

# The Lion



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### Alumni Day To Be Held May 6th!

Alumni Day will be held in the Nasson Heritage Center on Saturday, May 6th this year. We will gather at 10 am for coffee, sweet cakes and conversation. There is an elevator to take you down to the lower level of the Anderson Learning Center (entrance on Bradeen Street) where we have our archives and meeting space. We usually have about 40 alumni attending, and have always had a great time looking at yearbooks and reminiscing and telling stories of our memories attending Nasson. Often someone is returning to Springvale for the first time in many years, and it's always fun to be able to tell them about the current state of the campus buildings. We will have a short meeting at 11:30 to update everyone on what

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### Saturday Morning Breakfast Club

Merrill Marsh '77 and Craig Dutra '78

At the last Alumni Board Meeting Craig Dutra and I were questioned about the mysterious SMBC and what was it all about in the day. Being both participants of this illustrious organization we thought best to explain in the newsletter to the whole community, but better yet I had a flashback to an article written in the Common Sense newsletter in October of 1974.....

The college student today throughout America is involved with a number of organizations associated with the institution. At Nasson the student is exposed to such organizations as NSA,SAC,SCIO,B&G and most important and probably most overlooked, the SMBC. The Saturday Morning Breakfast Club is probably one of the most spirited and well received organizations on campus. The SMBC is composed of a number of individuals who hail from all different forms and influences of life. These individuals sacrifice Friday night to arise Saturday at the crack of dawn bright eyed and bushy tailed. They proceed through the center of beautiful downtown Springvale occasionally escorted by the Sanford Police Department, to such well

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*Saturday Morning Breakfast Club  
circa 1975*

### Homecoming 2016 A Great Success!

Carl Johnson '60

The 2016 Nasson College Homecoming Celebration was held on September 30 and October 1st. Approximately eighty alumni and guests attended the events.

The festivities were kicked off with the annual 'Golf Tournament' at the Little Par 3 Golf Course in Sanford. After the golf, the participants and a large crowd enjoyed an evening of music, pizza and beverages at the Little Theater. As usual, much of the evening was spent reminiscing with old and new friends from the Nasson Family.

On Saturday, everyone gathered in the Heritage Center for registration, coffee and greeting friends before heading over to the Little Theater for the Annual Business Meeting. Marynel 'Peggy' Ridley Driscoll of the Class of 1951, and Patricia A. Baldwin, of the Class of 1960, were named as recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, for their continued service and dedication to the goals and objectives of the Alumni Association. Their Awards were presented during the meeting.

At the close of business, the meeting was adjourned to the Nasson Community Center Gymnasium and Little Theater, formerly the Nasson College Gymnasium, which was restored through the work of members of the Association.

Music was provided by a disc jockey and a large crowd enjoyed a barbecue put on by members of the Board of Directors, under the direction of Brad French, Class of 1974, Homecoming

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## Note From The President

Connie Witherby '73

The Nasson College Alumni Association snail mail membership is about 2150 people. Anyone who attended Nasson College for at least one semester, or worked for Nasson in any capacity is automatically a member of the Association. We have a Board of Directors which is made up of 25 Alumni, and of that group about 10 of us, who live within a 1-1/2 hour drive of Springvale make up the Administration Committee. The Admin Committee is the working group that meets twice a month to take care of the day to day operations of the Association, and to plan and execute our activities. It is made up of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, plus 5-7 other members who make up the various Committees. Here is a description of some of the jobs that we volunteers do.

As President, I oversee the group, and work with the committees to fulfill their "jobs." I also monitor our e-mail account. Our Treasurer, Lorraine Dutile Masure '70 maintains our financial records, pays our bills, and chairs the Finance Committee, which creates our annual budget and oversees the Endowment Fund. Lorraine is also the keeper of our snail mail database, and collects our mail from our Post Office box. Nina Eastman Chabot '57 is our Secretary. She keeps a record of our Admin Meeting activities, and takes the notes

for our 3 times a year Board of Director Meetings.

