can give way to elegant execution, and the reflective student can explore her own strengths and learn the elusive gap

between the effect seen in the mind's eye, and what the hand (or the computer) can actually produce. No practicing artist will wonder why Rembrandt painted and etched the same subject, so often with so many different results!

The role of the faculty in the arts is critical. They serve as teachers, role models, coaches, directors, and fellow-explorers. They provide a language with which to talk about concepts, history and practices of the arts, and they also foster the use of constructive critique in advancing a student's knowledge and mastery.

The creative journey and its results can be seen in some of the stories throughout this issue: students and alumni who have taken the next steps to be authentic practitioners, performers, and contributors to human community and culture. Enjoy the trip! [7]

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Theodora J. Kalikow".

Theodora J. Kalikow  
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## Students Rebuild Katrina-Damaged Homes over Spring Break

A CONTINGENT OF University of Maine at Farmington students and new graduates described how they spent their spring break building new homes and gardens for Katrina victims at Habitat for Humanity's Hope Village site in Louisiana.

Erika Johansen '06 of Brunswick, Ryan McKenney '06 of Poland, Chelsea Goulart '07 of East Falmouth, MA, Sarah Carnahan '06 of Portland, and Charlie Creagh '08 of Wales joined students from Bates College and the University of Southern Maine in the rebuilding project.

In a presentation to the campus community, the UMF students described their work as hard but rewarding. The students worked beside residents-to-be who put Habitat's required "sweat equity" into building their new homes. They noted that many of the components used in the Habitat homes had goodwill messages written on the frames such as "CA Coast to Gulf Coast—God Bless You." The students also created gardens which required backbreaking labor by shoveling out clay and replacing it with dirt.

Some parts of the hurricane-ravaged landscape looked like a war zone, students said. Streets were filled with mud and impassable. Those homes that are still standing show evidence of substantial water damage. Even months after the hurricane, people are still living in tents, without even small FEMA trailers, because electrical power is still not available. Despite their hardships, residents were warm, appreciative, and very willing to talk about their experiences, according to the UMF students.



Students from UMF joined other Maine college students to spend their February break building homes in hurricane-ravaged Louisiana. First row: Charlie Creagh, Brook Miller. Second row: Mike Wilson, Sarah Carnahan, Ryan McKenney, Cyndi Longo (kneeling), Erika Johansen, Chelsea Goulart, Tamara Heligman, and Allegra Hirsh. *photo courtesy of Charlie Creagh '08*



**Above:** Professor Sarah Maline (left) and a group of UMF students pose outside of the Shinto shrine, Kamigamo-jinja, on their first day in Kyoto, Japan. The shrine is one of the oldest in Japan. Shinto is the indigenous, animistic religion of Japan that focuses on the veneration of kami, spirits or gods who inspire a sense of awe and usually inhabit natural objects or special places in the landscape.

**Left:** UMF students and professors climbed the cobblestone street that leads pilgrims to Kiyomizu-dera, Kyoto's most famous Buddhist temple. *photos courtesy of Andrea Southard*

## Teaching and Learning in Japan

TWENTY-TWO UNIVERSITY of Maine at Farmington students spent part of their winter term studying in Japan. Accompanied by art professor Sarah Maline and theater professor Andrea Southard, the group gave English lessons and studied Japanese theater, art, and architecture.

Several students taught short English assignments to students at the Osawa Yochien Kindergarten. Though the college students thought the Japanese children might be shy, they found the youngsters welcomed them. The kindergarteners made their American

visitors soup, and taught them how to make mochi, sweetened rice balls.

The students and professors visited many Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. Among them was Sanjusangendo Temple, which has 33 bays housing 1,001 statues of Kannon-Bosatsu (the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy). Each image is five-and-a-half feet tall, carved out of wood, and leafed in gold. The principal image of Kannon, located in the center, stands eleven feet tall. Another memorable visit was to the Saijohi Temple and its famous moss garden. Only a limited

number of visitors are allowed at the site each day to prevent damage to the moss.

Spending one week in Kyoto and one in Tokyo, the group also attended Kabuki and Bunraku (large puppet) theaters. While visiting a garden-park, though, they almost lost their theater tickets when one of the Todaiji—literally, "bow to eat"—deer pulled them out of Maline's purse and tried to eat them. The Todaiji deer have been pampered for hundreds of years, are very tame, and have learned to beg for food by bowing; they are considered sacred in Japan.

## Eastler Named Racewalk Coach

UMF Geology Professor Tom Eastler was named head coach of the 2006 USA World Cup Racewalk Team by the National Office of USA Track and Field.

EASTLER LED A GROUP of twenty-one athletes to La Coruna, Spain, for the May 13-14 World Cup racewalk competition which included a 20K and 50K men's race, a 20K women's race, a 10K junior men's race, and a 10K junior women's race.

Eastler was introduced to the sport of racewalking in 1966, as a grad student at Columbia University. He has been interested in helping Maine young people pursue this healthy lifetime fitness activity since his children got him involved at the Junior Olympic level in the 1980s. "I am comforted," said Eastler, "in the knowledge that my small coaching contribution to society has helped to make a big difference in the lives of many people."

He has been involved with the sport both

as an official and a coach. Through his efforts, racewalking is now included in the Maine high school track and field program, the only one of its kind in the country that has both boys and girls racewalking as scoring events in outdoor track. This distinction gives participants in the Maine high school program the opportunity to pursue their sport in collegiate, U.S. National, and Olympic trials.

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Tom Eastler coaches racewalkers minutes before a 20K race at the 2002 World Cup competition in Turin, Italy. Eastler brought a team of twenty-one athletes to the 2006 World Cup in Spain this spring. photo courtesy of Tom Eastler



Alice "Skeets" Richardson Durgin '37 (left) and Dorrice Trickey Wetzler '38 meet again at the Florida Alumni Reunion.

photo courtesy of Pat Carpenter '82

## After Almost 70 years, Two Reunite at Florida Reunion

ALICE "SKEETS" RICHARDSON DURGIN '37 and Dorrice Trickey Wetzler '38 met nearly seventy years after graduating from Farmington State Normal School when they attended the 2006 Florida Alumni Reunion in Ruskin, FL. Durgin moved permanently to the St. Petersburg area, and Wetzler resides in Sarasota. As the earliest graduate in attendance, Durgin was awarded a coffee mug with a picture of Merrill Hall, the only academic building on the FSNS campus when she was a student.

The latest graduate in attendance was Paul Auger '71, aside from Pat Carpenter '82

who is the UMF director of planned giving. He was given a coffee mug that read "UMF Alumni." Paul's sister, Gail Auger '63; their brother, Bill Auger '63; and Bill's wife, Wilma "Jo" Redlow Auger '63 were also on hand. All live in Lakeland.

UMF President Theo Kalikow and Pat shared a PowerPoint presentation depicting the construction of the new Education Center and other changes happening on campus.



Cascade Brook teacher Rick Hardy '76 (shown here with his students in a 2005 photo) was seriously injured when he fell from his roof this year. photo by Fred Dearnley

## Two Recuperate Together

TWO UMF ALUMNI and educators recovered together after sustaining life-threatening head injuries earlier this year. Rick Hardy '76 of Farmington struck his head when he fell from his roof in late January. Melissa Yeaton '01 of Farmington was diagnosed with a benign tumor growing between her brain and skull in early February. Yeaton and Hardy underwent surgery at Central Maine Medical Center and recuperated together sharing meals, according to *Sun Journal* news reports. By March, both had been released from the hospital to continue

their rehabilitation and recovery at home.

Both Yeaton and Hardy are Titcomb Mountain ski patrollers and SAD 9 employees. Yeaton is the school district's health coordinator, and Hardy, who was pictured on the cover of *Farmington First's* winter 2005 issue, is a teacher at Cascade Brook School. More information about their progress can be found at the following website: <http://www.rickhardy.homestead.com>.

## Mapping the Arctic Circle

TWO INTREPID EXPLORERS are mapping the Arctic Circle without stepping off the UMF campus. Geography major Neil Greenler '06 and computer science major Scott Lovejoy '07 are testing the limits of time and space using state-of-the-art computer workstations installed by DeLorme, a mapping company located in Yarmouth, Maine. The students have been testing the company's latest software for over a year by building a contour map above 60° latitude. In return for the students' assistance, DeLorme officials plan to donate the computer workstations to UMF. This is just one example of the university's tradition of field-based collaboration with business. Geography Professor Matt McCourt says that "UMF is reaping the benefits of our students."

Ultimately DeLorme will use the students' work to create paper maps and will integrate the data with GPS, the global positioning system.

Greenler and Lovejoy began the process of mapping the Arctic Cir-



Geography major Neil Greenler tests the latest mapping software for a Maine company.  
photo by Margaret F. Donaghue  
illustration by Victor Cormier

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cle by updating old world maps using new data from aerial photographs. With this information, they were able to create accurate contour lines, imaginary lines which denote elevation on a map. At UMF, they translated the updated information into digital form. This meant Greenler and Lovejoy would focus on a certain area, digitally drawing sections of the contour lines. Since contour lines never cross, the students could track an elevation line starting in Russia, through China, India, and even Europe before reconnecting.



UMF Business Professor Waleck Dalpour  
photo courtesy of Waleck Dalpour

## Dalpour Honored at International Conference

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE at Farmington Business Professor Waleck Dalpour appeared as both a speaker and an honorary member of science at the First Assembly of Hatay (Antioch) Civilizations conference. "This international recognition is one of my best accomplishments," Dalpour said. Over 400 scholars, including ambassadors from 45 countries, attended the conference in Turkey. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's keynote address stated people of different faiths, races, and languages should live together in peace.

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Teacher by day and country music entertainer by night, Teresa Moulton Lavender Seavey of Windham. photo courtesy of Teresa Seavey

## Songbird Scores Two Trophies

A FORMER UMF CHORUS member and Chamber Singer recently took second and fourth place in the American Country Music Association's ninth annual competition. Teresa Moulton Lavender Seavey '83 of Windham won second place for Patriotic Songwriter of the Year. Seavey's winning song, "The Day the American Eagle Cried," was written in memory of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Seavey and her sister Patricia "Pattie Jean" Michaud also received a fourth place trophy for Traditional Country Duet of the Year.

Seavey's music has appeared on the *Notes from Home* and the Maine Songwriters Association's *Who's Who* compilations. She also holds honors from the Down East and Pine Tree State music competitions. Seavey learned to play the guitar and wrote her first songs during her freshman year at UMF. Despite her musical success, Seavey can still be found helping her students as a special education teacher in the Gray-New Gloucester Middle School.



Paul "Bucky" Sproul, a retired high school teacher, received special honors from the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials for serving as a referee for fifty years.  
photo courtesy of the Sun Journal

## Referee Sets Fifty Year Record

WATCHING PAUL "BUCKY" Sproul '59 officiate a charity basketball game at Mt. Blue High School this spring, it's hard to believe this spry gentleman jogging up and down the court has logged fifty years as a referee. But Sproul, a retired SAD 9 teacher, was honored at a special ceremony this year for his years of service by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, according to the *Sun Journal*.

