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## From the Headmaster

Serious economic and social challenges face the people of Washington County and the State of Maine. You have read much about these challenges, and you may have experienced some of them. These challenges naturally spill over into the work of our schools. It is most gratifying to know that we have many capable and caring people associated with Washington Academy who give us a distinct assurance that we can meet those challenges. In fact, we have every confidence that we can work together to take Washington Academy to the next level of excellence.

With regard to the challenges facing us, Washington Academy has a two-fold responsibility. First, we must prepare our students for further education or training and encourage them to aspire to take advantage of the many opportunities available. Such post-high school education and training greatly increases their options and opportunities as they plan their life of work. Secondly, we must effectively prepare students who decide to go to work or enter military service immediately following high school graduation. Whatever education or career path our graduates choose, we want to prepare them in a manner that will enable them to realize a satisfying work life that will bring them personal rewards while also helping them to make a worthy contribution to their families and to others. We value all of our students, and we value the opportunity that we have to work with them.

Strategic planning always has been important at Washington Academy. Because of that planning, the Academy has been the school of choice for many people in this area. Academy graduates can look back at their school experience with thankfulness and pride. Considering the serious challenges facing education in Maine and Washington County these days, serious planning is ever more important.

The Academy trustees and administrators held a three-day retreat in November for strategic planning. In December, the teachers and administrators devoted a day to that same purpose. In addition to the planning sessions, a survey was sent out to seek growth and improvement recommendations from alumni, parents, and community members. Similar areas of interest came to the forefront from all sources. We are united in our resolve to continue to strive for further development and excellence in the following areas: academic program; assessment of curriculum and instruction; staff recruitment, development, and retention; provision and maintenance of facilities; parent, alumni, and community relations; and enrollment and financial stability. In the future, we will be reporting to you with more information.

We appreciate your commitment in standing with us as we work to meet the challenging educational needs of our students in these times of exciting opportunities.

Sincerely,

*Judson S. McBrine*  
Judson McBrine, Headmaster

*Taiwanese students  
on a field trip to  
the Chiang-Kai-shek  
Memorial*



## President Bush Honors WA Alumni and Teacher

The East Machias Dam Removal Team recently was honored in Washington, DC for their efforts in the historical East Machias River Dam Removal Project. They attended a special luncheon ceremony and afterward, the participants met personally with President Bush and members of the Coastal America Partnership. Attending were three WA alumni (Davis, Richardson, and Small) and Academy science teacher Don Sprangers. Also attending the event were Town Deputy Clerk, Bunny Wright and Downeast Salmon Federation Program Coordinator, Dwayne Shaw.

The project eliminated the dam, made other improvements, and provided a training exercise for the Air Force Reserve troops who completed the nearly 1/2 million dollar project. The old Bangor Hydro building was donated to the Salmon Federation. The project was a joint effort of the Town of East Machias, the Downeast Salmon Federation and the East Machias Watershed Council.

The trip to Washington was partially sponsored by the East Machias Watershed Council. During their stay, the group visited the Smithsonian Institute, Holocaust Museum, Arlington Cemetery and the Vietnam War Memorial.



Looking across the skyline of Tokyo

Judson McBrine and Charlene Cates meet with Masabiko Kawaguchi, President of Japan Education Advancement Association, at his office in Tokyo.



## SPANNING THE GLOBE

Headmaster Judson McBrine and Director of Admissions Charlene Cates traveled to Tokyo, Japan; Seoul, Korea; and Taipei, Taiwan, seeking students for the Academy's growing international program. The trip included three recruiting fairs sponsored by The Association of Boarding Schools and numerous appointments with educational consultants in each of the countries. Leaving behind the familiar sights and sounds of Washington County, the pair learned to navigate the busy Tokyo subway system and eat with chopsticks. They also had opportunities to visit a Japanese school, eat an authentic Korean dinner with the mother of a current student at WA, and visit the Chiang-Kai-shek Memorial in Taipei. The trip helped to develop contacts which brought three students from Taiwan to the Academy this spring and set the stage for more applications to follow next fall. ■



Jin Soon Cha, mother of current student Charlie Shim, treats McBrine and Cates to a meal of kimchee and pork in Seoul, Korea. The meat was cooked in the center of the table on an open grill.