Pat Baldwin '60 is the Store Manager, and recommends items to be sold in the Alumni Store. She mails out all the orders received through snail mail and the online store on our website. Janice Longfellow '59 sends out dues cards, and also acknowledges donations with Thank You letters. Nat Hoag '55 is our archivist, and she also maintains our brick plaza list. The Admin Committee is responsible for the Flag Plaza, which is one of our missions. The Admin Committee also decides how we will support our mission of offering cultural and educational programming. Lorraine chairs the Scholarship Committee, reviewing applications for the Nasson Family scholarship awarded each spring. Nat and Peggy Driscoll '51 make up the Distinguished Alumni Award Committee, going over nominations, and making recommendations to the Admin Committee for awards to be given out at our Annual Meeting at Homecoming. Hall of Fame Awards are coordinated by Norm Pulaski '62, from his home. Dick Ford '65, past President and past Treasurer is our "go to" person for his expertise. Dottie Blake '60, lives 1-1/2 hrs from Springvale, and has her input in several of the committees. Our Vice President, Allan Walker '64 lives 3 hours away, and is available by email when needed. Last summer, we hired a webmaster, who although not a Nasson Grad, is becoming very familiar with all of us as she updates our website.

This newsletter is a group project. The Admin Committee approves the content, updated mailing labels are printed out, then we gather a group of volunteers to

stuff and mail them out twice a year, along with one President's Letter each year.

The Admin Committee does all the preparations for Alumni Day and Homecoming. Registrations need to be taken and organized and receipts recorded and deposited, nametags made and put into the lanyards, and the Registration table needs to be set up, organized and staffed the morning of each event. We order the Award Plaques, rent the BBQ grill, and arrange for use of the Nasson Community Center and the setup and cleanup of tables and chairs.

This group of 10 runs the show, and I thank all of them. We would not be able to do all that we do without each of them dedicating themselves and their time to the goals of the Nasson College Alumni Association.

## Homecoming Golf Tournament

Carl Johnson '60

The Fourth Annual Nasson Golf Tournament, directed by Dodie Blake '60, kicked off the Friday of Homecoming Weekend. As expected, the crowd was bigger than last year, as it has been every year since it began.

While not as focused as the guys that play on television on Sunday afternoons, this year's crowd was there for the win, complete with trash talking and name calling. The contest lasted longer than expected because a team of, I won't mention their names, for fear of lowering their self esteem, apparently got lost and came in much later than everyone else.

Everyone had a great time, both playing golf and telling exaggerated stories about their exploits at Nasson and in their personal and professional lives since then.

The winners were crowned and presented with prizes at the Pizza Party on Friday night. Commissioner Dodie announced that next year, in keeping with the nationwide trend, everyone will get a participation trophy, whether they get lost or not.

Don't miss this event this year. The crowd will be bigger, the lies will be more exaggerated and there will be more fun than ever.

## THE LION SPEAKS

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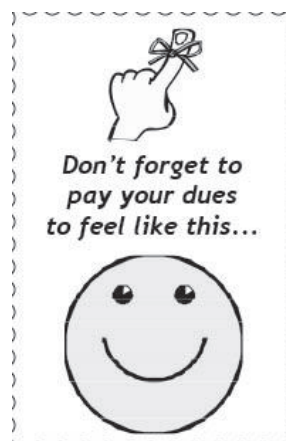
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respected places as Leedy's, The All's Wells Inn, the Sea Spray and many more. Here they indulge in a breakfast of Steak and Eggs or Eggs Benedict or Cream Chipped Beef on Toast which is frequently enhanced by a Bloody Mary.

The club saw its genesis in the early fall of 1972 when Ansley Sawyer, inspired by three students who went to breakfast early one Saturday morning, began the regular habit of weekly breakfasting. As a result of this breakfast the SMBC was formed as an organization with David Harris acting as president and Sawyer as secretary. The membership has expanded today to include 25 undergraduates and 15 alumnus. Certainly the most highly respected yet utterly impotent figure of authority is the office of the President currently filled by Copeland M. Draper II. The club is spearheaded by the senior member and secretary of the group Ansley W. Sawyer. It is Sawyer that masterminds the clubs decisions such as where are the meetings to be held, who is to be guest speaker and whether or not John Graham should have his fourth Bloody Mary. On the agenda for future meetings as guest speakers are Dr. J. Michael Phelps, Dr. Mike Russell and Bill Hoag. An event which promises to be the social highlight of the season is the semiannual SMBC Ladies Day which this semester will be held on November 16th.