Sproul began refereeing games while in the Air Force. Then, as a UMF student, he continued working as a basketball official at both college and high school games. He refereed throughout his more than thirty years as a Mt. Blue High School teacher. Even in his retirement, Sproul remains a fixture on the high school basketball court.

Sproul continues to keep active in other ways as a high school custodian, athletic groundskeeper, and weekend security guard.

## UMF Nordica Celebration of Women in the Arts: Rooted and Restless



The Old South Church Drummers, a women's tambourine ensemble, performed this spring at the eighteenth annual Nordica Celebration of Women in the Arts. *photo by Jennifer Eriksen*

THE NORDICA CELEBRATION of Women in the Arts marked its eighteenth anniversary in March with a show entitled "Rooted and Restless." The program featured tap dancer Erica Connolly; pianist Harper Burke; the *Old South Church Drummers*, a women's tambourine ensemble; collage artist Kathleen Beauregard; folk singer Ruth Hill; vocalists Julia Daly and Jessica Campbell; "Voice 124" with Jane Parker; and poet Emily Wittenhagen. The celebration also included dramatic scenes from *Songbird*, an original play by Jayne Decker, and *The Life and Times of Lillian Nordica*, directed by Michael Romanyshyn.

The Nordica Celebration of Women in the Arts is one of the oldest tributes to Women's History Month. The first program was held in 1987, the same year Women's History Month officially began, when the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand a one week commemoration to the entire month of March.

The Nordica Celebration at the University of Maine at Farmington invites performers from the campus and surrounding communities to join together in creations that "draw attention to how women artists have shaped our lives by giving voice to life, struggle, beauty, and change," according to artistic director and UMF Creative Writing Professor Gretchen Legler.

This year's program also featured a special acknowledgement of the contribution of Letty Pryor, one of the founders of the Nordica Celebration of Women in the Arts and the first director of the UMF Women's Studies Center. Pryor passed away in 2005, but excerpts of her letters were read aloud as part of the 2006 program, Legler said. *(It was my privilege to work with Pryor during the late eighties at UMF. A native of Georgia, she was a true steel magnolia—unfailingly gracious, yet utterly relentless in her defense of women's rights. Our world is diminished by her absence.—Ed. note)*

As best as anyone can recall, the first Nordica Celebration was the brainchild of several women. In addition to Pryor, they included Wilton resident Lila Balch, UMF Dancers Director Margaret Gould Wescott, former Women's Studies Center Director Peggy Stubbs, UMF Counselor Elizabeth Jennings, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Susan Wales (who was also the first person to graduate with a minor in women's studies from UMF), and UMF Affirmative Action Director Valerie Huebner.

"It really started with a group of women sitting around saying, 'How are we going to make it through March,'" said Wescott, adding that the women involved in launching Nordica did it in part to build women's community, and to create an arts community in Farmington. "We were active feminists," Wescott said, who directed the program for ten years.

**Our Graduates Make a Winning Team.** Pictured here are some of the UMF alumni working as teachers and administrators at Erskine Academy, a private high school in South China, Maine.



**Front Row:** Dee (Willoughby) Porter '94, Mary (Harris) MacFarland '76, Sue LaGasse '77, Halda (Smith) Stout '78 and '97, Jennifer (Tibbetts) Potter '01, Erika (Jones) Reay '02, Michael Choate '03, Elizabeth (Squiers) Choat '00.

**Back Row:** Dena (Flye) Albert '90, Mary Oches '94, Sonia Stevenson '93, Nancy LaGasse '83, Jon Hilton '91, Jamie Soule '95, Julie (Roach) Jackson '95, Lori (Welch) Dube '03, Bill Childs '89.

**Not Pictured:** Timothy Bonsant '92, Deidre Cooper '95, Scott Corey '88, Don Poulin (Headmaster) '72, Ruthanne Scarduzio '91, Heather Shute '96.

## Gold Medal Mom

***Her new notoriety is as the mom of Seth Wescott, 2005 world champion and first-ever Olympic gold medalist in the sport of snowboard cross.***

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE at Farmington dance professor Margaret Gould Wescott has known celebrity status on campus every year through the performances of The UMF Dancers. But this year has been a little bit different, as she was whisked away to the Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy, and the excitement of international sports competition. Her new notoriety is as the mom of Seth Wescott, 2005 world champion and first-ever Olympic gold medalist in the sport of snowboard cross. He is also the first athlete from Maine to win a gold medal at a Winter Olympic game.

Wescott was caught in a whirlwind following her son's win in Italy; she talked to the president of *NBC Sports*, and met *The Today Show* co-hosts Katie Couric and Matt Lauer. What surprised her most was how many mothers came up to her with tears in their eyes and asked for her autograph. "I am exhausted. Deliciously exhausted," Wescott said. "I am so proud of him."

On returning home, her stardom continued as she was surprised with a multitude of messages, banners, and a makeshift gold medal of her own. Her many friends and colleagues celebrated the event at a campus open-house. Even several days after she arrived home, her jaw still hurt from smiling and her voice was hoarse, Wescott said. After all the excitement, she is again back at UMF doing what she loves, teaching and performing with her dancers. Well done, Mom!



UMF dance professor Margaret Wescott holds a *Newsweek* magazine depicting her son, Seth, the first Maine athlete to win a gold medal in a Winter Olympic game. Seth won the 2006 Olympic snowboard cross event. *photo courtesy of the Sun Journal*

## We Are Not Separate from the Earth

The UMF Dancers spring performance this year was entitled "We Are Not Separate from The Earth".



*photo by Fred Dearnley*

The modern dance program consisted of seven original compositions by six student choreographers.



As publicist for the Boston Museum of Science, LaMay is especially proud of her work for the October 2005 opening of the Museum's wildly popular *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination* exhibit.

Julianne LaMay works in the Boston Museum of Science media relations department. photos by Kevin T. Brooks '04

## Creative Writing Grad Spins Science, Education —Even Entertainment

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away ... UMF creative writing major Julianne LaMay '97 interned at the on-campus poetry press, Alice James Books. Little did LaMay know then, as she learned the ropes of public relations, that in just a few years she'd be rubbing elbows (of sorts) with Chewbacca, C3PO, and a team of Imperial Storm Troopers on the way to the Boston Museum of Science's blockbuster opening of *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination*—an exhibit for which LaMay worked as the museum's publicist.



After graduation, LaMay moved to Boston and quickly landed a job as an administrative assistant at the Boston University School of Public Health, where she worked hard to become more than just someone who typed and answered the phone.

"Since I had a technical, 'geeky' side to me, I volunteered to take over updating one of the program's Web sites," she explained. LaMay also served as the School of Public Health's public relations contact because faculty members frequently made big news.


From there she moved to the Corporate Communications Department at the B.U. Medical School. LaMay drafted press releases, wrote for the monthly newsletter, responded to inquiries from reporters, identified expert sources among the B.U. faculty and staff, and coordinated interviews and media appearances. Another task entailed reading and understanding detailed medical studies like those found in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. LaMay then had to translate the complex findings into layman's terms—an assignment she often found "downright intimidating." While continuing to work full time for B.U., LaMay earned a master's degree in Media Arts from Emerson College in 2003.

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seum's wildly popular *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination* exhibit. For that project, she worked extensively with Hollywood's Lucasfilm because every detail from invitations and letterhead to everything in between, had to be Lucasfilm-approved. She assisted Anthony Daniels, the British actor who played C3PO in all six movies, during his week-long Boston radio talk show tour. She even ensured the Museum's hallway was lined with fully-uniformed Star Wars Imperial Storm Troopers on opening day by inviting the 501st, an organization of Star Wars fans who make their own costumes.

One of LaMay's most recognizable achievements of the *Star Wars* exhibit may have been the photograph of Chewbacca (played by the museum's tallest employee) tossing out the first pitch at a Boston Red Sox game. She was the public relations pro who convinced a *Boston Globe* reporter to cover the Fenway event, and the resulting photograph appeared nationwide and beyond. The Chewey-on-the-mound image became one of the top-rated photos on Yahoo! and was featured in *Sports Illustrated*.

"In retrospect, I find it very amusing that I've found myself in the science and health fields for the past nine years because I never had that much interest in science; but in the interim [since graduating from UMF], I now find it fascinating—especially health, science, and public health," LaMay said.

From creative writing to creating a buzz, UMF's Julianne LaMay has proven that Farmington graduates are reaching for the stars—even *Star Wars*. 

LaMay, who has been working in public relations for the museum since 2004, only recently recognized that her UMF experiences guided her to her current career. As a student, she interned as the poetry reading coordinator at Alice James Books, the publishing company located on the bottom floor of Look House on the Farmington campus.

"When I was cleaning out my basement two weeks ago, I came across some old papers from college, more specifically, papers from when I interned at Alice James Books. I found a press release announcing a poetry reading—a press release that was written by me. I laughed out loud. It never occurred to me that I had, in fact, been involved in public relations and publicity in some form ever since that internship at Alice James Books. And I didn't even realize it until now," she said.

## Beavers Prove that Third Time is a Charm



Forward Kari Simpson poses with the new Beavers mascot. Simpson scored her 1,000th point this season. *all photos courtesy of the UMF Athletics Department*

### Fiesty Farmington knocks off Maine Maritime to earn first-ever trip to NCAA tourney

THERE WEREN'T MANY disappointments in a 21-4 regular season finish for the University of Maine at Farmington women's basketball team. A pair of single-digit losses to Maine Maritime stood out as the team's only blemishes over the final sixteen games of the regular season. After breezing through the first two rounds, the Beavers met Maine Maritime for the league championship on the Mariners' home court and, this time, came away with their own narrow

victory. A 55-53 win in the North Atlantic Conference championships allowed Farmington to secure its first-ever bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"After losing twice by such small margins, we went into the finals really focused," said Forward Kari Simpson '07 of Wells. "We wanted to win—not only to prove to everyone that we could beat Maine Maritime, but also to send our seniors out on such a high note."

Advancing to the national tournament was one of many highlights this season, as UMF reached the twenty-win mark for the fourth straight year, won thirteen games in a row at one point during the season, defeated No. 17 Bates College, and earned the program's first-ever NCAA regional ranking.

Much of Farmington's success was a collective effort, although a few players distinguished themselves above and beyond the others. Simpson earned First Team All-League honors for the third-straight season and was named the Most Valuable Player of the NAC tournament, averaging 27.3 points and 10.3 rebounds in those three contests. A four-time conference player of the week honoree, she led the Beavers in scoring (18.3), rebounding (8.4), three-pointers (47), free throw shooting (.872), steals (85) and blocks (42), all while playing her best basketball when it mattered most—in the post-season. She also scored her 1,000th career point during the regular season on her way to First Team All-Maine accolades.

"Kari, being able to score so consistently, gives us the advantage of having one of the league's better players on the floor," said Coach Jamie Beaudoin. "Her ability to rebound and score baskets, especially important ones, separates her."