# Washington Academy's

# CLASS AGENTS

*Washington Academy wishes to thank its class agents who helped us reach their classmates during the 2000-2001 Annual Campaign.*



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## Notes on the Annual Campaign *A Symphony of Support*

This year, the support of alumni and friends has been music to our ears. Through their generosity, Washington Academy's 5th Annual Campaign has so far raised over \$18,000 from 171 donors. Of those donors, 135 are alumni who have given over \$9,000.

A portion of the funds from the Annual Campaign will be used to renovate the Academy's existing music room. The primary purpose of the renovation is to provide additional space for the growing music department which now boasts a jazz band, pep band, concert band, a chorus and over 40 involved students.

### Pepsi Sponsors \$7,500 Matching Grant

Pepsi-Cola Company has added momentum to the campaign by agreeing to match each and every donation that comes in between February 1, 2002 and June 30, 2002, dollar for dollar, up to \$7,500. Through their generosity and the response of more alumni and friends, the Academy could quickly bring campaign totals over the needed \$30,000 mark. According to Mark Hoover, Account Sales Representative, "Pepsi Bottling Group is proud to build partnerships with local schools. These partnerships allow schools to increase overall quality of education and recreation for the students." ■



Additional Space in the Plans for WA's Growing Music Department

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# 2002 Alumni Reunion

## Schedule of Events August 2-3, 2002

Friday, August 2

6:00-10:00 pm

Individual class reunions  
for honored classes

Saturday, August 3

9:00 am

Raider Run-A 5k Road Race beginning at the  
Original Academy Building

10:00 am

Auction in Room 13 - Alumni Building

1:00 pm

Biennial Alumni Association Business Meeting  
Room 13 - Alumni Building

2:00 pm

Tours of Washington Academy Campus

4:00-5:00 pm

Trustee Tea and Alumni Awards Reception in  
Gardner Gym

5:00-6:00 pm

Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres and punch  
in Gardner Gym

6:00-8:00 pm

Alumni Banquet in Alumni Gym\*

8:00 pm

Entertainment by Maine Humorist Gary Crocker



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**Mark Your  
Calendar  
Now!!!!**

### WA classes to be honored:

70 years	1931-32
60 years	1941-42
50 years	1951-52
40 years	1961-62
30 years	1971-72
25 years	1976-77
20 years	1981-82
10 years	1991-92



\*Through the generosity of the Alumni Association and the commitment of the Trustees, the Academy will rent air-conditioning units for this year's banquet.

The 2002 Alumni Reunion will feature after-dinner entertainment by

# MAINE HUMORIST GARY CROCKER

## Class Reunions

### Class of 1982

Chris Sprague and Deborah Stauffer have been contacting members of their class with plans to have a large turnout for their 20<sup>th</sup> reunion.

They have located all but 10 members of their class. For more information contact Chris at RR 1 Box 321, Machias, ME 04654 (207-255-3311).

### Class of 1981

Traci Prout Sanborn is planning a reunion for her class on Friday, August 2 at her camp on Gardner Lake. She can be reached at RR 1 Box 2150, East Machias, ME 04630 (207-255-9380).

### Class of 1952

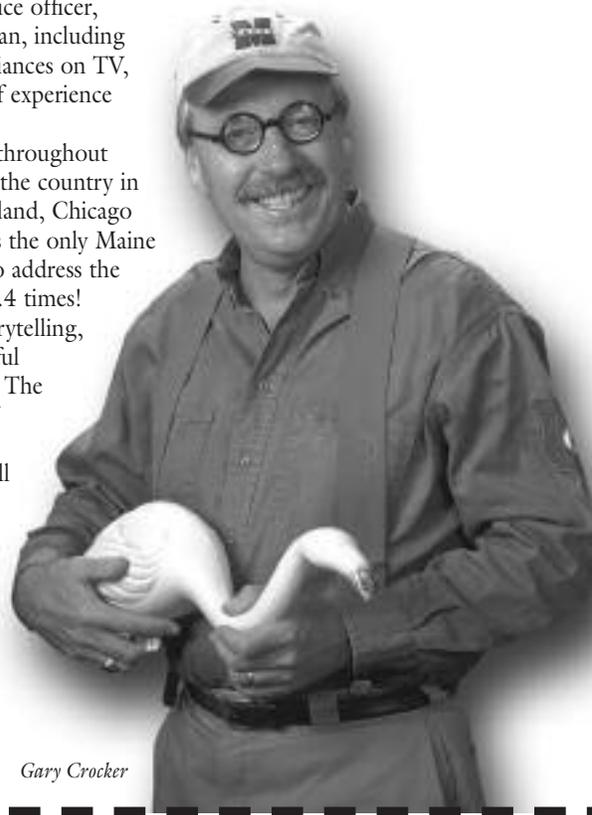
The class of 1952 is planning a supper at a local restaurant for June 3, 2002.