Since there is no planned format for the meeting, each one varies in content. One discussion may pertain to such commodities as SMBC monogrammed blue blazers, a special glass case in the George Nasson room for SMBC memorabilia or the official SMBC limousine. A meeting may also be enlightened by the introducing of every member to some elderly lady who just came in for a peaceful breakfast or a piano concerto by the Reverend Stephen J. More. The SMBC has been honored to have such prestigious guest speakers as Richard Pickering, Captain Prosser, Edmund Muskie, Allen Scott, Stanley

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## Alumni Day Entertainment: "Just Us" duo is just terrific!

**Lorraine Masure '70**

You can expect to tap your feet to catchy tunes alumni day. As a matter of fact, we're equally certain you'll enjoy as much the slower lilt in songs you'll hear about love or love gone astray. We promise that either of these genres will appeal to your music tastes because of the enormous talent of the duo, "Just Us." We're talking music of the 50's, 60s, or maybe a bit later jivin'!



Vocalists and guitarists Paul L'heureux and Ellen Lehoux are the musicians who comprise the "Just Us" title, who have plied their craft for many years.

Ellen has sung in the church choir (as have many burgeoning vocalists), at weddings, karaoke, and even with the Portland (Maine) Symphony Orchestra for its "Magic of Christmas" events! Instrumentally speaking, she dusted off her high school guild guitar almost a decade ago and resumed rehearsing.

Paul has jammed with Uriah Heep and backed up such bands as The Platters, The Drifters, The Shirells, and Martha and the Vandellas.

He had been a member of several locally well-known bands, including "Big Bad Wolf" for 16 years.

However, in 2009, he felt the yearning to return to simpler music, playing the acoustic guitar. A request from Paul to Ellen that year to join him in playing only one song developed into the very popular musical entertainment alumni day attendees will surely enjoy May 6th.

Both Paul and Ellen have recorded a CD of songs they collaborated in composing and playing.

Come, listen, and bring those toe-tapping shoes!

## Alumni Day Schedule May 6, 2017

|           |                                                                                               |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 a.m.   | Registration and coffee<br>Heritage Center, Basement,<br>Anderson Learning Center             |
| 11:30     | Short Meeting                                                                                 |
| 12 Noon   | Lunch, Anderson Learning<br>Center, Classroom<br>See Registration Form<br>on page 6 for menu. |
| 1:00 p.m. | Musical Entertainment:<br><b>Just Us</b>                                                      |

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has been going on with the Alumni Association.

At noon, we will have a catered luncheon in the classroom down the hall from the Heritage Center. After lunch, we will return to the Heritage Center for a program of vocal music presented by the duo "Just Us", whose biography is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.

The total price for the day for coffee, lunch and entertainment is \$35 per person. You may clip the reservation form on page 6 of this newsletter and mail it back to us with a check, or if you prefer, you can go to our website [www.nasson.org](http://www.nasson.org), and follow the link to our payment page, where you can pay as a guest of Pay Pal with a credit card.

After our program ends, Alumni can enjoy spending time at the Flag Plaza, located on the quad side of the Anderson Learning Center.  
See you May 6th!

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Chairperson. The meal was prepared by Joe Pereira, Class of 1976, and his crack crew of Barbecuers, and was up to Joe's usual high standards.

Everyone had a great time and many were heard saying 'See you next year' as they left. The 2017 Homecoming will be held on October 6th and 7th. Mark your calendar and plan to be there. It's been 34 years since Nasson College closed but it still lives on in all of us.

Photographs are posted on our website under the Gallery tab.



## “Rise and You Will Shine!”

Lorraine Dutile Masure ‘70

Michael Stanley was the recipient of the 2009 NCAA scholarship, and his accomplishments since are both incredible and admirable.



Michael graduated valedictorian of his Sanford High School class, and his valedictory was brave: in part, encouraging his peers to take time away from the computer to cultivate more in-person connections and inspiring events so as to rise and shine.

Since then?

- Harvard University: degree in Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology, 2013;
- John H. Finley, Jr. Traveling Fellowship Award 2013-2014. Traveled the British Isles, South Africa, and Australia;
- Tufts University School of Medicine — Maine Track Program 2014. Third-year clerkships were at Pen Bay Hospital in Rockport, ME. Fourth-year (current) will be mostly at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Applying for a residency program in Neurology.

Why medical doctor? When Gary Sullivan’s ALS was being followed at Massachusetts General Hospital, he invited Michael to join him on one of his visits. Michael was profoundly inspired by neurologist, Dr. Merit Cudkowicz and his colleagues.

