

# The Lion



# Speaks

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### HOMECOMING 2015

Carl Johnson '60

The 2015 Nasson Homecoming, held on October 2nd and 3rd, was a great success. A total of 120 alumni and guests participated in some or all of the events.

The 'Golf Tournament,' held at Pine Hollow in South Sanford, kicked off proceedings for the fourth year. A total of 24 alumni and guests competed and the battle, fun and ribbing went on so long that they were almost late for the next event. Part of the reason for being so late was that the winning team, Captained by Dody Blake '60, with Nancy Freeman Downing '60, Marc Campagna '77 and Jeff Handy '74, came in late. It is suspected they may have been doctoring their scorecard, which caused the delay.

### ALUMNI DAY TO BE HELD MAY 7, 2016

Alumni Day will be held in the Heritage Center on Saturday, May 7th. The day will begin with coffee and cake at 10am. Attendees will have a chance to reminisce before a short business meeting. Luncheon will be served in the Heritage Center.

After lunch we are pleased to present a performance by a vocal duo *MeCa*, known for their family harmonies, charisma, and high-energy performances.

Go to page 6 for a paper Registration form and luncheon menu. Or, to register electronically, go to [www.nasson.org](http://www.nasson.org), and follow the link to register as a guest of Pay Pal. The day's schedule is on page 3.



Pat Baldwin '60, Carl Johnson '60

Pat Baldwin once again donned our Lion costume for a Traveling Lion event, held in Alfred, ME last fall. Carl Johnson, was one of the alumni who attended. A good time, delicious munchies, and (adult) beverages were enjoyed by all.

Everyone gathered in the Little Theatre for pizza, drinks, music, reminiscing and just plain fun with old and new Nasson friends on Friday night.

Saturday, after registration in the Anna Ashley Room and a tour of the Flag Plaza, the crowd moved to the Little Theatre for the annual business meeting. The meeting was highlighted by the induction of Richard R. J. Morin '59 and Peter Martin '74 into the Nasson Hall of Fame. Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Robert Stone '72, Elaine Bean '74 and Roberta Pulaski '62.

After the business meeting the group enjoyed barbecue sandwiches prepared by Chef Joe Pereira '76 and his crew and other goodies provided by Homecoming Chair, Brad

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Friday evening Pizza Party

## Note From The President

Connie Witherby '73

In thinking about how we stay in touch with our Nasson friends, I find that in this day of alternatives to the telephone and the hand written letter, that computer contacts are becoming the preferred method. I know that I have come to depend on my email for staying in touch with most of my friends, although nothing beats a phone call, and a few still prefer to write a real letter and put a stamp on it! Our website is a complement to this newsletter, and has the In Search Of feature for finding lost classmates. Now we also have social networking, the Nasson Group on Facebook. I belong to it and it is so much fun reading the posts from other Facebook users, in real time. They are using this forum to find old friends, renew friendships with people they may barely remember, and to just reminisce. Lots of photo albums are being posted for everyone to look at and comment on. Although many of us don't actually know each other since our classes didn't cross paths, we share a common interest and bond to a particular extracurricular activity. The Study Abroad Program spanned over 10 years and created

friendships that last to this day. A Study Abroad Reunion was held last October at Homecoming.

My point is that we now have all these different ways to find and stay in touch with each other, and this continues to keep the Nasson Spirit alive. But it doesn't happen by itself. Your dues allow the Association to maintain our website, and send you a newsletter twice a year. Our webmaster, Facebook moderator and e-mail monitor are all volunteering their time. Every time you receive a mailing, it takes a group of

volunteers to create the piece, to make the address labels, to affix them and stamp them, and take the 2200 pieces to the post office. Our Endowment Fund pays for the two scholarships awarded to students of the Nasson family each year, along with our other goals of maintaining the Heritage Center and supporting activities at the Nasson Community Center. Your dues and support of the Endowment Fund are essential to maintaining the Association's activities. Stay in touch, and look for us on Face Book!

### Treasurer Talk: *We Ain't Lion Lyin'* Lorraine Dutile Masure '70



*Just in case you think your alumni association is trending down*, consider this: we have 2,200 active members; dues increased 17% last year (paid yours?)

-dues are effective the year you pay them or the year you choose); our endowment is a respectable \$200,000; we celebrate Alumni Day (May) and Homecoming (October – 120 attendees last year); our website (nasson.org) enjoys an average of 1,000 unique visitors per month; our devoted 26 Board members meet at least three times a year (committees meet much more frequently); our Facebook activity includes 564 reminiscing (sometimes giddy) alumni; our store sells fabulous emblematic items featured on our website (not too late to get a gorgeous 2016 campus calendar for \$5 - the shipping fee is waived); we issue two newsletters and one President's letter every year (+ online e-blasts!); commensurate with our academic legacy, we award two scholarships - each predicated on unique criteria - annually.

