

Try Your Luck

Taken from article by Roberta Applegate in a 1962 **Miami Herald**

Your hands, like your eyes, can tell more about you than you realize. They reveal poise or tenseness, can be a key to your grooming habits and your interests. The rings on your fingers indicate not only your prosperity but your good taste. Hands frequently give a clue to your occupation. Such is the case with the hands of well-known women. Can

Jacqueline Kennedy

Duchess of Windsor

Queen Elizabeth

Judy Garland

Margaret Chase Smith

2. *Carefully Groomed, Expressive Hands* 3. *Composed Hands*

1. *Tuneful Hands*

Mamie Eisenhower

4. *Relaxed Hands*

5. *Artistic Hands*

Eleanor Roosevelt

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6. *Bejewelled Hands*

7. *Competent, Purposeful and Businesslike Hands*

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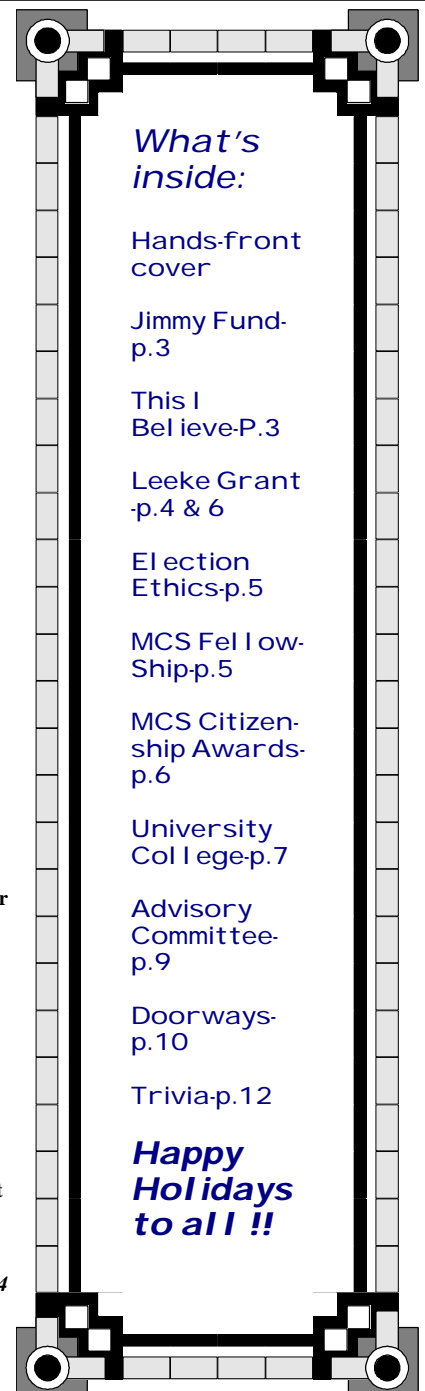
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Happy Holidays to all !!



Skowhegan Students Compete in National History Day

Students from Skowhegan Area Middle School put on an informal presentation of their National History Day performance before members of the library staff on June 6. Dressed in black with the Star of David insignias on their chests, the four students gave their interpretation of the

Skowhegan Area Middle School students in their portrayal of the Holocaust for National History Day.

Advisory Committee members, Charlotte Bernier, Jim Herrin, and Gloria Hearn, enjoy reminiscing at the annual meeting held in September.

With the beginning of the new school year, field trips recommenced with a visit from Bloomfield Elementary School students on September 18.

MCS Fellowship students, Sara Kulzer, Jessica Yurkovic, Philippa Huyler, Michel Click, Kevork Tanielian & Jake Barclay, visit the Maine State Senate and pose before Maine's motto, "Dirigo," which means "I lead."

AP US History students from Morse High School in Bath, Maine, visit the library with teacher Ann Cohen to "Do History First-Hand" on the Cold War, Communism, and McCarthy. Each of the ten students had to research, analyze, write, and communicate what was found from the scrapbooks, constituent correspondence files, editorial cartoons, statements and speeches, and audio/video tapes.