The Beavers' season came to an end with an opening round loss to Norwich University in the first round of the NCAA tournament, but that loss did little to diminish such an outstanding season. With several key members returning next year, another year of success seems imminent.

## At UMF, Student Comes Before Athlete

BRIAN LONDON ARRIVED on campus at the University of Maine at Farmington as a soccer standout at Morse High School in Bath, but he figured his soccer career was over and planned to focus on academics. That was the case until an impromptu visit to his residence hall from the soccer team captains. The three co-captains persuaded London to join the team on a trial basis.

"[The captains] made sure to tell me that guys on the soccer team actually do better in school than a lot of the regular students," said London. "Both coaches and students make academics the most important part of our experience at UMF."

Thanks to that meeting three years ago, London was one of nineteen UMF scholar-

athletes honored by the North Atlantic Conference following the fall sports season for their success in the classroom. UMF had the highest number of scholar-athlete award winners in their conference for the sixth consecutive season. Of the nineteen honored, seven were members of the field hockey team and five played women's soccer.

The way women's soccer standout Erin Campbell sees it, being successful in the classroom is as much a part of her college life as kicking a soccer ball.

"Being a student-athlete at UMF means being successful in everything we do," said Campbell, who was also honored as an Academic All-American during the 2004 sea-

son. "Student-athletes at UMF are given all the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and in competition, and it is up to us to make that happen."

For UMF Director of Athletics Julie Davis, academic success, especially on the conference level, is something that is expected of her student-athletes. "We are very pleased that once again, UMF has the highest number of scholar-athlete award winners in the conference," said Davis.

# Post Season Run Ends in Finals for Men's Basketball



Travis Carrier



Sean Fry

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Travis Magnusson

A FRUSTRATING SEASON for the UMF men's basketball team displayed equal levels of promise and disappointment, but when the post season came, the Beavers put all the pieces together on their way to a spot in the North Atlantic Conference Championship game. A 94-82 loss to Elms College ended the Beavers' season at 13-15, but not before playoff wins over Thomas and top-seeded Husson College provided a thrilling ride to the finish.

“It was very special, especially for guys like Travis Magnusson, who made the key shot to put us into the conference final,” said Coach Dick Meader. “Seeing great players enjoy success like that makes coaching very rewarding. After a somewhat disappointing season, it was tremendous to see the thrill

the seniors enjoyed over the final week. They earned the right to finish the season on a high note.”

The post season success softened a regular season that produced a steady balance of triumph and tribulation as the Beavers won several exciting contests, beating in-state rivals St. Joe's and Colby, while six of their losses were by six or fewer points.

The inside-outside tandem of Travis Carrier '06 of Auburn and Travis Magnusson '06 of Thomaston proved to be unstoppable at times during the season. Carrier, a second All-NAC selection, led Farmington in scoring (16.8) and rebounding (8.8), while Magnusson was third in scoring (11.8) and finished third nationally in assists per game at 7.9. Magnusson also finished his career fifth

on the all-time scoring list at UMF with 1,400 points.

The Beavers' post season run started with an inspired 78-67 win over Thomas, erasing memories of a 78-71 loss to the Terriers just ten days earlier. A 16-point, 13-rebound effort from Carrier, and a game-high 24 points from St. John fueled the victory and set up a semifinal meeting with top-seeded Husson on the Braves' home court. Very few people gave UMF much chance of advancing, but a 30-9 run over the final 13 minutes of the game enabled Farmington to erase a 14-point halftime deficit, while silencing the home crowd. Carrier scored 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while St. John and Sean Fry '08 of Jay combined for 29 points and seven three-pointers in the game.



Soccer player Erin Campbell was one of nineteen student-athletes honored by the North Atlantic Conference

## Fall Honorees

Name	Hometown	Sport	Name	Hometown	Sport
Sheanna White '07	Biddeford	Volleyball	Brian London '07	Bath	Men's Soccer
Erin Campbell '06	Hampden	Women's Soccer	Mary Berry '06	Norridgewock	Field Hockey
Susan Fitton '06	Waterville	Women's Soccer	Kristin Chambers '07	Gorham	Field Hockey
Molly Hagstrom '06	Yarmouth	Women's Soccer	Jessica Deans '06	Gorham	Field Hockey
Megan McCrum '07	Bangor	Women's Soccer	Amanda Pullen '07	Dexter	Field Hockey
Heidi Parker '06	Anson	Women's Soccer	Mary Sinclair '06	New Sharon	Field Hockey
Joe Fitzsimmons '06	Lewiston	Cross Country (M)	Ashley Thayer '06	Hallowell	Field Hockey
Joshua Plourde '06	Winslow	Cross Country (M)	Kristy Veazie '06	Dexter	Field Hockey
Erika Hoddinott '07	Wayne	Cross Country (W)	Zachary Hart '06	Farmington	Golf
Eben Baker '07	Richmond	Men's Soccer			

**B**ehold—the power of art! Art should be a powerful, hands-on experience everyone enjoys, according to the founders of the Art Renegades, the University of Maine at Farmington’s newest student organization. And with these three energetic young women leading the charge, it’s clear the Art Renegades like to mix things up. Their creative work blends brash sound, bold visuals, and even avant-garde performance art. Their weekly meetings meld together creativity, collaboration and community service.

“People feel better when they create something. We want to spread that feeling. We’re happier together because we create together,” said Art Renegade President Jess Stuart ’08 of Lewiston. Stuart shares a passion for the arts with her two friends and co-presidents—Laura Grover ’06 of Greene and Mattie Bowden ’07 of Lamoine.

The Art Renegades meet Thursday evenings in the basement art studios of Merrill Hall, attracting between twenty and thirty art-inspired students, Stuart said. But surprisingly, there are only three art majors among them. Stuart, a sociology/anthropology

## Where the Cool Happens—

# THE UMF ART RENEGADE

By Margaret Donaghue     Photos by Kevin Brooks ’04

major, said her summer job as an archeologist helped her develop a deeper appreciation of ancient art. Stuart won art awards for her ceramics while attending Lewiston High School. She has worked in a Farmington art gallery and played keyboard in a hardcore band. She is taking piano lessons for her current project—composing sound art for her video based on a recent UMF Visual and Performing Arts trip to Japan.

The Art Renegades evolved from the three friends hanging out and working together. “When this first happened, Mattie, Jess, and I were getting together to make and do our art. There’s something nice about being in a space working on your art while someone else is working on theirs,” Grover said.

“It’s very supportive, and we’re not afraid to tell each other if we’re too far out there,” added Stuart. “It helps us keep our own artwork in check. We’re open to criticism.”

The conversation positively crackles with energy when the three talk about creativity. They gesture animatedly, and often finish one another’s sentences. Watching them, it’s easy to understand why they are so passionate about artistic collaboration.

“I thought it would be fantastic if people made wonderful art in public places, and then just left it there,” Grover said.

“Yes, why can’t art be startling? Why can’t we have it in everyday places? Why can’t we have art in a kitchen or even a bathroom?” Stuart added.

“That’s it! We’re renegades because we’re thinking differently,” Bowden concluded, explaining how their organization was named.

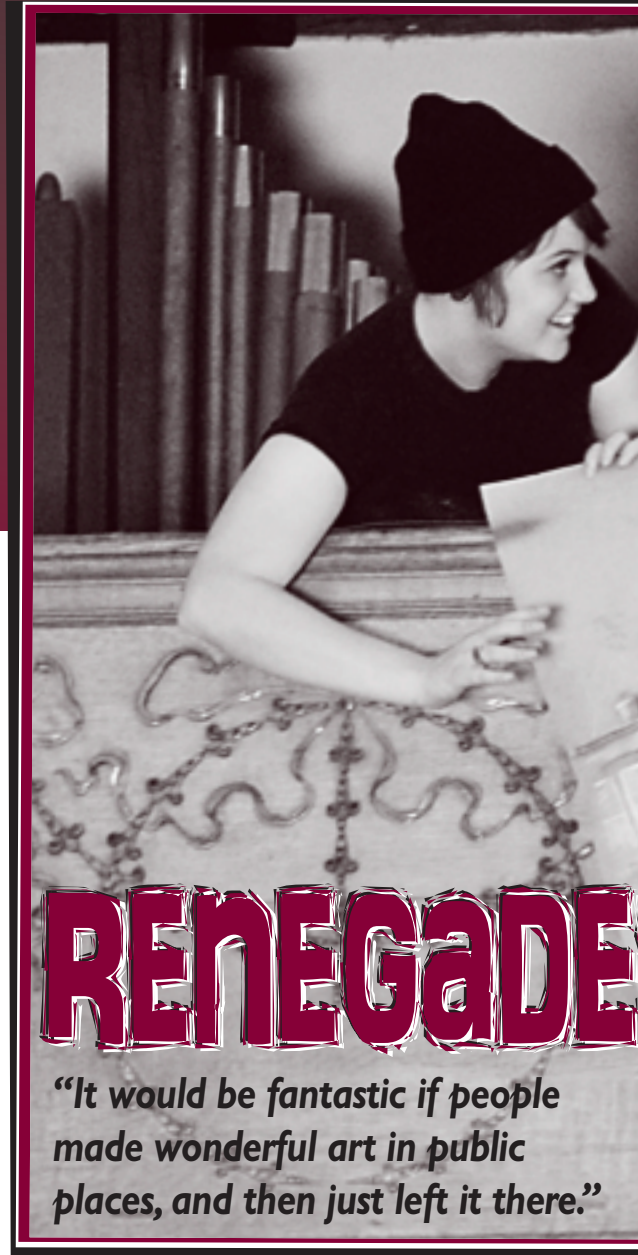
“We want incoming students and their parents to know there is art going on at this school,” Grover added.

“Working together keeps things rolling. We’re unstoppable,” Bowden added.

“Then we asked ourselves, would other people like to get together and do art?” Grover said.

“So we held some small tester parties. We’d have a still-life party and model for one another. We found others with similar interests,” Stuart said.

People came to learn and to enjoy the act of creating something personal and



*“It would be fantastic if people made wonderful art in public places, and then just left it there.”*

unique, Grover recalled. She added, the goal of art is not to achieve perfection, but rather to dare to dream on a grander scale.

“I don’t use erasers. If I mess up, it’s better for me to just keep going. Art is a process. It’s not always about getting it right,” she explained.

**G**rover must be doing something right. Last year in Burlington, VT, she presented her first art show at a local café. “I brought in my only piece (of artwork). The owner liked it, so I had one month to make fifteen pieces of art. I did it. I was fueled by panic,” she recalled.

Last year, the Art Renegades had their first multimedia show at the UMF Art Gallery. Several musicians played and artists displayed T-shirt designs and screened a film while participants designed and created a banner during the show, Stuart recalled.

“The Renegades are about creating a community of artists where everyone is sharing,” said Grover. “Ultimately, we want the art community on campus to be co-mingled. We don’t want to see an art floor, and a music floor and a theater floor.”



**Left to right:** Art Renegade presidents Jess Stuart, Mattie Bowden and, Laura Grover.

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Mattie Bowden (right) silk-screening T-shirt designs.