One of our most gratifying missions is the support and furtherance of the performing arts through music and theatre for audiences of all ages.

Come visit our well-sustained Heritage Center stocked with many of our poignant artifacts or our gorgeous Flag Plaza that honors/memorializes 600 classmates, faculty, friends, parents, etc.

(My favorite: "fun, fun, fun until daddy took the t-Bird away.")

We support our sister organization, the ever-busy Nasson Community Center (gym and theatre).

Our Admin Committee dutifully meets twice monthly to plan events, interface with our other committees, and to provide recommendations of a policy matter to our Board.

Bottom line: If you live in the area, you know that no matter where folks are headed on our beloved campus (theatre, gymnasium, adult education, health center), forever it is and forever it will be called "NASSON!"

As Trustee Peter Jacobs remarked at our last (1983) commencement, *"The simple fact is that you don't measure success or failure by one's longevity or by one's premature demise.*

*You measure it by what one has accomplished while alive. So it is, too, with colleges. Today we may well be presiding over the demise – at least as we knew it – of Nasson College. Obviously, it would have been more propitious if Nasson survived for another 71 years. But Nasson was not a failure. For 71 years education went on here, friendships were made here, young men and women grew up here, fine teachers taught here. Nasson's graduates have gone on to become successful, contributing members of their communities. These are not the marks of failure."*

**Walk proud!**

## THE LION SPEAKS

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*Dick Morin '59*

## Alumni Day Schedule May 7, 2016

- 10 a.m. Registration and coffee  
Heritage Center, Basement,  
Anderson Learning Center
- 11:30 Short Meeting
- 12 Noon Lunch, Anderson Learning  
Center, Classroom  
See Registration Form  
on page 6 for menu.
- 1:00 p.m. Musical Entertainment:  
*MeCa*



Vocal Duo, *MeCa* will perform at  
Alumni Day, May 7th.

### Homecoming, from pg 1

French '74 and the other volunteers. A beer and wine tent and music was provided with over 120 people enjoying the chance to have lunch with old and new friends from many different Nasson classes.

A large group of alumni who participated in the Vienna Study Abroad program, many from the group of 1969, held a reunion within the reunion.

The afternoon party was barely over in time to have a large contingent move to the Bradford Bistro, which used to be the Nasson Book Store, on Main Street, for a noisy and filling finish to a special weekend.

Homecoming will be held on September 30 and October 1 this year. Mark your calendars and plan to come back to discover what many of your old friends already have. Returning to Nasson can be almost as much fun as your first experience there.

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

Do you know a member of the Alumni Association 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.

## Up Close and Personal

The following two memories were submitted to the memories page of our website, and we are printed here by permission. Although they both are from the class of 1969, their years at Nasson were totally different, but in both cases, significantly influenced them.

**BILL HUNTER, '69** (July, 2015):

Sex, Drugs, Rock 'n Roll! Don't trust anyone over 30! Question Authority! Make Love Not War! Give Peace a Chance!

Nasson offered a very unique education--small classes, wonderful professors and diversity in the student body. But as Dylan said, "The Times They Are A Changin'." We rebelled. We said right off we wanted drinking on campus. It was hypocritical and dangerous to put it off-campus. We pushed--the rule was changed. We were the first classes to study abroad, to explore the world with our knapsacks and to bring 'Otherness' back to Nasson. The sleeping womb of Nasson was infiltrated with first-hand experiences of art, foreign cultures and knowledge of the bigger world. Growing up was happening ... fast! Friendships were intense. Study was intense. Parties were intense. Our class treaded on new generational territory. At the Little Theatre we stopped performing lightweight Neil Simon but took the dark journey with Edward Albee. In film the uncomplicated goodness of Julie Andrews was replaced with the seductive and morally-corrupt Mrs. Robinson. An experiment in education on campus took place--The New Division. Controversy ensued. We were constantly being asked to think differently. Integration was happening, a sexual revolution was happening--we all went through this together and, not everyone stood on the same side of these polemics. But we were united in seeking the best solutions. The Viet Nam war held our dreams by the throat. We gathered together as the lottery took place and emotionally held each other's hands as each number was drawn and

a classmate's fate was determined. There was lots of levity but it always masked a changing and dangerous world. The sweetness of folk music was pushed aside for the harsher sounds and experiences of Hendrix, Joplin and Dylan, and, not to be forgotten, the explosion created by the release of the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper." While John Lennon said The Beatles were more popular than Jesus, "Time Magazine" asked, "Is God Dead?"