Please contact Everett Farnsworth at St. Rt. 74 Box 226, East Machias, ME 04630 (207-255-8933) for more information.

Crocker is a Maine native who was born in Lewiston and currently resides in West Gardiner. He has worked in the mills and orchards of Kennebec County. As a teacher, police officer, administrator, and salesman, including selling furniture and appliances on TV, Crocker brings a world of experience to his presentation.

Gary has appeared throughout New England and across the country in San Francisco, Dallas, Orland, Chicago and South Dakota. He is the only Maine Humorist to be invited to address the Maine State Legislature...4 times!

Underneath his storytelling, Crocker imparts a powerful message to his audience. The evening entertainment of Downeast stories in the classic Maine tradition will certainly help make the Washington Academy Reunion 2002 one of the best ever. ■



Gary Crocker

## Reunion Registration Information

Dues \$5.00

Banquet tickets: \$17.00 each      Total \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choices:

Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Plate \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Because the banquet is catered, we must have a final head count by July 15, 2002. We request that all reservations reach the treasurer by that date. Mail this form with your dues (\$5.00 for two years) and money for the number of banquet tickets you wish to purchase. Make checks payable to: Washington Academy Alumni Association, PO Box 466, East Machias, ME 04630.*

*Or, register on our website at [www.washingtonacademy.org](http://www.washingtonacademy.org) and send your payment to the address above.*

# Alumni News and Notes

# Alumni

**'20** Evelyn Carroll celebrated her 100th birthday on 12/8/01 at Marshall Health Care. She is WA's oldest known living alumna.

**'30** Gardner and Lillian Pope of Brunswick, ME, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in November 2001.

**'36** Lois Huntley Boone lives in Dixmont, ME. She keeps busy with part-time volunteer work at her town office. Lois wrote that she enjoyed the photos of the class agents in the newsletter.

**'48** Angie Ashley Henderson lives in Bridgewater, ME with her spouse, Gerald. She wrote to say that she enjoys the newsletter and sent the alumni office a copy of a graduation invitation from 1919. Last summer she met **Marjorie Young McLaughlin**, **Lorraine Holmes Blyther** and **Maxine Gray Robbins** at a restaurant in Machias for a small reunion.

**'49** Lois Ingalls Sprague and Vernon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 1/6/02. Vern is a 1947 graduate of Machias High School who has been married to a Raider for 50 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

**'50** Pamela Berry Dowling and spouse Herbert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 9/23/00. They have two sons and three grandchildren. She is busy writing for the Machias Valley News and singing gospel music. Pam is Town Clerk of Whitneyville after retiring from 28 years at Community Health and Counseling Services.



*Pamela and Herbert Dowling*

**'51** Mary and James Fletcher celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 12/2/01.

**'56** John Wiswell lives in Loganville, GA, with spouse Kathleen. They have eight children and lots of grandchildren. He is an electrical coordinator for Gwinnett County.

**'57** Lester Young lives in Higganum, CT. He graduated from Maine Maritime Academy and is a retired chemical engineer.

**'63** Jerry Smith and spouse Jannell live in Baileyville, ME. He is employed by Domtar Industries (formerly Georgia-Pacific) as a millwright.

**'65** Bob Bergeron has relocated to Jacksonville, FL. He is Senior Vice President of Operations for CDI Marine Co.

**'67** Leonard Johnson III lives in Machias. He served in the US Navy and is retired. He wrote that he is looking forward to the reunion.

**'69** Clayton Holmes Jr. has been named director of elementary education for School Union 90. He received his bachelor's degree in elementary education from UMM and a master's degree and a certificate of advanced study in literacy education with highest distinction from UMO. He and his wife Leah live in Hermon.



*Clayton Holmes Jr.*

**'70** Marlene Gatcomb Wood and Carlton '69 live in Oldsmar, FL.

**'72** Paul Loney is a Regional Sales Manager at Garr Tool in Alma, MI. His territory includes the entire northeast of the USA and all of Canada. He recently visited England, Denmark and Finland.