Jess Stuart explains how to create homemade cameras.



Laura Grover (right) looks over T-shirt designs.

**D**uring a recent workshop, the Art Renegades created Mardi Gras masks and sculptures to be auctioned for Hurricane Katrina relief. In the future, the group plans to host visiting artists and perhaps create a campus mural, Grover said.

The Art Renegades are also plotting community art projects. Bowden described how they plan to create comic strip panels and invite local children to respond with their own artwork. The interactive series will be displayed in downtown Farmington where the Renegades have secured an exhibition and studio space in the former State Theater with help from UMF Associate Professor of Art History/Gallery Director Sarah Maline.

Bowden looks forward to introducing children to art because it echoes her small-town childhood in Lamoine. "My family involved me in art since I was a kid. My mom is very artistic, and we did lots of projects together at home," she remembered. "Com-

ing to Farmington was the beginning for me to be motivated to do my own art." With a double major in art and creative writing, Bowden is most interested in two-dimensional design, including animation, comics, silk screening, and print-making. Bowden, who was once a drummer in an Oregon rock band, now enjoys making band posters.

"They're such a dynamic group," Maline said. "They're so progressive and innovative. I really admire them."

**G**raduating with a double major in elementary education with a concentration in English, Grover plans to pursue her interest in art education. She hopes, however, that the work she has done with the Art Renegades at UMF will last.

"When we leave here, we want this to continue with the same gusto we have," she said. [7]

# YO, HO, HO AND A BUCKET OF DEATH!

Student improv comedy troupe, the **Lawn Chair Pirates**, packs them in.

By Nate Rawson '07

**B**y day, they appear like any other students on campus—an environmental science major doing lab research work on dragonflies, a computer science major writing JavaScript code in the Computer Center, or a secondary education major preparing a high school English lesson plan. But on this Thursday night in the Olsen Student Center's Latte Landing, two women and eight men become comedy heroes playing to a packed house. Performing to raucous, standing-room-only crowds is typical for the ten-member UMF Lawn Chair Pirates improv comedy troupe.

The student-organized comedy group has been the most popular act on campus since its first performance in spring 2001. "That first show—we filled the Latte Landing to capacity," said Kevin Brooks '04. Former Pirate member and now official "Lawn Chair Parent," Brooks hosts and organizes their shows. He's seen the improv troupe evolve from a bunch of funny theater students to a focused ensemble that performs six to eight on-campus shows a year. They also perform at other colleges, produce films, teach at local high schools and execute their own irreverent marketing strategies. "We try to be more than just stage," Brooks added dryly.

The Lawn Chair Pirates' popularity has been huge—ever since the group first performed at a WUMF Open Mic Night, but how did they get the name? Do these students secretly plunder neighborhood lawns in the middle of the night? "We work-

shopped it, thinking that it's improv and so it has to be funny and kind of random, and then Dan Miller '02 just said, 'Lawn ... Chair ... Pirates'" recalled former Pirate Zak Cates '04. It fit strangely well.

"At least it's more creative than Colby Improv," commented Brooks. Bowdoin College, Bates College, and Colby College also have improvisational troupes, but UMF's Lawn Chair Pirates remain the only comedy troupe in the entire University of Maine System. "That's a great thing to say. Those private colleges have improv, and we do too," commented Brooks.

Professional comics have also recognized the talents of the Lawn Chair Pirates. The troupe attended the Providence Improv Festival to learn new skits and techniques, but the head of the festival was so impressed with the Pirates' unity and skill, that he invited them to perform the following summer, instead of being mere spectators. "That made us feel pretty good," said Brooks.

**N**o! Not ... The Bucket of Death! At a recent show, the Pirates unveiled their latest original skit, "The Bucket of Death." The concept is as simple as it is hilarious. Pirate Amalia Marenberg '06 bent over and submerged her head in a giant bucket of water onstage while two other Pirates began a comedic dialogue. After a few moments, Marenberg rapped the side of the bucket urgently and stomped her foot, sig-

naling another member of the trio to find some excuse to exit the scene and tag her into the scene. As her replacement took a deep breath and plunged in, the breathless and dripping Pirate entered the scene and quipped "I guess you're right—I'm not Jesus." The crowd's laughter utterly drowned out the performers onstage. The Pirate who concocted the death-defying skit, Aaron Bechard '06, says it's all worth it. "It's a rush, making people laugh, more so with your head underwater, and it was the sort of change of pace we needed—to keep the comedy fresh."

**T**he group has seen more than forty members come and go since its inception, Brooks says. Each semester, they hold tryouts, and everyone is put to the test again. Still, the group's motto has always been "Once a Pirate, always a Pirate," pointed out Cates, and the troupe has staged an alumni show with the old and new members. The Pirates have sailed far and wide, including former member, Max Blowen-Ledoux '04 who now works on Broadway.

Pirate membership has benefits beyond theatrical experience. According to Brooks, "If you can put it on your resume, even if you're a business major, it shows that at least you're comfortable in front of groups and can collaborate with other people." These days, many first-year students arrive at UMF having heard about the Lawn Chair Pirates and are eager to join or watch, he added. "I can't imagine this place without the Lawn Chair Pirates."

For more information, check their Web site: [www.lawnchairpirates.org](http://www.lawnchairpirates.org). 



**Front to back,**  
**left to right:**  
Zak Cates, Scott Lovejoy, Tarra Haskell, Tyler Perry, Gavin Pickering, Caleb Collins, Elliot Lyons, Jesse McCarragher, Aaron Bechard, Amalia Marenberg  
**Not pictured:**  
William Gray  
photos by  
Kevin Brooks '04



# UMF'S 153rd Commencement

YEARS OF STUDY AND HARD work paid off for those students who were awarded degrees at UMF's 153rd commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13.

The 2006 class officers were President Christie Robinson, Vice President Carlton Blanchard, Treasurer Amber Hinkley, Secretary Natalie Davis and Communications Director Joseph Fitzsimmons.

Senior class speaker Jeanine Alberto gave the commencement address. She advised her fellow graduates to live in the present and celebrate each moment.

Professor emeritus Peter Doran was awarded an honorary degree. He founded the UMF Community Health Education Program and continues to promote health education. Doran was recognized for his commitment to improving the lives of all Mainers, said UMF President Theo Kalikow in her speech.

Kalikow's speech also acknowledged the accomplishments of Erica Emery '06 who was awarded a prestigious international teaching fellowship in Greece.

Other speakers included former Governor Angus King and University of Maine System Trustee James Mullen who offered their insight and congratulations to the graduating class.



Former Governor Angus King spoke to graduates.



**Above:** Professor emeritus and honorary degree recipient Peter C. Doran (L) and former governor Angus King look on as senior class speaker Jeanine Alberto addressed her classmates.



**Left:** Senior class speaker Jeanine Alberto with her advisor, Jim Melcher, associate professor of political science. photos by Jennifer Eriksen

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## Class Notes

1926

**Melba Drake** is currently UMF's oldest graduate on record. In celebration of Melba's 102nd birthday her niece, Linda; great niece Laura; and dear friend Cari gathered to bring Melba to her alma mater—a goal Melba has had since her move to Lexington Township. Melba is a member of the Ruth Heald Cragin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She attends most meetings with Linda, and both enjoy the friendship of fellow chapter member and UMF alum,



Melba Drake and President Kalikow

**Eleanor Wendell Taylor '31**. For a few weeks each summer, Melba is still able to spend time at the family cottage which overlooks Casco Bay. As she sits on the porch to listen to the sounds of the beach, it reminds her of her childhood memories.

1927

**Vera Wentworth** celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday in December 2005; she is living in a nursing home in Florida.

1928

**Frances Alexander Schipper** has returned from a cruise on the Queen Mary II in the Caribbean. She enjoyed perfect weather, good entertainment, and service on a beautiful ship. Granada, her favorite island, was devastated by a hurricane.

1933

**Merna Doore** celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday in January, and she would like to have her home economics classmates write to her.

1934

**Louise Clark Webber** wrote of her late husband, **Lewis Webber '31**, "We had seventy wonderful years together all because of a blind date at FSNS. I am still living in Saco and would love to hear from any of my classmates." Lewis passed away in August 2003.

1935

**Barbara Swan Frost** wrote, "In 2005, I became ninety-years-old! Still teaching! This will be my tenth year as the volunteer of special projects for Hebron second graders in the classroom of Mrs. Sarah Atterson at the beautiful new Hebron Station School. I was also the coordinator and quilt maker of the Oxford County Bicentennial Quilt of 2005. After touring the county for eight months, the quilt is now on permanent display at the Oxford County Court House in South Paris. Retirement in Maine has been interesting and rewarding." **Doris Sanderson McHenry** celebrated her ninetieth birthday. She is living in a retirement community in the independent living unit. She organizes bridge groups, and also sponsors Amnesty International letter writing campaigns once a month at her church.

1937

**Vena Butterfield Bryant** moved into a retirement village in Kennebunk, called the Atria. After several months of residence, she met a fellow resident, **Polly Emmons Lush '39**, who had been residing with her husband, Earl, in Cape Porpoise. They recognized each other from their teaching experiences in Solon back in the fall of 1939 where they both taught and shared a two-bedroom apartment with two other teachers. Polly taught home economics, and Vena taught elementary education. It was quite a reunion after almost sixty-five years of going their separate ways. An article in the *York County Coast Star* reported that the two have been reminiscing as if they had been back in Solon just a few years ago, remembering how they paid three dollars each for the month's rent and put two dollars a week into a mason jar for their food. They looked back fondly on bobsledding into school, skiing, the cold winter days in Solon, and their other duties like directing plays or coaching basketball. "We did about anything they asked us to," Polly said.

1940

**Winnifred Rines Crocker** wrote, "My thirty-three years in education included teaching English at Dexter High School and finishing my career in secondary guidance at Nokomis and Bangor High [schools]. Our son, **Barry Crocker '65**, graduated from Farmington in 1965 and taught thirty-four years in special education, mostly at Bangor High. His wife, **Ruth Fox Crocker '66**, will finish thirty-five years at Hampden Academy in June. She has taught home economics, which became family

life. I would choose education again for my life's work as I have truly loved it. Farmington has continued to stay very special to me. Every summer for many years, I have met with several of my friends from 1940, including **Dr. Arlene Low**."

1941

**Katy Luke Perry** wrote, "In 1938, when I first attended UMF (then a 'normal' school), I never even began to realize the learning, far beyond education, I would graduate with! If UMF is doing as well today—sixty-odd-years later—every graduate should share in a sing-a-long, a folk dance, and a prayer of gratitude to all the exceptional people who guided our way." **Eva Colburn Twitchell** wrote, "I feel honored to have been a member of the graduating class from Farmington on three occasions: diploma from Farmington Normal [School] in 1941; later a BS degree from Farmington Teacher's College; and finally, a master's degree from the University of Maine at Farmington. All have been valuable to my career." She has provided thirty-four years of service in Maine schools.