Journalist Assesses Sherman Biography

Donald R. Larrabee, who for many years was Maine's premier political correspondent in Washington, DC, has made his assessment of the latest biography on Margaret Chase Smith. In a letter to Author Janann Sherman, Larrabee says, "I finally obtained a copy of "No Place for a Woman," and I'm glad I did. Your book on Margaret Chase Smith was worth the wait. As you know, I followed her career closely from the time she came to the Senate and remarked often about her ability to compete in a man's world in those days without losing her femininity. I have read all of the biographies of MCS and I find yours the most perceptive and balanced."



“I can dream, can’t I?”

The Jimmy Fund supports the battle against cancer in children and adults at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Massachusetts. The Fund has raised more than \$150 million for cancer research and care since its inception in 1948. The cure rate for childhood cancer has gone from less than 10 percent to more than 70 percent and as high as 90 percent for some types of cancers.

The original “Jimmy,” who served as the symbol of hope for cancer patients, is alive and well. Einar Gustafson is now 64 years old and living in New Sweden, Maine. Originally diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma in 1948, Einar was one of the earliest success stories of the renowned Dr. Sidney Farber, the “father of modern chemotherapy.” Now the father of three and grandfather of six, Einar has been an honored guest at many Jimmy Fund events and was honored with a Recognition Day by Maine Governor Angus King.

Recently, local Skowhegan native, Colin Quinn, donated a photo taken in 1953 when he collected money for the Jimmy Fund as a young Little League baseball player. In it, Senator Smith generously contributes to the worthy cause. Although the Library scrapbooks contain the original newsprint, we were very pleased to have Mr. Quinn’s donation of the original photo to further enhance the collection.

This I Believe—by Margaret Chase Smith

Many nights I go home from the office or the Senate floor tired and discouraged. There’s lots of glory and prestige and limelight for a United States Senator that the public sees. But there’s just as much grief and harassment and discouragement that the public doesn’t see.

Of course, like everyone else I went into public service and politics with my eyes wide open. I knew that any public official is fair game for slander and smear and carping criticism. I knew that ingratitude was to be expected. I knew that fair weather friends would turn on me when they felt I no longer served their purposes. I knew that I would be called all sorts of names from crook on down. I should have known that chances were good that I would even be accused of being a traitor to my country. These things I knew. But I never knew how vicious they could get and how deeply they could cut.

It is these things I think of when I’m tired and discouraged—and when I wonder if being a Senator is worth all that I put into it. These are the times when I consider quitting public life and retreating to the comforts and luxury of private life. But these times have always been the very times when I became all the more convinced that all the sorrow, abuse, harassment and vilification was not too high a price or sacrifice to pay.

For it is then that I ask myself “What am I doing this for?” I realize that I am doing it because I believe in certain things—things without which life wouldn’t mean much to me.

This I believe—that life has a real purpose—that God has assigned to each human being a role in life—that each of us has a purposeful task—that our individual roles are all different but that each of us has the same obligation to do the best he can.

I believe that every human being I come in contact with has a right to courtesy and consideration from me. I believe that I should not ask or expect from anyone else that which I am not willing to grant or do myself.

I believe that I should be able to take anything that I can give out. I believe that every living person has the right to criticize constructively, the right honestly to hold unpopular beliefs, the right to protest orderly, the right of independent thought. **(Continued on p. 4)**

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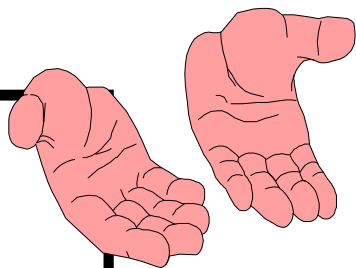
California Researcher Comes to Maine—Leeke Grant Funds Trip

Dr. Donna Alvah, History and American Studies instructor at the University of California, Davis, has recently been awarded an Ada E. Leeke Fellowship Grant in support of her research. Dr. Alvah is studying Senator Smith's assistance to American military families overseas, especially in the period immediately following the end of the Second World War in Europe into the 1950s. Dr. Alvah is preparing a book manuscript, **Unofficial Ambassadors: American Military Families Overseas and Cold War Foreign Relations, 1945-1965**, which she hopes to submit to a publisher at the end of 2000. While here, Alvah reviewed the extensive Armed Services Committee file which contains hundreds of letters from military personnel. Her careful review of the "Retention Study" and the many scrapbooks proved helpful as well. Good luck, Donna, on your project!