**'74** Marcia Randall Segura and her family relocated to Laurel, MD. Her work with the Galileo Project ended and now she works at the Goddard Space Flight Center on Cassini which is bound for Saturn. **Marilyn Dudley Simons** and spouse Dale live in Vinton, VA. They have two children and three grandchildren. Marilyn works in customer sales and service for Cox Communications. She says "Hello to all."

**'76** Louise Moody Ward and spouse Steve Ward '71 live in the small town of East Hampton, NY. She is the self-employed mother of 15 children and they have adopted 11 of those children. Steve is a carpenter and they return Down-



*Lois and Vernon Sprague*

## In Memoriam

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**Ann Crane Pike '28** 10/6/01

**Adelaide Gooch Bryant '32** 1/3/02

**Carl Thompson '34** 12/01

**Vaughn Bryant '36** 12/5/01

**George Kingsley '36** 9/2/01

**Conrad Pettegrew '37** 9/30/01

**Clayton Fickett '41** 12/15/01

**Patricia Hudson Pettigrew '41** 12/2/01

**George Conley '46** 9/2/01

**Pauline Berry Pierce '48** 9/25/01

**Betty Scott Tuell '52** 8/5/01

**Robert Clay '71** 1/3/02

**Jerald I. Savage '77** 12/20/01

**Kimberly Johnson '01** 11/5/01

east each summer for a visit. **Sherry Hawkins McLeod** lives in Crawford with spouse Albert and daughter Brandi. They own a convenience store in Crawford. **Cindy Mountz Jaeger** served in the US Air Force for over 17 years and took early retirement in 1994. She and her spouse have been stationed in California, Texas, England, and Germany. They presently live in Italy with their four children.

**'78 Catherine Brown Townsend** lives in Calais with her spouse David and their four children. She graduated from WCTC and she is employed by Sunrise Opportunities as a secretary at the Frank Beckett Center.

**'79 Jane Brooks Mallar** lives in Machias with spouse Peter and they have four sons. She majored in accounting and wrote that she loves living in Washington County. **Kevin Holmes** lives in Auburn, ME. He works as a mechanic for Pioneer Plastics. **Jeffrey Small** lives in Eastport with his spouse JoAnn and their three children. He graduated from Word of Life Bible Institute, The New Brunswick Bible Institute, and Baptist Bible College of PA. He serves as pastor of the Washington Street Baptist Church.

**'80 Cheryl Page** has two children and she works as a nurse. **David Chase** attended WA for two years but moved to VT for his last two years of high school. He played soccer and basketball and wrote that he would be interested in talking to some of his old classmates. He is a coach and teacher in Contoocook, NH. David and his spouse Amanda have two children. He can be reached at 99 Pinewood Dr. Contoocook, NH 03229.

**'81 Robert Savage** is a Marine Diesel Power Specialist. He and his spouse Jean live in West Warwick, RI, with their two children, Megan and Nicole. **Cindy Pennell Mawson** lives in Jonesport with her spouse and year old daughter. She also has three older sons. Cindy worked as a certified nursing assistant at Downeast Community Hospital.

**'82 Bethany Granville Jarvis** and spouse Ken live in Lucerne, ME. They are expecting their first child in the spring. Bethany received a master's degree in nursing at UMO in May 2000 and she works as a nurse practitioner at Tenny Hill Family Practice in Blue Hill. **Michael Scanlon** lives in Brockton, MA, with his

spouse Deborah and their two children. He graduated from UMO with a degree in anthropology. Mike currently is an assistant bank manager at Brockton Credit Union.

**'83 Ann White Leighton** and spouse Randy live in Pembroke. She has had her own hair-dressing salon for 15 years and she also does medical transcription work at Eastport Health Center. **Shawn Seeley** lives in Bath, ME, with his spouse Kathleen and their two daughters, Emma, age 8, and Alisa, 10. Shawn graduated from UMO with a BS degree and he works for the State of Maine Bureau of Health as an environmental specialist.

**'84 Al Lounder** lives in Vassalboro and works as a sales manager for Charlie's Motor Mall in Augusta.

**'85 Ann Murphy Look** lives in Richmond, VA, and is a registered nurse in pediatrics. She is the mother of two children Hayden, 9 and Hanna, 6. Although she had to move in her senior year, Ann wrote, "I was forced to change schools and graduate with a bunch of strangers, but I will always think of WA as my high school." **Gary Huntley** opened a new business in Jacksonville called Huntley

## *Class notes from the West* (Alumni in NM, AZ, UT, CA, WA)

**1940 James Ashley** and his wife Marie moved to New Mexico from Michigan two years ago. Retired from Blackner Pump in 1987, Jimmy remains physically in good health. They have two grown sons.