1944

**Therna Curtis** is keeping very busy with friends at her senior center where she is a morning activities chairperson. She makes a trip to her beloved Maine once or twice a year—mostly to see family in Auburn. She saw classmate and former neighbor **Barbara Prescott Thurlow '44 & '46**. Although she has had a second knee replacement, she wrote that she feels great!

1946

**Althea Joyce Jewett** is looking forward to seeing everyone at the June 2006 reunion.

1950

**Mary Douglas Trickey** wrote, "The home economics class of 1950 had their fifty-fifth reunion. Five of us attended; that is one-half of the class remaining. Let's do better in 2010!"

1951

**Connie Libby Boyko** and husband Leo are enjoying their home at Grandview Farms. She wrote, "Looking forward to the June reunion."

1952

**Gerald Berry** celebrated fifty-one years of marriage on November 24, 2005. He and his wife have two wonderful sons and six grandchildren.

1953

**Methyl Hodgkins Sturtevant** and her husband, Roger, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 2, 2005. A party in their honor was held at their home and hosted by their daughter, Mary; her husband, Mark; their son, Stephen; and his wife, Lisa. Methyl wrote, "It couldn't have been nicer!"

1954

**Marvin Marr** has grown very fond of the card game called "Texas Hold 'Em" that is sweeping the nation. He participates in many tournaments. He plays locally and in Las Vegas with very good players. In fact, he returned from Las Vegas this past winter. In some tournaments, he has "come in the money," but not in first place. He plans to be back in Las Vegas in a couple of months to play in some of the satellite tournaments of the World Poker Tour. He likes winning and meeting people from all over the world who enjoy the same pastime. He is also one of the oldest people to play in these tournaments. He wrote, "This helps keep my mind young, too." He hopes to get back to Maine in another couple of years. He also wrote, "A special hello to Murphy." **Emma Reed Richards** is a member of the FSTC *lunch bunch* that meets a couple of times each summer at the Weathervane Restaurant on the pier in Belfast. She wrote, "It's fun to reminisce about our years at FSTC and catch up on recent developments in our lives."

1955

**Rowene Goss** is starting on her twenty-first year of retirement and is enjoying it very much. **Leona Melvin McLain** wrote, "May all my learned friends understand the Medicare drug plan; good health is so important! Take care of all my animal friends; they need everyone's help—they are so helpless."

1956

**Vera Stitham Hutchinson** taught home economics for thirty-two years before retiring in 1992. She taught at Ricker Classical Institute in Houlton from 1956-1960, and at SAD 29 in Houlton from 1964-1992. During those years, she and her husband operated a potato farming business and became parents of twins in 1960—son and daughter. She also served as director of music ministries at her local church in Monticello for thirty-five years. She wrote, "I am looking forward to our fiftieth class reunion this June—hope to sing you a song or two!"

1957

**Norma Currier Leighton** and husband Harold celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 25, 2005. Their daughter, Lorna Gidney, and family gave them a party

at the Elk's Club. Three of Norma's college classmates and spouses attended. She and Harold are enjoying their two grandsons: Drew, age five; and Leighton, age four.

1960

**Robert England** hopes to see more of his classmates at the fiftieth reunion.

1961

**Peter Jannace** has sold the family home in Brockton, MA, and is moving to another home in the same city. He and wife Karen spent a month in southern Italy last September; part of the time was spent with friends. He wrote, "Still having ties in Maine, we broke ground on a summer log home in Bethel and hope to be in for the summer of 2006."

1963

**Dorothy Danie Cole** will be retiring this year. **Catherine King** is volunteering on two history projects. One is for the Massachusetts Family Institute and the other is for the state archives, where she is working on a passenger list database that accounts for everyone who entered the U.S. through the port of Boston between 1845 and 1899. **Sandra Tilton McGonagle** is in her second year as principal at Guilford Elementary School.

1964

**Trudy Farquhar** and husband Stewart have cruised their thirty-two foot sailboat in southern waters and beyond for the past ten retirement years.

1965

**Jean Oliver Ashley** is retired and has two grandchildren, ages three and nine months. **Linda Treworgy Faatz** is retired from Gorham School Department and has her own gardening business. **Sheila Boddy Haynes** welcomed a grandson on December 1, 2005. **Nancy Miller Heald** has just returned to teaching after thirty years. She is tutoring eighth- and ninth-grade special education students. She has five grandchildren.

1966

**Robert Mathieu** has retired and is enjoying all of its benefits. **Judith Emery McCurdy** is a registrar at Mount Abram High School. **Robert Peary** has returned to full-time teaching after retiring.

1967

**Jeanette Jolicoeur Michaud** has retired after a rewarding thirty-six-year career in education. She spent her first twenty-four years teaching English language arts to students in grades seven through twelve. She ended her last twelve years in administration—eight of

those as principal of Helen Thompson School in West Gardiner. She is now enjoying personal freedom, family, friends, reading, and traveling near and far. She wrote, "Every day is a holiday."

1968

**Pauline Barnes** enjoyed a group ski trip in Montana this past winter. **Sharon Webb Barter** is in her thirty-seventh year of teaching family and consumer sciences and health. The last twenty-eight years have been in the Boothbay schools. She also mentors new teachers and assists all staff in their certification process. **James Graffam** is principal of Wapping Elementary School in South Windsor, CT. The school was selected as the 2005 Connecticut Elementary School of the Year. **Jacqueline Hayes** wrote, "After over thirty years working with young children, I will retire from my elementary guidance position in Old Town at the end of this school year. I am the proud 'gramma' of three girls and three boys, and am fortunate to be very involved with two of the boys. Being a widow for over five years has been challenging, and I am finally enjoying life to the fullest again." **Patricia Rich Patnaude** is teaching chemistry at Mount Abram High School. **Lynda Nutting Quinn** has been retired for two years and will be opening a school in the fall. **Elaine Connell Stark** has been retired for two years and is enjoying traveling, golf, and grandchildren. She is working part-time for Belk Department Store as a fashion director.

1969

**Peter Coffin** is retired from Presque Isle Fire Department and is now substituting in SAD 1. **Sheryl Willette** is a guidance counselor at Mount Ararat High School.

1970

**Judith Provost Bossie** is working at an L.L. Bean call center.

1971

**G. Marianne Heinrich-Perry** is enjoying her five grandchildren. **Sara Newell** is the assistant principal at Benjamin Franklin Elementary in New York. **Lynn Telke** is working at Walgreens Drugstore. **James Toomey** retired from SAD 5 in June 2005, after thirty-four years in education; the last twenty he served as principal of South School in Rockland. Currently, he is working for the University of Maine as a student teaching supervisor in the Midcoast area, and he will continue to broadcast high school sports for Clear Channel, Rockland/Augusta. He has broadcast five hundred games over the years and has shared two broadcasting awards with his colleagues. In addition, he is a freelance sports writer for

local newspapers. James wrote, "I have fond memories of UMF and especially enjoyed my classes with Gwil Roberts; my Shakespeare professor, Eleanor Wood, was also a favorite. She and the class even sent me a get well card during my junior year when I was home with mononucleosis for a few weeks—that's what made Farmington special." **Susan Young Westin** has retired from Small World Preschool and is a stay-at-home grandmother.

## 1972

**Nancy Lever** is teaching first grade at Merobly Elementary School. **Lucille Daigle Loder** has been teaching in Fairfax County, VA, for the past twenty-nine years. In June 2005, she was awarded the Fairfax County Family and Consumer Science Teacher of the Year award. She plans to retire in December 2007. **Michael Parker** is a third-grade teacher at Montello School and has an extensive collection of letters and materials from authors and illustrators of children's books. He is also head of a committee that is hosting a visit by Steven Kellogg to Montello School this spring.

## 1973

**Jebbie Wilkins Campbell** will welcome her first grandchild soon. **Deborah Fulton Rowe** has been promoted to executive vice president and chief financial officer at Franklin Savings Bank. She has been with Franklin Savings Bank for twenty-eight years and has experience in accounting, administration, and loans. She also serves on many boards, including the Board of Trustees of the Pierce House in Farmington, the Missions Board and as Missions Treasurer for the Bean's Corner Baptist Church in Jay, and the Board of Trustees for New England Bible College in South Portland.

## 1974

**Ethel "Billie" Gammon** is the subject of the new book entitled *No Flies on Bill: The Story of an Uncontrollable Old Woman, My Grandmother, Ethel "Billie" Gammon*. The book depicts the life of Billie against the backdrop of twentieth-century America: the Great Depression, World War II, and other landmark historical events. Interviewed by her granddaughter, Darcy Wakefield, over the course of several years, the story begins with Billie's youth on an apple farm in Nova Scotia, and proceeds onward through her experiences in education in a one-room schoolhouse; Christmases on the farm; women's education in the 1920s and '30s; courtship, marriage, and childbearing during the '30s and '40s. The book also details her part in the development of the Norlands Living History Center in Livermore during the 1970s. **Tom Hagerstrom** of Farmington was featured in an arti-

cle in the January 10, 2005, issue of the *Franklin Journal*, chronicling his rise from stockroom clerk at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington (after his graduation from UMF as a math education major) to his current position of human resource director. He first began at FMH as an EMT to put himself through college, but liked his association with them so much he stayed on, eventually earning his master's degree to become more proficient as the HR director. **Marion Hutchinson** is substitute teaching at Mallett School in Farmington. **Karen Toothaker Phair** of Watertown, MA, works for the Oak Foundation in Boston. The organization plans to move to Portland in May, and she is planning to move there as well. She taught for twelve years, starting with the Peace Corps at the University of Kabul, Afghanistan; then, when she returned to Maine, she worked in various elementary schools in Waterville, Oakland, Fairfield, and Skowhegan. "I started as a long-term sub, teacher assistant, went to UMO for classes for reading certification, and then became a Chapter I teacher." She has two children, and when they were getting older, she made a career change. She started working as an office manager after a move to Maryland, went into public relations/communications for a hotel company, then moved back to Maine. She worked at Colby College for the president who retired, to work part-time for the Oak Foundation—hence her move to Massachusetts. She is now involved with an environmental program, which awards grants for clean/renewable energy projects in New England and Canada, and for marine conservation in the Bering Sea and the Meso-American Reef area. **Frank Ribaldo** works for the Department of Agriculture and leads the state animal population control program, and wife **Betty Martin Ribaldo '75** has been a multi-age teacher for twenty years in Woodstock, CT. **Janice Zabik Toomey** has served many years as a teacher in SAD 5. She received a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Maine in 2005, and is now principal at Searsport Elementary School.

## 1975

**Giselle Birmingham** is retiring after twenty-seven years of teaching. She just completed a series of four deep-brain stimulation surgeries for Parkinson's disease at Boston Medical Center, and she is doing great. She plans on starting an organizational business in Kennebunk. **James Delisle** will have three books published in 2006: *Smart Talk; More Than a Test Score: Teens Talk About Being Gifted, Talented, or Otherwise Extra-Ordinary*, both published by Free Spirit Publications; and *Parenting Gifted Children* published by Prufrock Press. Jim continues to teach at

Kent State as a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher of gifted children.