Dr. Donna Alvah

Hands— Answers

1. Judy Garland
2. Eleanor Roosevelt
3. Queen Elizabeth
4. Jacqueline Kennedy
5. Duchess of Windsor
6. Mamie Eisenhower
7. Margaret Chase Smith



I believe that no one has a right to own our souls except God.

I believe that freedom of speech should not be so abused by some that it is not exercised by others because of fear of smear. But I do believe that we should not permit tolerance to degenerate into indifference. I believe that people should never get so indifferent, cynical and sophisticated that they don't get shocked into action.

I believe that we should not forget how to disagree agreeably and how to criticize constructively. I believe with all my heart that we must not become a nation of mental mutes blindly following demagogues. I believe that we should never become mental mutes without voices silenced because of fear of criticism of what we might say.

I believe that in our constant search for security we can never gain any peace of mind until we secure our own soul. And this I do believe above all, especially in my times of greater discouragement, THAT I MUST BELIEVE—that I must believe in my fellow men—that I must believe in myself—that I must believe in God—if life is to have any meaning.

1962 Independent Editorial Services Comment

T. A. McInerny's Authoritative Newsletter in October, 1962, noted: "A sage and sour Senator sat in the cloakroom as Congress died a hard death and made this prediction: 'The next Republican to make history is that little lady over there.' He indicated Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine. "She has more vote-getting appeal than anyone in the Senate. If the hard-shelled county bosses think that she can be kept off the ticket in 1964, they sure are crazy. The Republican convention of that year will be wide open. There will be Nixon, Rockefeller, perhaps Romney and perhaps Scranton. You see what this does? The big blocs of delegates will be from New York, California, Pennsylvania and Texas and they will be owned by Rockefeller, Nixon, Scranton and Tower. With this situation, the winner will have to have a running mate who has wide personal appeal, rather than sectional. With more than half the voters in the country women, you can't keep her off the ticket in 1964. No matter who the candidate is, he will have to have Margaret as a running mate. She's got all that a masculine candidate has, plus she's a woman. And she's the kind of woman that women will vote for. She is gentle, personable and a campaigner of flawless technique. Now suppose peace is the biggest issue in '64. What else would the people of the country want other than a sincere and able woman next to the President. She has shown herself to be a top-flight politician, a capable and learned statesman, and a personality that even the movies can't match. I'm for her."

Editor's note: Library files do not indicate who made the above comments—could it have been Barry Goldwater or Everett Dirksen? Any thoughts from our readers?

Fellowship Program Off and Running

The ten week, annual MCS Fellowship program began on September 7 when six Northwood University students arrived to begin their course of study on the career of Margaret Chase Smith. Jessica Yurkovic, Jake Barclay, Kevork Tanielian, Sara Kulzer, Philippa Huyler, and Michel Click came from the three NU campuses in Florida, Texas, and Michigan and immediately met with staff for orientation and explanation of the program. Jessica has chosen to study Senator Smith's Second Declaration of Conscience; Jake will be studying the Kennedy Administration policies; Kevork, the Eisenhower years and the Eleanor Roosevelt debate with MCS; Philippa will be assessing MCS' world trip in 1954-55; Michel will analyze the Cold War years; and Sara will concentrate on Maine's shipbuilding and Bath Iron Works. During their time here, the students will also visit different parts of Maine to become better aware of Maine industry and cultural heritage.

For the third consecutive year, students from Linda Voss' Winslow Junior High School classes were busy with many service projects which are pictured on the poster displays in the photo above. Included in the varied projects were Charlie's Strays, Duck Pond Wildlife Center, Waterville Humane Society, American Red Cross, Kosovo refugees, Rumanian orphans, and local fire victims. In total, the students raised more than \$1100 for these worthy causes.

State Representative Shirley Richard is shown with MCS Fellowship students during a tour of the Maine State House and Museum.

Maine Only State to Sponsor Ethics Code

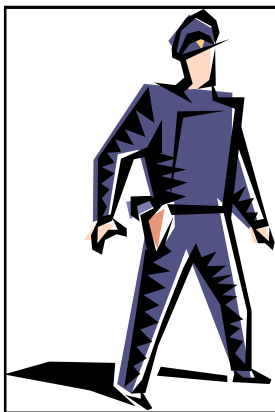
August 23 brought Maine politicians who are running for election in the fall of 2000 to the MCSL for brief remarks and signing of the Maine Code of Election Ethics. The Code, sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine and the MCSL, was first introduced in 1996 when candidates vying for office made a pledge to conduct ethical campaigns based on honesty, respect, responsibility, fairness and compassion. Each candidate pledges to dispel the assumptions often associated with political campaigns—negativism, attack advertising, and other practices which demean representative democracy. The Maine Code of Election Ethics encourages substantive issue-oriented electoral campaigns in Maine that will educate the Maine voter and help to improve the quality of dialogue about public policy.