What does he do when he has nothing to do? “Too much!” For example, partnership with the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Tribe (health and medical education); research on a range of subjects like Global Health, Down Syndrome, Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, and Stroke; medically-related committee work; illustrations of lyric stories on a few hospital morale carts for pediatric patients; author of a children’s book for Boston Shriners hospital; collaborated with the “It Gets Brighter” initiative at University of Oxford on a poetic cartoon for mental health awareness. Phew!

Michael has little free time for tickling the ivories, as he does so well. (Renaissance guy, he is!)  
Three adjectives to describe himself? Curious, hard-working, and adventurous.

He is sincerely grateful to the Nasson College Alumni Association for the benefit the scholarship has been.

Alumnus Richard Stanley, ‘78 is the reason why son, Mike, qualified for our scholarship. However Mike is quick to include mom, Susan, when asked about the catalyst that most spawned

his ambitious journey thus far. “I think for sure having parents that took the initiative to bring me to museums, science centers, and to the library to check out the classics, to meet people they knew were interesting, and to make sure I had the opportunity to be inspired and to make the effort to act on that inspiration.”

“Rise and you will shine!” — indeed

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**Scholar in your life?**  
Consider either of  
these two options:  
**Lorraine Dutile Masure, ‘70**



**Merit Scholarship:** To a Nasson College descendant (of alumni, faculty, staff, student or member) based strictly on secondary or post-secondary school academic achievement as of February 1 of the current year. On behalf of the applicant, an academic transcript bearing that school’s official seal should be mailed directly from the sending school to: NCAA, PO Box 416, Springvale, ME 04083 by April 15. The award is announced to the sending school prior to Commencement exercises and expended the following spring semester.

**Technical Scholarship:** To a deserving student enrolled in the Sanford Regional Technical Center System (includes six southern Maine high schools) based on secondary school accomplishments in the technical field, seriousness of purpose, and academic promise. The recipient of this award is chosen by the Technical Center staff prior to Commencement exercises. The award is expended the following spring semester.

Each 2017 Scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

### Nominations Needed for Nasson Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Award

Do you know an alumni who has distinguished themselves in his/her community or in their efforts for continued service and dedication to the Association? They might be a candidate for one of these awards. Go to [www.nasson.org](http://www.nasson.org), and click on **Hall of Fame** or **Distinguished Alumni** in the left column for a description of criteria for nomination.

## NASSON COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Peg Driscoll '51

A lot has been going on at the Nasson Community Center. We now have a new Executive Director. Lucas Lanigan, a local businessman and a City of Sanford Councilor, started March 1. He replaces Bob Jones, a Nasson Alumnus, who has volunteered as our Executive Director since 2010. Bob has certainly gone above and beyond in his service to the Center, and we thank him for his many years working with us.

An Ad Hoc Committee for the Little Theatre was appointed by the Board of Directors. As a result, we now discuss and recommend changes that might improve the operation.

We have a Theater Manager who will be responsible for the management and scheduling of the facility. This person will also be the Director for the Nasson Youth Theater. Brian Allen, another Nasson alumnus, who is the Director of the Good Theater in Portland, will be working with us to bring three of his shows to Springvale during July and August.

An Ad Hoc Committee for the Gym has also been appointed by the Board to discuss and recommend ways to improve the use of the Gym and to generate more revenue. With the installation of Air Conditioning, we now will be able to use the Gym much more in the summer, something we haven't been able to do. Acoustic tiling has also been installed making amplified sound (think bands and music) much more conducive and will enhance our efforts to hold large entertainment events.

If any alumni would like to recommend some types of events we could bring to the Center, please E-mail me at [kenpeg2@gmail.com](mailto:kenpeg2@gmail.com).

The third prong of the Center is the Allfriends Learning Center, a preschool program of local children. The Learning Center is limited to 40 children, and it continues to have a full enrollment.