## 1978

**Jeffrey Burgess** is the director of Early Care & Education Services for Catholic Charities of Maine. **Paula Burnett** was promoted in January of this year to the director of RSV (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) under the UMaine Center on Aging. For three years prior to her promotion, she was a program coordinator.

## 1979

**Jody Benson** is in her twenty-seventh year of teaching special education at Lisbon High School, and husband **Jeff Benson** is in his twenty-seventh year in education athletic administration at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. **Sonny Brown** was featured in the *Sun Journal*, spotlighting her passion for teaching children. She teaches second grade at Vassalboro Community School, and also holds a summer reading program for children in Shreveport, LA. She stated in the article, "It's what I was meant to do." She has taught in Vassalboro for the last fourteen years.

**Gregory Dugas** is a facilities manager for Orthopaedic Associates of Portland. He is a soccer referee at the college level and is a national referee, national clinician, and an assistant director of physical performance for the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association. Wife **Maureen Dugas '80** teaches seventh grade at Mahoney Middle School in South Portland. They have one son, Patrick. **Mary-Beth Houston Kowalczyk** is working at MW Sewall Company. She is busy volunteering at various places and attends many of their children's school events. She has three children, one of whom, daughter Kerry is a sophomore biology major at UMF. **Susan Aylward Wootton** is retired from SAD 28.

## 1981

**Thomas Marcotte** has left his Skowhegan position as town planner after seventeen years. He began his new position in January with the State Planning Office's Flood Plain Management Program. His responsibilities include assisting Maine cities and towns with every aspect of flood control ordinances.

## 1982

**Candy Allen** taught second grade in New Gloucester from 1983-1993. During 1993-1999, she spent time at home with her boys, and from 1999-2004, she was a Title I ed tech III at Windham Primary School. In 2003-2004, she was an ed tech III in a second-grade ELC (extended learning classroom). This past fall, she was eager to have her own classroom, so she accepted a position at Mabel I. Wilson School, and she is

loving it! **John Lyons** is a family nurse practitioner and commander in the Navy. He recently became the department head for the family practice clinic at the naval hospital at Cherry Point, NC. John assumed the position after returning from the Gulf of Mexico where he'd been deployed aboard the USNS Comfort, providing medical care to disaster victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

**Janine Winn** announced she will be retiring from SAVES (Sexual Assault Victims Emergency Services) in Farmington in July 2006. She is a twenty-one-year veteran, beginning her career as one of the first volunteers and ending it as director. She is extremely proud of the program and its impact on the lives of those who have been raped. "Twenty years ago, people would say that it doesn't happen here. Now, there is more empathy for the victim from police, medical personnel, the court system, and their own families," Janine told the *Morning Sentinel* (February 15, 2006). She plans to open her own business, Wildflower Walls – Interior Painting and Wallcoverings.

## 1983

**Sarah Blake Shelley** is still teaching math and literacy at the Willard School in Sanford. She is a single mom with three active teenage boys. **Kyle Smith**, after teaching third grade for many years, has transferred to the new full-day kindergarten program at Helen Thompson School in West Gardiner.

## 1984

**Carol Beaudry-Quigley** is in her second year teaching kindergarten at Trinity Catholic School in Southbridge, MA. **Lynda Gifford** is a Meals-On-Wheels volunteer coordinator for Senior Spectrum in Hallowell. **Jim Hodgkin** is the superintendent of SAD 43 in Rumford. In a recent *Sun Journal* article, he reported that he came from a blue-collar family and was the first in his family to graduate from college. After earning his secondary education degree from UMF, he went on to earn his master's degree and a certificate of administrative studies from UMaine. His wife, **Mary Jo Hodgkin '83**, is a physical education teacher in Auburn. They have four children. **Peter Morris** and his wife live on the ocean in Avon by the Sea, NJ. He recently emailed UMF Professor Tom Eastler stating that he and his wife have three children who are all great athletes. Peter is teaching U.S. and world history in Jackson, NJ.

## 1986

**Leslie Anderson** has begun writing articles for children through Cobblestone Publishing, *Apple Seeds*, and *Footsteps*. She has upcom-

ing articles on Abigail Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Mary Ingalls. She and husband **Major Chris Anderson '85** have three children: Hannah, nine; Callie, eight; and Cole, six. **Leigh Mosher Ivers** runs a licensed day care center in Auburn. She and husband John have four children.

## 1987

**Karen Hebert Gardner** and her husband moved to North Carolina fifteen years ago, and she worked in training and development until the birth of her first child. She has a son age six and a daughter age four. Currently a stay-at-home mom, she is busy with volunteer projects as a ministry leader at her church, and is keeping her eyes open for career possibilities after her daughter enters kindergarten.

## 1988

**Kathryn Jagger Brock** married her high school sweetheart after graduating from UMF. She and husband J. Adam Brock have a fourteen-year-old son named Jonathan. They live in Springvale. **Daniel Chalaby** pursued a career in land surveying and land-use development that included one year of studies at UMO. In 1999, he earned a license to survey in Maine, and worked in the Lewiston/Auburn area from 1993 to 2005 for a land-use firm and a title company. Currently, he is employed by the Portland law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer, and Nelson as a title abstractor, paralegal, and land surveyor. Other than a few months in Sydney, Australia, he has lived all his post-UMF years in Maine; he currently resides in South Portland. He has spent much of his free time volunteering at local churches, and is teaching ESL to the local immigrant population through the Root Cellar in Portland. **Kari Laney Drain** is planning a July 2006 wedding in an apple orchard.



Kari Laney Drain, daughter Samantha, and Joe Robinson

Joe Robinson proposed to her while she was sitting on a Heritage Softail at a Harley Davidson dealership in Portland. Among thirty of their HOG friends and to her surprise, Joe presented Kari and her daughter, Samantha, with diamonds—Kari's being the bigger and shinier of the two. She wrote, "We are happy to have him as part of our family!" Kari is employed in a public school in southern Maine as an American Sign Language interpreter for two deaf students, and Samantha is in the fourth grade at Carl Lamb School in Sanford. **Brian Gillis** accepted a job transfer with Bank of America from Jacksonville, FL, to Waltham, MA. He works

as a document administrator, processing documents for commercial real estate. He had performed this type of work in Jacksonville for five years. He sold his house in Jacksonville and now lives in an apartment as he searches for a house. After nearly thirteen years in Florida, he is back in Massachusetts where he grew up. **Barry London** is a social studies teacher at Mount Abram High



Daniel Winschel

School. **Daniel Winschel** returned home from his second tour of duty in Iraq on November 27, 2005. He was working with the Third Special Forces Group from Ft. Bragg, NC. He worked as a physician's assistant and went out on twenty-four combat missions. He wrote, "After two tours, I am hoping that I don't have to return to the Middle East any time soon. I must state that

our men and women are doing heroic things everyday in Iraq. They are truly the 'next greatest generation' in my eyes."

## 1989

**Jennifer and David Lachapelle** are living in Norridgewock with their two sons: Izaak, age twelve; and Devin, age nine. Jennifer is teaching kindergarten at the George J. Mitchell School in Waterville, and David is teaching English at Winslow High School.

## 1990

**Shelley Burbank** attended a UMF women's soccer game with **Sandra Paine Carlson '91**, **Suzie Perry Piraino**, and **MaryAnn Merrifield Giasson**. They also saw **Bruce '85** and **Denise Mochamer '89** at the game. **Craig Burbank '93** is enjoying his job as a nuclear/electrical engineer at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and he and Shelley are very glad it did not close. **Macee Parnell Damon** and husband David traveled to Portugal and Spain this past summer. They flew into Lisbon and drove to Barcelona over a two-week period. They visited Sevilla, Cordoba, Granada, and Madrid along the way. Highlights of the trip were the breathtaking Alhambra Palace in Granada; the Mezquita Cathedral in Cordoba; and the architecture of Antoni Gaudi in Barcelona; as well as the consumption of Spanish tapas (appetizers), fresh seafood, and local wines! You can see pictures from their trip at on their website at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/initapplette>. Since September 2005, Macee has been working as a part-time reference librarian for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in addition to her cataloging position. **Cynthia Dellapenna** lives in Raleigh, NC, and has worked for the IRS for thirty years. Working

out of her home, she plans to become a revenue officer. She still owns property in the Rockland area and comes back to Maine periodically. She also has a son who is a senior in high school. **Darcy Evans Karajin** is a stroke program manager at Maine Medical Center.

## 1991

**Julie Wilson** is living in Hermon with her four-year-old son, Oliver. She has completed NCME Montessori training at Maine Montessori Institute and is teaching at Bangor Montessori School.

## 1992

**Bobbi Menendez Charloux** was employed as a speech/language pathologist for eleven years at the Suzanne M. Smith Elementary School in Levant. She and Craig, her husband of twelve years, have a seven-year-old son, Stephen. They have moved to Killeen, TX, and at this time, Bobbi has chosen to leave her profession and spend time as a homemaker. She plans to return to college in the near future. **Troy Cunningham** wrote, "There is a price to pay for living in paradise, as I have survived three major hurricanes in the past year—Jeanne, Frances, and Wilma—with no damage to the house at all. [I] miss Maine and the change in seasons as Florida is always green! I come home every year in June. Life in Purington Hall seems longer than only fifteen years ago." **Christopher and Christine Morris Duncan** welcomed a new baby into their family. **Christian and Katrina Gifford '94 Loef** welcomed daughter Gabrielle Viola on October 29, 2005. **Bob Marley** entertained folks at UMF in March. The show was to benefit the Student Health Club's trip to a national health conference. He also performed at a Lewiston Middle School benefit to raise money for Lewiston High School's class of 2007. Bob has made numerous television appearances, including *The Tonight Show*, *The Late Show*, *The Conan O'Brien Show*, and *Comedy Central's Premium Blend*. He and wife **Tracy Whitmore Marley** are expecting their third child.

## 1993

**Mark Leavitt** is teaching seventh-grade geography in the Newmarket, NH, school district. He and wife Katherine have two sons: Aidan, age six; and Nick, age two. **Ralph Quick** married **Autumn Ross '00** on October 23, 2004. Ralph is employed at Klearview Manor in Fairfield, and Autumn is employed by the Augusta School Department as an ed tech III in the autism program. **Sonia Stevenson** is a Spanish teacher at Erskine Academy and was featured in an article in the *Morning Sentinel*

over the winter. The article described her as a strong advocate for exploring the world, and a teacher who encourages her students to travel and even to live abroad. In addition to her Spanish teacher position at Erskine, she is an instructor at Let's Talk Language School in Waterville. **Rebecca Sumner Wandell** and husband Rob have a new baby boy, Caleb, born October 2005. He joins his sister, Cassandra, age four-and-a-half. Brother Jacob passed away in July 2003. Rebecca has been working at Planning Decisions for over eight years as a project manager specializing in school enrollment projection analyses.

**Kathryn Whitmore** wrote, "All is well with me. My job at Nationwide Payment Solutions is full of surprises. I received a service award at our December sales meeting (Christmas party). I love spending time with **Libby Cleaves '95** and **Sandy Lane Kaynor**."