Candidates and their representatives attending the afternoon session were: Mark Lawrence, Jane Amero, John Baldacci, and Richard Campbell. Peter Mills spoke on behalf of candidate Olympia Snowe, and Carrie Peterson presented a video tape in which candidate Tom Allen supported the Code and sent greetings. J. Frederic Staples was unable to attend the signing; however, he, Snowe, and Allen had already signed the Code prior to the event. Remarks from each candidate reinforced the comment by Jane Amero that "democracy is not a spectator sport," and the long-standing theory that "As Maine Goes So Goes the Nation."

Margaret Chase Smith Citizenship Award Winners Announced

Margaret Chase Smith School students, Kelly Bristol, Danielle Miller, Katelyn Tuttle, Stefan Kozak, Adam Rickards, Dylan Morin, and Rachel Henderson, were proud to receive the MCS Citizenship Award at the school's final assembly. Administrative Assistant Vanessa Caron presented each student with a \$100 savings bond, a single red rose, and a copy of the limited edition, "A Woman for All Seasons."

MCS Citizenship Award winners



Wined and dined after being "arrested" by the local constabulary, Tom and Jamie Buckner (L) from Alaska and Georgetown, Texas, visited the library as part of their two days of activities with hosts Sheila and Alan Foxwell. As part of a public relations idea initiated several years ago, the "Arrest-a-Tourist" program encourages tourists to spend more time in Skowhegan on their way to Canada or New Hampshire. While here, the "arrestees" are provided with lodging, meals, free gifts, and tours of different local establishments.

Leeke Grant Brings Texas Researcher

Dr. Mary Brennan, a history professor at Southwest Texas State University, was pleased to receive her second Ada E. Leeke Research Fellowship grant. When here in 1997, Mary concentrated her efforts on producing a book about Jean Kerr McCarthy, wife of Wisconsin Senator Joseph R. McCarthy. Since that time, her focus has changed to include other anti-communist women including Doloris Bridges, Elizabeth Churchill Brown, Margaret Chase Smith, and, of course, Mrs. McCarthy.

Dr. Mary C. Brennan

University of Maine MCS Scholarship Recipient Visits

Eric Dyer, one of the MCS Scholarship recipients at the Orono campus of the University of Maine, recently visited the library in hopes of finding a correlation between MCS and his project which involves a survey of the state of environmental education programs in Maine schools. Although not much material exists in the library files relative to that issue, Eric learned much about Senator Smith and came away with a much better appreciation of her efforts on behalf of Maine and the nation.

Eric Dyer

Northwood's University College Program Brings 23 to Maine

Under the direction of Professor Tom Luptowski, Northwood University's "University College" program was in full swing during the weeks of July 10 and July 24. These adult learners pursuing degrees are expected to conduct research on MCS, write a paper, and present an oral report of their findings. Coming from University College centers throughout the country, the students have an opportunity to see first-hand the impressive library collection. Pictured below are the two July groups.

Mt. Desert Island High School students with teacher Susan Vafiades-Diaz (r) traveled to Ecuador during spring vacation to study the history and culture of the country. While there, they also delivered school and dental supplies they had collected.

Newspapers in Education a Success

This remarkable program which brings newspapers to classrooms throughout the country is supported by the MCSL. Says Corey Tozier of Ms. Ranger's 6th grade class at the Margaret Chase Smith School in Skowhegan, "We thank you for donating the *Morning Sentinel* to our class. We've used them to keep up on current events. Our class really focused on the Elian Gonzales story. The paper was helpful when we prepared for our debate. Last week, the *Sentinel* printed a lot of our 'letters to the editor.' It was neat to see our letters published in the paper. Thanks again for your generosity. We appreciate it." Thank you, Corey, for your words of gratitude!



Northwood's University College students, July, 2000. MCSL Administrator Lynnette King (bottom photo, front second from right) participated in her second class.