**1953 Sandra Smith Davis** moved to Pebble Creek near Goodyear, AZ in 1998. Surrounded by many clubs and restaurants, plus 14 theaters, movie buff Sandra loves her life. She's into line dancing, attending plays and does tickets sales for the Oakland A's each March. Arizona, Sandra-style, is a great life "with all the amenities."

**1969 Carolyn Bryant Swadley**, semi-retired from an insurance company, lives with spouse Steve in Woodinville, WA. With a family comprising "just a husband and animals," she enjoys horseback riding and training and is a seasoned traveler with her husband, an investment manager.

**1974 Pamela Coleman Camp** is living a landmark year in her life in Clinton, UT. The horror of 9/11 ended her career with Delta Airlines when she was laid off in October. Undaunted, she moved on, walking down the aisle with son Daniel, each graduating in the same class at Weber State University with degrees in communications. Pam is presently doing press and interviews with athletes for the 2002 Olympics. She and spouse Rick will soon celebrate 28 years of marriage, and daughter Stephanie graduated this past year from the Mayo Clinic as a physical therapist.

**1976 Linda Cummings Brenden** has been a licensed veterinarian technician in Washington for 12 years. She is an avid reader who loves to go to the movies. Widowed since last year, she is the mother of three. Jarrod is in the Air Force, Dustin is a Marine, and Lindsay will enter the Air Force in July. **Norman Pine** lives in Snowflake, an Arizona town founded by two families-the Snows and the Flakes. He has been all over the world, courtesy of the US Army, but currently is in construction work and has a

hobby of restoring antique vehicles. An avid aficionado of electronics and stereos, he is also the father of Christopher, 21 and Elizabeth, 17.

**1979 Krista Lyford Nedzweckas** is a freelancing financial consultant, dealing with credit bureau issues. She and spouse, Jodi, recently retired from the US Navy and are relocating from Camarillo, CA to Fredericksburg, VA. Krista's hobbies include camping, horses and waterskiing. They have three children. Their oldest son Scott Lyford graduated from WA in 2001.

**1992 Ian Pope** is a federal agent with the US Border Patrol in Las Cruces, NM. On the cutting edge of the drug war, Ian puts in many hours a week apprehending drugs and illegal aliens. His favorite off-hours activity is to "return to New England to visit." He likes to travel and flies a lot, and has applied for the air marshal program to become an undercover agent, traveling on airplanes to combat potential terrorists.

**1993 Morgan Lord and Marissa Lord '95** live in Bellingham, WA. Morgan is a student at Western Washington University where she is involved in the performing arts. Her present and most impressive challenge is doing all the original costume design for a nine-hour show. Marissa is involved in nursery and nursing. Coming down the home stretch at Whatcom Community College, Marissa will soon be a registered nurse. Presently she works full-time in a nursery, where she says, "I sell plants all day."

**1994 Richard Wood** currently works in accounts payable in one of the largest law firms in Seattle, WA. He's taken up cooking as an intensive hobby. It's "wonderful, relaxing," and he claims he just got tired of going out and paying exorbitant prices for meals that weren't as good as he could prepare personally.

## Alumni News and Notes (cont.)



Newell and Kraisi Huntley

Autobody Repair. He lives in East Machias. **Newell Huntley** married Kraisi Rose on October 27, 2001. Newell is a CPA for Minute Maid in Houston, TX.

**'86** Chuck Vose and spouse Heather '89 are the parents of a Joshua, 2, and Micha born on 1/24/02.

**'87** Joe Seeley lives in Presque Isle with his spouse Karen and their two children. He is employed by the Presque Isle Police Department as a patrol sergeant. **Catherine Rasco-Robinson** and spouse Levi are the parents of a son Max born 6/18/01. They live in North Yarmouth, ME. **Kevin Alley** and spouse Rebecca have a son born 12/30/99. Kevin was mobilized to Cutler for Operation Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle. They live in Boothbay, ME. **Kristyn Schumacher Kemp** and her spouse Adrian of Adelaide, Australia are the parents of a son, Reece Jackson Kemp born 6/8/01. Their address is 1 Austell St., Unley, SA 5061.