## 1994

**Rob Fanjoy** married Holly Weymouth in Dexter on September 24, 2005. He earned a master's degree in journalism from Ohio University and is employed as a free-lance journalist. They reside in Ypsilanti, MI. **Deann Willoughby Porter** and husband Shawn became proud parents of a baby boy, Kaden Joseph, on June 26, 2005. Kaden was also welcomed by his five-year-old sister, Kaylee Rose. **Megan Oliver Winther** and husband Asbjorn welcomed their daughter, Emma Oliver, in January 2006.



Kaden Joseph Porter and Kaylee Rose Porter

They are living in Aarhus, Denmark.

## 1995

**Steven Ayotte** and his wife welcomed their first child, Braden, on October 20, 2005. **Kristin Isaacs Hays** is working for JPMorgan Chase as an operational readiness analyst in Westerville, OH. She received an MBA from Otterbein College in 2003. She and husband Jimmy welcomed their first child, Evelyn Kay, on November 17, 2005. **Kimberly Kenniston** is working at Dean College in Franklin, MA, and she loves her work. **Linda Russell MacDonald** and family welcomed Abigail Rose on July 14, 2005. Daughters Abigail and Anna Kathleen keep her busy in the summer months. She teaches special education at Hampden Academy.

## 1996

**Catherine Berce** was awarded an MA in English studies from the University of Nottingham, UK, in December of 2005. She is currently living in Boston and is working at

Judge Baker Children's Center—a Harvard University research affiliate which focuses on adolescent mental health research. She plans to pursue PhD studies in the near future. **Roland Coryell** of Mount Vernon says, "I am an independent consultant for web development and kick-boxing." **Glenn Fernald** has started a new position at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, NH. This marks his tenth year of teaching. **Amy Worthley Meader** and husband **Lance '97** welcomed their first child, Jace Davis, on January 2, 2006. **Kazue Miyagi Motoki** is working for Honda of America in Marysville, OH. **Patria Romanelli Schwaab** and husband Thomas welcomed daughter Leah in September. Leah and her big sister, Sofia, who is now two-years-old, are getting along just fine. **Tim Vercoe** and wife Alli welcomed son Johnathan William on December 29, 2005. Both mom and baby are doing great.

## 1997

**Erik Bergeron** was featured in the *Portland Press Herald* over the winter. The article depicted the challenges college seniors face when job hunting. During a gathering of Seacoast Young Professionals in Ogunquit, he gave some advice. "Be ready to try everything. They're gonna jump jobs left and right, and they need to." He also stated that job possibilities were not limited by his choice of major, and that it's important for young professionals to change jobs a few times to see how they fit in various positions. He manages the York branch of the Sanford Institution for Savings. The article also stated that he and wife **Amber McElwain Bergeron '99** are expecting a baby. **Wendy Simpson Bernier** owns a store in Bethel called Brushfire Books. **Jason and Diana Ippoliti '98 Bubier** welcomed their first child, Noah Jude, on August 16, 2005. They are living in Bar Harbor where Jason is a post doctorate candidate at Jackson Lab, and Diana is a stay-at-home mom. **Alan Derosby** earned his master's degree from Thomas College in Waterville and is employed as a teacher at Mesalonskee High School in Oakland. **Angela Michaud Hardy** wrote, "After working for five years on Little Cranberry Island, I went back to graduate school for educational leadership. Upon completion, I re-entered the field of teaching in Bar Harbor as a third-grade teacher. I am taking this year off to stay at home with my daughter, Elizabeth Avis Hardy, who is now six months old." **Misty Neill Lambert** is currently a fulltime student pursuing a nursing degree. Her son, Brayden Robert, was born on September 26, 2004. **Carla Landers** is teaching at Traip Academy in Kittery, and she is also attending graduate school at the University of New Hampshire. **Bob LePauloue** is still teaching



Captain Kim Olmsted married Captain Micheal Jennings.

at Saco Middle School; he is also working on a master's degree in educational leadership at the University of Southern Maine. **Captain Kim Olmsted** married Captain Micheal Jennings in September in Bridgton, ME. Both are members of the United States Air Force and are stationed in California. Kim works at Edwards Air Force Base as a squadron section commander and Mike works at Ft. Irwin as a weather flight commander. The couple will likely move again, sometime between the end of the summer and the beginning of fall this year. **Stephanie Rosier** is in her eighth year of employment at Jameson School in Old Orchard Beach as a Reading Recovery teacher. **Barbara Sadler** married Dr. Elmer Humphrey on December 3, 2005. The Christmas-themed wedding was complemented by a children's bell choir. She is currently teach-



Barbara Sadler and Dr. Elmer Humphrey with a children's bell choir

ing in the education and general studies departments at Zion Bible College in Barrington, RI. She is also the director of the Center for Academic Development, the college's learning center.

## 1998

**Jolene Griffin Fortin** is in her eighth year of teaching special education to fifth- and sixth-grade students. She, boyfriend Sean, and daughter Jarica live in Pittsfield. **Andrea Cousins Gray** and husband Joseph welcomed son Kyle Joseph on September 28, 2005. **Kelli Olson** is teaching fourth grade at Rumford Elementary School. In May 2004, she completed a master's degree in education, with a focus on literacy education, at UMaine. **Alison Moody Rendall** is a speech/language therapist for the York School Department. She and husband

Stephen live in York. **Lucy Richardson** married James Lambert on June 26, 2005, in Nahant, MA. She is employed by Child Development Services of Cumberland County as a development therapist. **Adele Saint Pierre** has been working on her PhD in Linguistics - North American French at Laval University in Quebec, Canada. She successfully completed her doctoral exams and is now ABD (all but dissertation). Her research will focus on both the history and the language of the Franco-American community in the Jay-Livermore Falls area. **Amy Dufour Terrell**, husband Michael, and three-year-old daughter Caitlyn Rose welcomed Kelsie Ray on August 16, 2005.

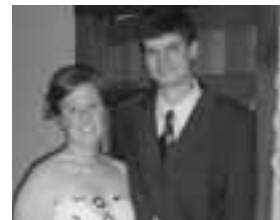
## 1999

**Travis Horne** is a health management representative for HealthTrust in Concord, NH. **Tracey Pontau McKenzie** is a special education teacher in SAD 58 and has earned a master's degree in education from Walden University. She and husband Nate live in Kingfield with their son, Myles. They expect their second baby this spring. **Kevin Oliveira** is a community asthma educator within the Clinical Services Division of Sisters of Charity Health System. He is managing all aspects of the prevention and wellness initiative, including patient and provider education and community outreach, while working closely with Community Clinical Services, Maine Health, and the Maine Bureau of Health. **Beaudine Richmond** is in his fifth year at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. During the past two years, he has worked in the patient safety and quality department. He is currently attending Six Sigma Black Belt training to become a process improvement and change management expert; he expects to graduate in July 2006.

## 2000

**John Alley** is in his first year of PhD studies at Ohio State University. He is also working for Rehabilitation Services Commission in Ohio. **Richard Berry III** wrote, "I am currently working for Bank of America as an investment consultant/investment specialist for the Banks Global Wealth & Investment Management (GWIM) arm. The department I work with is the Consulting Services Group in the GWIM headquarters located in the financial district, downtown Boston. I work in partnership with external wholesalers to cover the north central region of the U.S. They gather assets, while I meet with investment managers to make asset allocation recommendations as well as create portfolios for high net worth clients. It's a good job with a good company. I spent four years at Putnam Investments and a few months with Fidelity Investments. Five

years have gone by, and I miss Sugarloaf University!" **Erika Bohlman** is working at MaineWest Business Technology in Farmington as vice president, web designer, and PC repair and technical support person. She has over five years of web design experience, and also extensive training in marketing. **Darcie Comstock** and boyfriend Bill Calden manage a set of sporting camps in Eustis. They like to travel, four-wheel, fly, and spend as much time as possible with Bill's two children: Billy, age twelve; and Rachel, age ten. Darcie has also been coaching soccer and boys' and girls' basketball. **Susan Gotreau** is teaching fifth- and sixth-grade special education language arts at China Middle School. **Erin Grannell** of Kittery Point married Duncan Murphy at St. Andrews by the Sea in Rye, NH, on June 4, 2005. **Nykola Hanczar** married **Michael Dentico '01** on October 15, 2005. Nykola is employed by Kingfield Elementary School, and Michael is employed by Norpine Landscape in Kingfield. **Carrie Moore Malloy** married Schyler Carpenter on December 18, 2005. They live in Skowhegan where she works for the U.S. Postal Service. **Megan McQuade** and Tony Hart were married on October 1, 2005, at the Inn by the Sea in Cape Elizabeth. After earning a master's degree from Wheelock College in Boston, Megan is employed as a special education teacher in Scarborough. **Nicholas Moulton** married Erin Scott on November 12, 2005. He is employed by the Social Security Administration and lives in Saco. He and Erin are expecting their first child, daughter Natalie, in April 2006. **Jaclyn Neil** married Joshua Johnston on July 2, 2005. She is currently employed as a roving education assistant while she continues working toward a master's degree in counselor education. **Barbara "BJ" Souther** is in her sixth year of teaching third grade at Prescott Memorial School in Washington, ME. She and her fiancé, Matthew Kopishke, have recently moved into a farmhouse they have been restoring in Liberty, and they are planning a July 2006 wedding. Matt is the son of **Hazel Overlock Kopishke '77**, grandson of **Erma Knowlton Overlock '44**, and brother of **Heidi Kopishke '05**.



Barbara "BJ" Souther and her fiancé, Matthew Kopishke

## 2001

**Amy Leet Anderson** is a kindergarten teacher; she and husband Daniel live in Millinocket with their two-year-old daughter, Makayla. **Rebecca Menard Boucher** is attending graduate school at Barry University in Miami Shores, FL. She expects to earn a mas-

ter's degree in social work in June 2007.

**Pamela Chenea** wrote, "[I] bring support and information to teen moms who are pregnant and parenting; a demanding and rewarding job." **Nicholas Crowell** is working as a police officer in Everett, MA. **Mark Ingrisano** married Erica Bowen on August 20, 2005, at the First Congregational Church in Farmington. He is employed on Mt. Desert Island where they reside. **Joshua Keezer** is working as a supervisor for a large corporation in North Carolina. In his spare time he writes on commission for a gaming magazine. **Sarah Lawton** has moved back to Maine and will be returning to work as a health teacher with Portland Public Schools this fall. She has also been a long-term substitute teacher for Bonny Eagle Middle School as an eighth-grade living skills/health teacher since January 2006. **Mara McCarthy** and fiancé Ryan Sullivan of Westbrook recently bought a house in Brunswick. They are planning a May 2007 wedding. Mara is teaching at Woodside Elementary School in Topsham, and is working toward a master's degree in special education at USM. **Molly Philbrick** married Donald Foudriat on December 3, 2005, in Portland. She attends SMCC School of Radiology. **Jenifer Robinson** married Graham Goulette on October 1, 2005, in Dover-Foxcroft. She is employed by the UMaine Children's Center.