Fiber Materials Awards Scholarships

Located in Biddeford, this manufacturer of advanced composite material for high technology has sponsored the Margaret Chase Smith Scholarship for many years. It was established in the name of MCS whose lifetime contributions to education and leadership personify the spirit and intent of the scholarship. The 1999-2000 recipient, Jamie Andrews, has been selected to receive the award again. Jamie has completed one year at the University of Southern Maine and is active in school athletics. He serves his community through maintenance and upkeep of a local Veterans' Memorial Park and is described as an exceptional, intelligent, and conscientious student who has been a Dirigo Boys State representative and selected as Who's Who Among America's High School Students. Congratulations, Jamie, for your repeat selection.

Jamie Andrews, 2000-2001 recipient of the Fiber Materials MCS Scholarship

“Trivia” Answer from July Newsletter—

*The answer can be found on the cover in the “Inside” box. Margaret Chase Smith broke the sound barrier. Skowhegan Girl participant Julia Allen of Farmington called with the answer and was awarded a copy of Alberta Gould’s biography of MCS, **First Lady of the Senate: A Life of Margaret Chase Smith**. Herman (Herky) Foster of Skowhegan also found the answer and quickly gave us a call. Be the first to respond with the correct answer and where you found it in the newsletter—you might win a prize!*

November Trivia Question: This gentleman defeated Smith in her last bid for office in 1972. He served one term only. He lost the next election to William S. Cohen, the current Secretary of Defense. Who is he? Find the answer somewhere in the newsletter.

The Margaret Chase Smith Foundation Board met on June 5 to discuss the accomplishments of the library. Members present included: (Seated) Captain Georgia McKearly, Merton G. Henry, Esq.; (Standing L-R) John Bernier, Dr. David E. Fry, Ray Hearn, Michael Quinlan, Esq. Missing from photo is Charles Cragin.

Noel, daughter of Northwood University “University College” program participant, Tom Szlachta, plays a few notes on Senator Smith’s “Tom Thumb” piano. A gift of Secretary of Defense and Mrs. James Forrestal in the forties, the piano is tuned annually and often moved to the library’s main gallery where it is played by local pianist, Marion Knight, who provided the music for the wedding of Margaret and Clyde Smith in 1930.

"Friends" Newsletter is published by the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Editor: Dr. Gregory P. Gallant; Coordinated by Angela Stockwell with the assistance of Vanessa Caron, Lynnette King, Crystal Perkins, Byron Pooler, and David Richards. (Trivia answer: William G. Hathaway) The Library is a non-profit research center and museum of 20th century political artifacts committed to bringing the ideals of Senator Smith's career in public service to the people of Maine and the nation. Tel. 207-474-7133; e-mail: angies@somtel.com; gpg@somtel.com; or davidr@somtel.com.

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Annual Advisory Committee Holds Fall Meeting

“If an ad mentions your opponent’s name more often than yours, it is probably an attack ad.”

Keynote speaker Jim Brunelle addresses campaign finance reform at Advisory Committee meeting.

September 26 and 27 found members of the MCSL Advisory Committee holding their annual meeting. Usually held in June, the new fall date gave the members an opportunity to experience the beauty of Maine in autumn and to meet the Northwood University MCS Fellowship students. Board, University, and Library reports were delivered by Merton G. Henry, Esq., Dr. David E. Fry, Dr. Gregory P. Gallant and Dr. David Richards, respectively. As part of the Library Report, the six Northwood students were introduced and asked to explain why he or she chose to participate in this worthwhile program. On the second day, a demonstration of the library’s new web site was given, with particular emphasis on the number of “hits” received from 41 states and 23 countries. Of great concern to the membership was the effect internet technology will have on libraries. Dr. Richards explained, “If we ignore it and let someone else make the decisions, we should be fearful; but if we embrace it, we should **not** be fearful.”