## Getting a copy of your Academic Transcript

To get a copy of your transcript from The Maine Department of Education . Mail a request to:

Transcript Request:  
Maine Department of Education  
23 State House Station,  
Augusta, ME 04333-0023

*There is a \$3.00 fee per copy. Please include payment with your request. Make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine.*

If you do not specifically request an "official" transcript, they will send you an unsigned photocopy of your academic record. If you need to have an *official* transcript sent to a third party, such as a prospective employer, or another school, be sure to specify that in your request.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.maine.gov/education/highered/Transcripts/Transcripts.htm>

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## Class of 1953 Reunion

Nancy Cain '53

Seven members of the Class of 1953 met on August 15 at the home of Joanne and Richard Cain in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Present were Evelyn (Trafton) Waterman, Janet (McCluskey) Bates, Rachel (Richer) Swicker, Ann (Miles) Morse, Marilyn (Fickett) Ridley, Nancy (Randall) Cain, and Joanne (Penniman) Cain. It was a wonderful day of reminiscing and catching up.

## 2016-2017 Nasson College Alumni Association Board of Directors

President, Constance Witherby '73  
Vice-President, Allan Walker '64  
Treasurer, Lorraine Dutile Masure '70  
Recording Secretary, Nina Eastman Chabot '57

Patricia Baldwin '60  
Dorothy Daly Blake '60  
Marynel (Peggy) Ridley Driscoll '51  
Charlene Romako Dumont '60  
Craig Dutra '78  
Richard Ford '65  
Natalie Marriner Hoag '55  
Thomas Jagger '59  
Carl Johnson '60

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Soule, and Peter Fichte. The club also sent a formal initiation to former President Richard M. Nixon but due to "presidential problems" he was unable to attend.

To the members of the club everything that has been discussed is old hat but hopefully it has conveyed to those who may be are unaware of the SMBC's activities, sense of its tradition and importance at Nasson College.

Yours on Toast  
Merrill D. Marsh

Postscript:

The SMBC lived on for some time after this was written. There were chapters formed in Hartford and Providence without the rigor and consistency of the campus based organization. For a period of time available members of the club would convene on homecoming for breakfast followed by marching or more likely driving in the parade. One gap in history for Merrill and myself is when did the on campus SMBC end and whether there were other chapters formed?

Yours on the Rocks  
Craig Dutra and Merrill Marsh.

Raymond Kelley '59  
Janice Longfellow '59  
Merrill Marsh '77  
Kyle Kitchen Osborne '75  
Dave Plocharczyk '76  
Norman Pulaski '62  
Roberta Mahoney Pulaski '62  
Marjorie Moore Sanborn '62  
Priscilla Standish Walker '61  
Kirk Williamson '7X

(Emerita)  
Meg Hutchins Broderick '78

**ALUMNI DAY, MAY 6, 2017**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM - DEADLINE, APRIL 30, 2017**

Registration, morning coffee and pastries, luncheon and entertainment  
per person \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Menu: Mixed Green Salad, Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Green Beans, Rice Pilaf, Rolls and Butter, Berry (strawberry or blueberry) Shortcake.

**NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE SERVED LUNCH WITHOUT AN ADVANCE PAID RESERVATION!**

May we put your name on the Website to let your classmates know you are attending? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry, I can't make it, but I want to contribute to the Alumni Association and/or the Community Center.  
The Nasson College Alumni Association and the Nasson Community Center/Little Theatre are both 501(c)3 non-profit organizations and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS.

Please designate:  
NCAA Endowment Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Nasson Community Center/Little Theatre \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our dues are paid \_\_\_\_\_ My/Our dues are enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 p/p annually)

**Total Check made payable to the Nasson College Alumni Association:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year /Faculty/Friend/Staff \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Alumni Day 2017, P.O. BOX 416, SPRINGVALE, ME 04083**

**Or Register ONLINE at \$35 per person as a guest of Pay Pal, [www.nasson.org](http://www.nasson.org)**

**Nasson College Alumni Association Brick Order Form**

Your contribution of \$50 for each 4x8 inch brick will be used to maintain the brick walkway of the Nasson Common Flag Plaza. Make a check payable to the Nasson College Alumni Association, and include it along with this form. Mail to: Nasson Alumni Brick Order, Nasson Alumni Association, PO Box 416, Springvale, ME 04083. You may also go to [www.nasson.org](http://www.nasson.org), and purchase your brick online. **Brick orders must be received by May 15th each year to be assured of seeing it in the Flag Plaza at Homecoming.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year/Faculty/Friend \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**BRICK-EACH \$50. Brick is 4x8 inches with 3 lines of text, 20 Characters per line including spaces and punctuation.**

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LINE 2 \_\_\_\_\_

LINE 3 \_\_\_\_\_