Anthony Wild and Amanda Moran

**Anthony Wild** is working at Multi State Billing in Somersworth, NH as a product manager. His role is to get Medicaid reimbursements to school districts across the country. **Amanda Moran '04** is an eighth-grade math teacher in Methuen,

MA. They are living in Dover, NH, and are planning a June 3, 2006, wedding in Brewer.

## 2002

**Heather LaCasse Blanchet** and husband Nick welcomed daughter Brynn Makenzie on January 3, 2006. **John Byrne** is a clothing buyer for Peter Glenn Ski Shops, which is a national chain of stores based in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. **Sam An Dy** is employed as a sternman for Spencer Joyce of Swans Island. **Megan Flaherty** married Michael Caiazza on September 17, 2005, at St. Patrick's Church. She earned a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island, and is employed as a personal trainer at the Woodlands Country Club in Falmouth. **Jerimiah Hackett** and **Melissa Clark '03** married on October 16, 2005, in Georgetown. He is employed by DeLorme Maps in Yarmouth; she is a nanny in Portland. **Charity Herald Haskin** was featured in the *Portland Press Herald*,

depicting her snowboarding experience during The Jeep King of the Mountain Series tryouts at Sunday River. She used to race for fun, and she would win, too. Although she did not make the cut, she did walk away with a story to tell her fellow colleagues at Maine Medical Center in Portland where she works as a nurse. **James McCaskill** recently graduated with an MBA from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. He spent his final semester abroad at the renowned Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium, and was able to travel around most of Western Europe while completing the requirements for his graduate degree. He has been offered a business analyst position with a telecommunications firm in Canada. He wrote, "I have not given up hope of finding employment in Maine/New England ... (hint, hint alums!!)." **Allison Trussell** is working toward a master's degree. **Eric White** married **Elvira Weidmann** in July 2003.

## 2003

**Adria Bradford Cormier** is a high school math teacher and lives in North Carolina with husband Scott. **Lisa Blais Gagnon** and husband Aaron welcomed a baby girl on January 26, 2006. Aaron is employed at the UMF Computer Center. **Elizabeth Hardink** and **Ben Mullen '04** are engaged and plan to marry in 2007. She will graduate this spring with a master's degree in liberal studies. She and Ben are working at UMaine. **Elizabeth De La Cruz Harris** and husband Joseph purchased their first home on October 31, 2005.

## 2003

**Fawn Albert Haynie** is currently a school health coordinator for MSAD 54. She married **Nathanael Haynie '04** on July 15, 2005. He is currently teaching mathematics at Messalonskee High School. They are living in Fairfield. **Gretchen Kimball** is one of fourteen nominees for the 2007 Maine Teacher of the Year award. Governor John Baldacci honored the nominees at a March ceremony, and the winner will be announced in September. Gretchen teaches seventh-grade English, language arts, and science at Buckfield Junior/Senior High School. **Meghan McMahon** currently works for the Maine Legislature as an administrative assistant in the Republican Senate Office. **Kara Moody** and **Matthew Waterhouse '05** are dedicated to raising money for cancer research and treatment. They are heading to Anchorage, AK, to run in the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon. The couple is running it as part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program. They must raise nine thousand dollars in order to partic-

ipate in the June marathon. Matthew works in a metals lab, and Kara is a field technician. Both work for Katahdin Analytical in Portland. You can visit their websites at <http://www.active.com/donate/tntma/tntmakaraginger> and [http://www.active.com/donate/tntma/tntma\\_mwaterh](http://www.active.com/donate/tntma/tntma_mwaterh). **Ryan Moore** is currently a guide for Sourdough Outfitters in Bettles, Alaska. He worked for the Peace Corps in Nepal and Uzbekistan before deferring his graduate school in order to work in Alaska. **Maria Landry O'Connell** is taking courses at UMF to earn elementary teacher certification.

## 2004

**Courtney Bishop** is in her first full year of teaching. She is an English teacher at Georges Valley High School in Thomaston and runs a newly created learning center. She is also the yearbook advisor and Civil Rights team leader. **Erin Clyatt** is currently a preschool teacher at Toddle Inn in Saco. **James Danala** is teaching science at Mount Abram High School. **Jaime D'Errico** is a programs and policy associate for Consumers for Affordable Health Care Foundation in Augusta. **Susan Knowles Hastings** teaches math at Livermore Falls High School and coaches the girls' junior varsity basketball team, which climbed into the elite status of the Western Maine Class C ranks. **Kimberly Laberge** is employed fulltime at Tri-County Mental Health, and she is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of New England. **Jessica Legare** married



Jessica Legare married Gavin Smith.

Gavin Smith on September 17, 2005. Since graduating from UMF, she has been employed at Turner Family Support Center working with youth in crisis. **Kimberly Meyer** is employed at Stevens High School in Claremont, NH, as a special educator/case manager. **Douglas Sautter** is teaching sixth-grade math and

science at Mount Ararat High School; and his wife, **Nicole Fraser Sautter '95**, is teaching at Lisbon Community School. **Kyle Tripp** is pursuing an internship with a recording studio. In October, he received an associate degree in recording arts from Full Sail in Winter Park, FL. **Holly Gallant Wilson** is a social studies teacher. She and husband Charles live in Gorham.

## 2005

**Cynthia Brackett-Vincent** offered a poetry-writing workshop through MSAD 9 Adult and Community Education this spring. The workshop focused on inspiring one's inner poet, turning creativity into craft, and learning about publishing opportunities and networking. **Jason DiDonato** of Saco is currently em-

ployed in the accounting department of TD Banknorth Insurance Agency. **Jennifer Tibbetts Potter** was recently featured in the *Morning Sentinel*. The article depicts the much-sought-after math and science teachers. More Maine teachers in these subjects retire each year than the University of Maine System graduates, leading to a dire shortage. Jennifer explained that not everyone encouraged her career choice, but that she always had her sights on becoming a teacher; her teaching experience has been exactly what she hoped for. **Elizabeth Ward Shepard** is a supervisor in Boulder, CO.

## Faculty/Staff

Assistant Professor of Composition **Elizabeth Cooke**, lived through a heart-pounding ordeal this past winter when she and her dog, Gus, fell through the Sandy River ice. A passerby happened to see them struggling in the freezing river and heroically pulled them out. Both recovered fully. Elizabeth shared her story with

local papers in an effort to warn children of the dangers that exist on rivers during winter months. Associate Professor of Creative Writing **Gretchen Legler** shared a chilling story with the *Franklin Journal* this past winter. She told of her 1997 adventure at the South Pole in Antarctica. Questions about earth and about her life brought Gretchen to a world of harsh elements and temperatures that reached about eighty-degrees below zero. You can read about her six-month experience in her book entitled *On the Ice: an Intimate Portrait of Life at McMurdo Station, Antarctica*. **Wesley McNair's** personal papers have been purchased by the Special Collections Library of Colby College in Waterville. The library also houses the letters and artifacts of writers Edwin Arlington Robinson, Thomas Hardy, Sarah Orne Jewett, and other significant literary figures. A ceremony celebrating the acquisition of his papers was held on April 12, 2006. Wesley is a writer-in-residence in the UMF Creative Writing program. **John Rainville**, computer specialist, received a certificate of appreciation from Maine

Maritime Academy. The certificate was in recognition for aiding relief efforts following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, when he spent seventy-seven days aboard the State of Maine Training Ship as an information specialist. **Roger Spear**, former vice president for administration, was honored when Town Manager Richard Davis and the Town Report Committee members dedicated the town report in his honor. An article in the *Franklin Journal* stated that Roger was the driving force in the efforts in the early 1970s that led to the building of the town's municipal building; he also headed the drive to bring new lights to Hip-pach Field. Roger retired in 2005.

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**Class notes include submissions received by the Ferro Alumni Center through March 31, 2006.**

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## In Memoriam

**Elizabeth Bean Williams '22** on March 9, 2005, in Worcester, MA.

**Clara Frederic Mason '25** on February 21, 2006, Gaithersburg, MD.

Received word that **Elizabeth Griffin Farr '28** passed away.

**Lois McLaughlin McKay '28** on January 15, 2006.

**Turner Gregoire '30** on March 15, 2006, in Bath.

**Marita Paul Richardson '30** on March 3, 2006, in Plainfield, NJ.

**Rosella Priest '31** on February 22, 2006, in Orlando, FL.

**Mildred Sprague Edwards '32** on December 9, 2005, in Brewer.

**Juanita Hodgkins Stoesser '32** on December 12, 2005, in Webster, NY.

**Genevieve Andrews Abbott '33** on January 5, 2006, in Franconia, NH.

**Romolo Lorenzi '33** on February 7, 2006, in Farmington.

**Frances McKenzie '33** on December 10, 2007, in Phillips.

Received word that **Katharyn Shorey Sherman '33** passed away.

**Helen Anne Slosberg '33** on March 7, 2006, in Bradenton, FL.

**Erma Sylvester '33** on March 20, 2005, in Houlton.

**Bertha Viles Welch '33** on January 24, 2006, in Bingham.

**Arlene Sprague '34** on January 24, 2006, in South Weymouth, MA.

**Elizabeth Dorr Welch '34** on January 7, 2006, in Shelby, OH.

**Elizabeth Winchenpaw '35** on February 23, 2006, in Rockport.

**Helen Parker Newbegin '36** on October 3, 2006, in Plattsburgh, NY.

**Wilber Cooper '38** on January 16, 2006, in Topsham.

**Doris Fowler Eaton '39** on February 13, 2006, in Portland.

**Norman MacWilliam '39** on January 21, 2006, in Watertown, MA.

**Gordon Smith '42** on December 11, 2005, in Bangor.

**Barbara Lewis Hermes '44** on December 15, 2005, in Essex Junction, VT.

**Therese Robert Nadeau '46** on January 14, 2006, in Brunswick.

**Jean Lambert Jackins '50** on January 21, 2006, in Brunswick.

**Raymond Vear '51** on January 18, 2006, in Bangor.

**Carolyn Mingo Somers '52** on December 11, 2005, in Fairfield.

**George Bradstreet '59** in March 2005.

**John Daniels '62** on February 18, 2005, in

Pensacola, FL.

**Charles Gesner Jr. '63** on March 6, 2006, in Dover-Foxcroft.

**Richard Sullivan '65** on December 22, 2005, in Lyman.

Received word that **Cindra Gesner '72** passed away in 2002.

Received word that **Carla Curtis '73** passed away on December 27, 2005, in San Francisco, CA.

**Marie Shamos Twitchell '76** on November 6, 2006, in Manchester.

**Gregory Waite '79** on February 16, 2006, in Auburn.

**Susan Warren McCarthy Stockwell '83** on July 22, 2005, in Micaville, SC.

**Judith Deane '85** on March 29, 2006, in Hallowell.

**Laurie Merry '95** on December 10, 2005, in Winslow.

## Faculty/Staff

**Alice Rainey**, former acquisitions librarian at Mantor Library, on January 23, 2006, in Wilton.

**Marion Withee Thompson**, former employee, on February 9, 2006, in Skowhegan.

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