Luncheon speaker, journalist Jim Brunelle, talked about the Maine Code of Election Ethics and the accountability of political candidates. Said Brunelle, “The public is growing tired of negative campaigning and attack ads.” Brunelle explained that negative ads involve undermining the credibility of opponents. He believes in voter sophistication—their ability to discern legitimate issues and topics relevant to the campaign. “If an ad mentions your opponent’s name more often than yours, it is probably an attack ad,” says Brunelle. He described “horse-race, who’s ahead” reporting by the media as an affront to journalistic methods of campaign coverage. “We ask candidates to talk about the issues and when they do, we (the press) don’t bother to report it.” Addressing the issue of campaign finance reform, Brunelle referred to William Proxmire’s comment that “the political campaign financial system that we have is the closest thing to legalized bribery.” Brunelle agrees. “Everybody is dependent on this dreadful system that depends on big money. Everybody talks about reform but nobody does anything about it.” “Free speech,” says Brunelle, “belongs to those who can afford it.”

*Dr. David Richards presents the MCS Library web site.
Check us out at www.mcslibrary.org!*

Advisory Committee members, William Janson, Janet Mills, and David E. Fry pose with Fellowship student, Sara Kulzer (center).

Members Betty Bryden and Fred Rhodes offer their combined Washington experience to fellow members of the Advisory Committee.

“Doorways” Brochure Features Local Architecture

“Explore the historic Kennebec River Valley and visit Maine towns filled with a fascinating architectural legacy,” so says the brochure, ***Doorways to the Past***, which takes people on an interesting tour of central Maine. Included are the Redington Museum in Waterville, Fairfield History House in Fairfield, L. C. Bates Museum in Hinckley, the William Macartney House in Oakland, Skowhegan History House, Norridgewock Historical Society and Museum, and the Margaret Chase Smith Library. In the brochure, participants are given a heritage hunt clue about an artifact to search for at each museum. Once it has been found, the brochure will be stamped. After receiving all seven stamps, the MCSL will present a special prize for completion of the heritage tour.

Support for the program was provided by the Partners in Art Program of the Maine Community Foundation and through the Central Kennebec Heritage Council. The MCSL is pleased to be involved with this fascinating and unique project and hopes all friends of the library will visit our neighboring historical sites during their next visit to the area.

Senate Portrait Artist Selected

Senator Olympia Snowe’s efforts to commission a U. S. Senate portrait of Margaret Chase Smith have reached another stage in the process. Portrait artist Ron Frontin of South Thomaston, Maine, has been selected to paint a portrait of Maine’s first woman Senator. In August, Library Director Gregory P. Gallant, John Bernier and Anne Herrin, nephew and niece of Senator Smith, traveled to Washington to join other Smith Portrait Advisory Group members in reviewing over thirty applications.

The life-size portrait will grace the walls of the Capitol and is expected to take a year to complete. Artists from around the country submitted their portfolios—a process which led to the selection of Frontin. The commissioned work must stay within a \$40,000 budget. The age at which Smith is to be portrayed is yet to be determined. Details as to the frame must be considered as well. Frontin’s other works include a portrait of former Maine Governor John McKernan.

Comedian Bob Marley provides a bit of Maine humor at the Advisory Committee dinner at Ken’s Outback in Skowhegan.

University of Maine Class Uses MCS Material

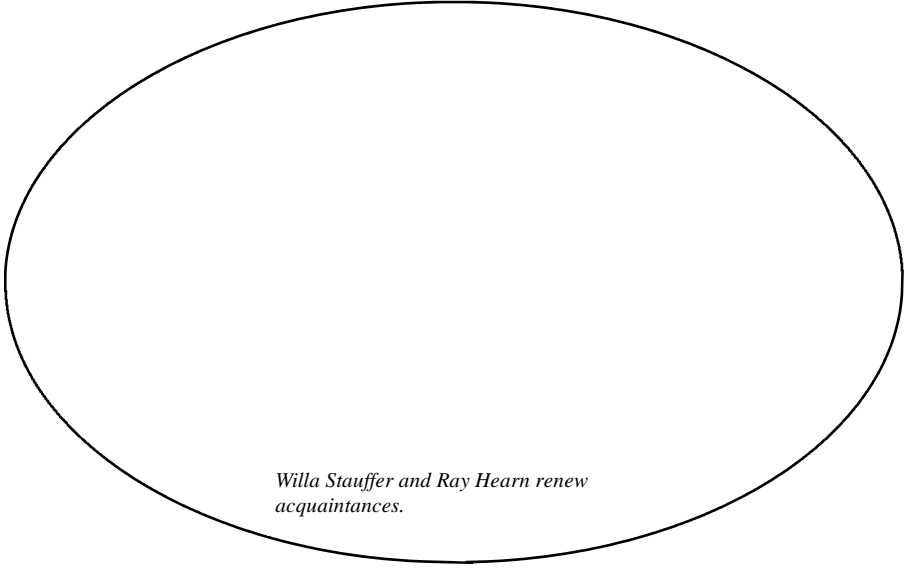
Responding to information provided by Library Director Gregory P. Gallant, University of Maine history instructor, Carol Toner, wrote, “This weekend, I had a chance to look more carefully at the material you sent to me regarding MCS and her role in getting regular status for women. I’ll use the information in WST201 [Women’s Studies], Women and War, as we move from WWII to the Korean War. The primary documents that illustrate MCS’ role in fighting for women in the 1940s will be very useful in that class. The article in the **Journal of Military History** helps pull it all together. MCS was quite a strategist in pushing through the integration bill. And she didn’t mince words with Forrestal either!”