**'88** Jody Gardner Harnish lives in Bangor with her child, Jordan. **Belinda Rowden Lemieux** and spouse Nick '93 are the parents of a son, Ryan Nicholas born 2/11/02.

**'90** Louis Marin was stationed in the Air Force in Minot, ND, for nine years as an aircraft mechanic. He completed Basic Instructor School in TX and he is now qualified as a technical instructor. He is the proud father of a daughter and a stepson. He would like to hear from any WA grads from 1990 or 1991. **Stephanie Gay Wood** and **Joey Wood '91** live in

Marshfield, ME. Stephanie graduated from WCTC and is a banker at Machias Savings Bank. She is also currently enrolled in a nursing program to become an RN. **Joey** is self-employed. They have two sons, Wyatt, 6 and Morgan, 2.

**'91** **Ralph Cushing** lives in Pembroke with his spouse Debbie and their two daughters Tasha, 4 and Kay-Lee, 1. He works for the Town of Pembroke. **Troy Parsons** and spouse Valerie have a son Issac, born 9/24/01. They live in East Machias.

**'92** **Michael Reece** and spouse Shannon live in Gray, TN. They have a daughter Briahna born 10/3/01. **Dennis Sprague** lives in Machias and he attended the New England School of Broadcasting. He has been married for five years and has two children. **Amanda Porter** married **Randy Hatt** on 12/8/2001.

**'93** **Joanna Cates** is a cardiac nurse at Eastern Maine Medical Center and she is currently working on her master's degree. She lives in Hampden. **Kevin Brodie** lives in Windham, ME, and graduated from Southern Maine Technical College with degrees in law enforcement, paramedicine and fire science. He is currently employed as a firefighter/EMT-I with the Windham/Gorham Fire Department.

**'94** **Patrick Feeney** married **Melissa Robinson** on 8/4/01. They live in Cutler. **Kate Gaddis Keeten** graduated from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. She works as an OTR at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. She and spouse Lee live in Lemoine. **Jeremy Cates** explained lobster fishing on a television appearance

on Maine Public Broadcasting's program "Road Diaries" that featured visits to natural resource-based businesses in Washington County.

**'95** **Amy Verburgt** is the parent of a son Tanner born 9/3/01. **Wayne and Cassie Jo Stanhope '00** are the parents of a son Michael born 8/29/01.

**'96** **Brian Palermo Bragg** married Sarah Burk of Richmond, VA, on 6/5/01. He graduated from the US Air Force Academy and is now stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, TX.

**'97** **Mary Graziano Darling** graduated from WCTC in 1999 in Food and Hospitality. She married **JR Darling** in May of 2000 and they live in Millinocket. **Bill Reing** married **Margita Nilsson** and lives in Boston. **Kari-Ann Reynolds** lives in Portland, ME. She is a Dean's List student in the nursing program at USM and is studying to become a registered nurse.

**'99** **Dawn Tucker Mahar** lives in Havelock, NC, with her spouse Bobby and their two children Joceny and Ardriana.

**'00** **Jesse Peabody** is an Air Force Airman at Hurlburt Field, Ft. Walton Beach, FL. He is an MH-53 helicopter maintenance apprentice with the 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron.

**'01** **Deana Pennell** is a student at Boston University. She is majoring in calculus and teaches music in inner city schools in Boston. **Scott Caton** is a student at UMO majoring in International Relations with a minor in public relations.

Amanda and Randy Hatt



## New Trustee at Washington Academy



**A**ttorney Donald F. Brown of Holden was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of Washington Academy. Brown has an active practice of general law in Bangor, but works in Eastern Maine as well. He travels back to his hometown of Pembroke several times a week for business and to visit family. He is a 1977 graduate of the Academy, a 1990 graduate of the University of Maine at Machias, and a 1997 graduate of Roger Williams University of Law in Bristol, RI. After owning his own local business for several years, Brown returned to law school and has been practicing law for four years.

When asked about being on WA's Board of Trustees, Brown said, "I am pleased to be asked to

serve on the Board. I have always remained interested in WA and in particular I am hopeful that WA can provide a quality education for all students." As a former resident of Pembroke, one of the Academy's larger sending districts, Brown is particularly interested in continuing the relationship between the Academy and Pembroke.