This was the rule-changing world that was ours while we were at Nasson. Nothing went un-challenged. But it was the very unsettling nature of the world that brought the glue to our long-lasting friendships and the reverence we seem to have all these years for Nasson. And for each other.

**Bill Hunter** (Class of '69) is a professional actor living in New York City. He did his graduate work at Syracuse University majoring in Acting and Directing. Though primarily an actor, he has also produced and directed and written plays for the stage. He has worked extensively in regional, repertory and off-Broadway theatre. He performed on soap operas and commercials as well. He was the owner and creator of Bird Watcher's Country Store and Bird Watcher's Country Store Catalog Company in Hudson Valley. In 2000, he sold both companies. Since then he has been feeding his fully grown travel bug that was germinated and nurtured during Nasson's 1967 Vienna Study Abroad Program when he hitch-hiked to 20 countries. At the latest count, he has now traveled to 140 countries. In 2005 he bought a summer cottage in Lamoine, Maine where he paints, writes fiction and watches sunrises. Last year he married his life-long partner of 38 years. As Sam Cooke sang, "It was a long time coming."

**PAMELA DOIRON VERSTYNNEN, '69** (July, 2015):

Nasson was my way out into the world that I knew was out there, but otherwise would never have found the path to. I got there on a War on Poverty grant. What I remember most was never having felt that I was being judged as a "townie." Loved the small classes, and didn't appreciate that wasn't the norm till I attended The University of New Mexico. Never had a professor who wasn't encouraging. I had a number of jobs on campus. The one I had the most fun in was working at the library. I got paid to read newspapers, magazines and books. Well, I read them as I put them away. I met Dr. Young while there the summer before classes started. Mr. Gay's secretary had worked for Kathryn Hepburn, so I heard all kinds of stories about one of my favorite actresses. Some upperclass men were also working at the school, and made me part of their group. Babysitting for Herr Greibch (not sure of the spelling) and Dr. Smith, who along with his wife introduced me to the inner gossip of the administration as well as how to just hold a glass of beer and wine and relax in a social situation. And going to France for the semester! Have returned to Caen twice. I came to Nasson from a totally different direction than most everyone else and loved every minute of it thanks to great classmates and teachers. It was a unique time.

**Pamela.** First year after graduation I taught social studies in the 7th grade in Searsport, Me. Loved it. That summer, I went to U of New Mexico to take ed courses and met my husband there--- I was taken with his wearing jeans to class. I moved here and became a high school English and Social Studies teacher at Eldorado High School. After retirement I worked at UNM as a student teacher supervisor which included waived tuition and a PhD. I just belonged in the classroom. AND I truly believe that it was Dr. Morrow, Dr. Young and Dr. Aiken, who all appeared to love teaching, that clued me in to how gratifying it is to teach. Still married to that jeans-wearing guy. Have two boys and one grandchild. Just ask and I'll happily show you pictures!

## ALUMNI STORE SALE

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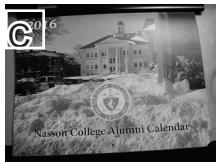
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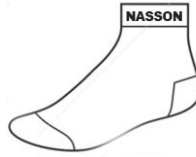
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Transcript Request:  
Maine Department of Education  
23 State House Station,  
Augusta, ME 04333-0023

*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 “of-  
ficial” transcript, they will send you an  
unsigned photocopy of your academic  
record. If you need to have an *official*

## NCAA SCHOLARSHIPS

Lorraine Dutile Masure, '70  
Treasurer

The Nasson College Alumni Association  
awards two scholarships per year each  
according to distinct criteria:

To a Nasson College descendant  
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member) based strictly on secondary  
or post-secondary school academic  
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ME 04083 by April 15. The award is  
announced to the sending school prior to  
Commencement exercises.

To a deserving student enrolled in the  
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chosen by the Technical Center staff  
prior to Commencement exercises.

Each 2016 scholarship will be valued at  
\$1,000.

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For more information, go to:  
[http://www.maine.gov/education/  
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**ALUMNI DAY, MAY 7, 2016**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2016**

MAIL TO: Alumni Day 2016, P.O. BOX 416, SPRINGVALE, ME 04083  
Or Register ONLINE as a guest of Pay Pal, [www.nasson.org](http://www.nasson.org)

Registration, morning coffee and pastries and Catered Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ per person @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Menu: Roast Pork, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Caesar Salad, Rolls and Butter, Fruit Cobbler.

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

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