Senate Curator, Diane Skvarla, is shown with selection committee members, Anne Herrin and John Bernier.

Mark Your Calendars	
<i>December 3, 2000</i>	<i>Appreciation Day/ Open House</i>
<i>December 25- January 1</i>	<i>Christmas Break— Library Closed</i>
<i>April 2, 2001</i>	<i>Deadline for MCS Essay Contest Submissions</i>
<i>May 1, 2001</i>	<i>MCS Essay Contest Winners Announced</i>

Advisory Member Amy Calder and MCS Fellowship student, Jake Barclay, pose for the camera.

Advisory Meeting— Camaraderie



MCS Fellowship student, Kevork Tanielian, and MCSL staff member, Byron Pooler, relax at Advisory Committee dinner.

Willa Stauffer and Ray Hearn renew acquaintances.

Fellowship students, Sara Kulzer, Philippa Huyler, and Jessica Yurkovic enjoy some goodies at Ken's Outback Banquet Facility.

Board Member Shirley Richard and MCS Fellowship student Michel Click are shown prior to dinner at Ken's Outback.

Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest

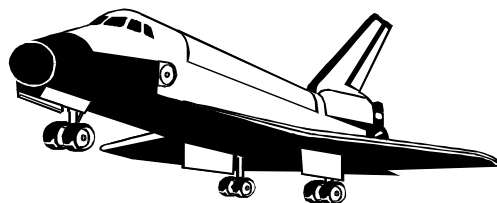
“Science and technology, particularly that concerned with aeronautics and space science and exploration, may well hold the key to our future existence—to the very survival of freedom in the world of tomorrow.”

Margaret Chase Smith

Apples anyone? Fellowship students enjoy a grand tour of North Star Orchards under the direction of owner, Judy Dimock.

In recognition of a new millennium, the Margaret Chase Smith Library invites Maine high school seniors to write an essay on the theme of science and technology. Mindful of the lessons of history, students should assess the impact advances in areas such as computing, genetics, and space exploration might have on American society in the decades to come.

Three prizes will be awarded, \$400 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Essays are due by April 2, 2001. Prizes will be announced on May 1.



Benton Elementary School students gather 'round the research table to view photos from files and scrapbooks on September 25. September 18.

One Man's Trash is Another Lady's Treasure

When Northwood University student, Jessica Yurkovic, arrived from Freehold, New Jersey, and the West Palm Beach, Florida, campus, she immediately solved the problem of local transportation. With a wise and clever mind and a true entrepreneurial spirit, Jessica purchased a 1950s generation bicycle at a local yard sale for \$10. It includes a basket and rear carry frame to boot! Every day finds Jess tackling steep Neil Hill in order to get to the library to do her research on Senator Smith's Second Declaration of Conscience. Every weekend finds Jess pedaling around Skowhegan looking for other yard sale treasures.

Of course, bargains don't always come without problems! Shortly after her purchase, a flat tire had to be dealt with, then a second flat tire, then a brake problem. It was beginning to look like a not-so-wise investment after all! But since that time, it has been clear pedaling!

Naturally, a few **necessary** accessories had to be added—a rear view mirror and a light. Congratulations, Jessica, on “curing dilemmas” as they come. Wonder what Jess will do when the “frost is truly on the pumpkin” and when yard sales cease for the winter?

MCS Fellowship student Jessica Yurkovic and her trusty bike.