Brown and his family have a long relationship with the Academy. Brown's father, James Brown of Pembroke, was instrumental in Pembroke students attending the Academy. Brown, three sisters, and one brother all graduated from WA and two of his nieces are currently in attendance. He presently lives in Holden with his wife Terri and their son, Jim. ■



# Albert Small

## Portrait of a Community Leader and Family Man

by Ruth Leubecker

**F**irmly focused on family and civic achievement, Albert Small '54 has always been a happy man. Growing up in East Machias, the child of Don and Mabel Small, and surrounded by brothers and sisters, it was a household of constant activity.

"Family is so important. I came from a close family, and I have a close family," Small will say of his close-knit clan that gathers whenever possible at his home in Surry. No matter that the children are now grown, children are always children to their parents. He and his wife, Beverly, are the parents of five children in their forties.

And the next generation is busy enlarging the circle. "We have eight grandchildren-one in college, one going, one out and being married at our home next fall," explains Small, who at 66, remains an active force in the Hancock County community of Surry and its environs.

Taking leadership roles in business and community is a habit harkening back to his East Machias days. His years at Washington Academy nurtured this thinking and paved the way for greater accomplishments.

"I think of WA and I think of what a wonderful era the '50's were there," recalls Small who graduated from the Academy in 1954. "There was no negativism at all. Our class was so close and everybody was involved. We did a lot of musicals and nobody sat on the sidelines. You pulled together in your roles. That's what makes anything work."

Such confident, kindly camaraderie helped him move ahead on life's path, choosing a direction that would take him to Ellsworth. "We stayed in the East Machias area until 1965, but then, of course, there were three boys and my father in D.W. Small. Just not enough business for all of us, so I moved to Ellsworth to expand the company. It was a smart move. After my dad passed away, I acquired the company from my brothers."

It was a new beginning for a growing young family and for Albert Small. His Ellsworth based business steadily grew from 1965 until 1986 when he sold it to Irving Oil. Afterward, he worked for them as a business consultant, doing site selection and development for the concept of the Mainway Convenience Stores. "Originally it was 'Mainway', but I knew it would go way beyond Maine, so we changed it" he reminisces. Indeed they did. When Small sold the company there were 50 Mainways. Today, the number has more than doubled, with stores now dotted throughout New England, the Maritimes and Quebec.

Now retired, he continues to put his business entrepreneurship and his time on the line. As a lay minister in the Community of Christ Church, and enjoying carpentry and woodworking, he has also helped build the church. Additionally, his interest in the YMCA and youth dates back to moving to Ellsworth 37 years ago. Small chaired the committee to build the YMCA and was on its board for many years. Seven or eight years ago when Small ran unsuccessfully for the legislature, he took it in stride, returning to the civic melee to play other roles. He has served on the school board, Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary. Currently, Small is running for selectman of Surry, and he helps out in the Surry Community Improvement Association.

Albert Small is a successful, happy man. What would be his advice to those who would aspire to do likewise? "Pulling together. That's what it's all about," he says without a minute's hesitation. "That's what makes a marriage work, or any relationship. You have to pull together in your roles."

It's a happy, contented attitude Small has always maintained...from his carefree days at Washington Academy to his woodworking retirement years on his peninsula in Surry. ■

## SCHOOL NEWS

### *Athletics:*

The Academy had a successful fall and winter sports seasons fielding teams in golf, cross-country, boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball, basketball and cheerleading.

### *Highlights:*

- The boys' soccer team defeated Machias for the first time in recent memory and continued into the second round of playoffs before being defeated by a strong Piscataquis team.
- Girls cross-country won the Eastern Maine title behind the strong running of Kristy Albee after coming in a close second in the DAC.
- The Running Raider Boys have lived up to their reputation by dazzling their spectators with superb play, a 18-3 record, and a DAC championship.
- Bobby Richardson scored 1,000 points during the season.
- The WA Cheerleaders have once again distinguished themselves

by winning the DAC competition for the third year in a row and finished runner-up at the Eastern Maine Regional Competition.

- A wrestling club started at the Academy. Russ Adams, Matt Cormier and Joel Ryan, all with extensive high school and college wrestling experience, are coaching six dedicated athletes.
- The Academy has purchased an "official" used wrestling mat, dollies for their transportation and a wrestling dummy from the proceeds of the sale of our boxing ring.

### *Other highlights:*

- Eric Gartmayer '02 captured state honors in the annual US Congressional District Art competition.
- The county regional music festival was held at Washington Academy.
- The WA Players received a letter of congratulations from the original author of "*The Bass, the River, and Sheila Mant*."

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