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Bodwel I Brothers Named Alumni of the Year

▪ Brothers Russell and William Bodwell honored for their dedication to UMaine, Phi Kap

Russell and William Bodwell have a lot in common. They are biological brothers, Fraternity brothers, successful businessmen, and friends of the University of Maine. For these (and other) reasons, the Bodwells now share another thing in common – they are both Skullummi’s Alumni of the Year for 2005.



Brothers Russell ('44) and William ('50) Bodwell, recipients of Skullummi’s 2005 “Alumni of the Year” award

Russell ('44) fondly remembers his time as an undergraduate at the Phi Kap house, including great roommates, social activities with sororities, and excellent food ... especially hot molasses donuts. Russell also played in the orchestra and was hired for many performances across campus.

Like many of his “Greatest Generation” contemporaries, Russell fought in World War II where he served as a 2nd Lieutenant Navigator in the U.S. Air Force. On February 26, 1945, Russell took part in a mission that was comprised of over 1,000 bombers and 700 escort fighters. Russell’s B-17G bomber dropped its bombs over Berlin, Germany that day but lost two engines in the process. As such, his plane was forced to leave the squadron and drop its guns and ammunition to lighten its load. Unfortunately, Russell’s plane was picked up by German fighters and was shot down over Denmark.

Luckily, the crew was able to parachute out of the plane and Russell and crewmate John Kozdeba were able to escape back to the U.S. with the help of members of the Danish underground.

“Both John and I did not suffer significantly, either emotionally or physically,” Russell was quoted as saying in the book *The Class of 1944 in World War II*, written by the late Stephen L. Jacobs. “And in

retrospect [I] feel very lucky our escape was over a route that less than 30 airmen were able to take advantage of.” *Editor’s Note: Excerpts from Russell’s story are available on our website at www.pksalumni.org and the complete book can be purchased by calling the UM Alumni Association at 1-800-934-2586.*

After returning home in 1945 and receiving his BS and MS in Civil Engineering, Russell worked for several consulting and construction companies before founding Henderson and Bodwell engineering consultants in 1975. Russell served as managing partner until 2004 and will stay in his current role as consulting partner until he fully retires in 2006. He and wife Barbara ('45) plan to remain in Orono where they can continue to enjoy UM athletics and performances at

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A Half Century in the Making

▪ Plans for the first chapter house renovations in over 50 years progressing slowly but surely

In 2004 a Chapter House Renovations committee was formed to embark upon a major capital campaign to provide much needed repairs to an aging chapter house. Although alumni and undergraduates are eager to begin the first major renovations to the house since the wings were added in the early 1950s, the committee realizes that such campaigns take several years to complete.

“The Renovations Committee is looking to dot some i’s and cross some t’s before moving ahead,” said Renovations Committee Chair Shawn Harris '91. “This is a major capital campaign, before I feel

comfortable asking for money we need to make sure that every base has been covered.” Harris noted three main issues that need to be addressed before moving forward.

First, the committee is finalizing the proposed plans for renovations. Brothers Tom Palmer '92 and Pat Penley '91 have been working tirelessly to compare bids and conclude the planning process. While these plans encompass numerous projects on different floors, a specific project includes re-opening the front staircase and

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A Message from Skullumni

Greetings fellow Phi Kaps! We hope this holiday season finds you and your family happy and healthy. Since Skullumni was formed in November 2001, over 170 different alumni from the Alpha Delta Chapter have made a monetary donation to Skullumni – that's over 25% of our alumni! Every single dollar has made a difference. Over the past four years, Skullumni has been able to organize four well-attended Homecomings, fully fund an undergraduate to attend Grand Chapter 2004, bring in an Educational Consultant to help better the undergraduate chapter, send out six newsletters to our alumni, raise over \$1,000 for charity (from non-dues money), and initiate a major capital campaign for house renovations, to name a few. More importantly, alumni of all eras have become more engaged in their Fraternity and in their chapter. And this is just the beginning! Skullumni wants to help more alumni reconnect with their classmates and Phi Kaps from different generations by planning various social events – such as reunions – and increasing networking capabilities between alumni. Skullumni will continue to work with the undergraduates to plan Homecoming 2006 and we have already committed to funding four undergraduates to attend Grand Chapter 2006, thanks in part to a generous donation of \$500 from 1965-69 era alumni. Big things are happening and it is solely due to the generosity of Alpha Delta alumni. Thank you to all alumni for supporting our efforts and we hope that we can count on your continued support in 2006. Happy holidays!

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Skullumni Membership Fun Facts

- **Class with the most Voting Members:** 1962 (7)
- **Class with the highest percentage of alumni who are Voting Members:** 1991 (67%, 4 of 6)
**Excludes the seven (7) 2005 graduates, who received free membership through December 2005*
- **Class with the highest percentage of alumni who are Voting Members (minimum 10 graduates):** 1962 (41.2%, 7 of 17)
- **Decade with the most Voting Members:** 1960s (40)
- **Decade with the highest percentage of alumni who are Voting Members:** 2000s (52.9%, 18 of 34)
**Includes the seven (7) 2005 graduates, who received free membership through December 2005*
- **Decade with the highest percentage of alumni who are Voting Members (minimum 75 graduates):** 1950s (23.4%, 29 of 124)

Did You Know?

Over 650 students at the University of Maine are members of a fraternity or sorority. This represents 9.3% of the entire undergraduate population.

Skullumni Officers 2005-06

Executive Committee

President – Scott Morelli '99

Vice President – Alex Kuehling '05

Treasurer – Rob Williams '00

Secretary – Bob Kvedar '00

Member Relations – Jeff Shirland '99

Class Coordinators

1940's – Vacant

1950's – Allan Smith '53, Foster Shibles '56

1960's – Dennis Vogel '64, Zack Longley '67

1970's – Chip Stephens '77

1980's – Sam Civiello '85

1990's – Pat Penley '91

2000's – EJ Regan '02

Visit Our Website: www.pksalumni.org

Have you visited Skullumni's website lately? If not, here is a taste of what you can find:

- **Chapter Eternal Listing:** An updated list of Phi Kaps who have passed away
- **Homecoming Information:** Details on Homecoming 2006 and recaps of previous Homecomings
- **Message Board:** Have a question? A funny story? Post your message for others to see and respond to
- **Photo Gallery:** Check out the pictures or email us yours to post on the website for all alumni to see
- **Archives:** Find past meetings minutes, monthly newsletters, and more
- **Online Donations:** Send payments to us quickly and securely via PayPal by clicking on our custom link
- **And much more!**

Also, in the coming months, keep an eye out for a complete redesign of our website, including new content and layout. Your suggestions are welcomed!

Thanks to Members of the "Founders' Club"

Skullumni would like to recognize the 35 alumni who have donated to the Alumni Chapter in each of our four years of existence. We offer our thanks to these alumni for their enduring support: Albert Ehrenfried '44, Robert Eastman '51, Alan Pease '52, Paul Remick, Jr. '53, Donald LaRochelle '53, Norman Fuller '56, Foster Shibles '56, Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56, S. Clyde Ross '59, Robert Munson '59, James York II '59, Frank Antonucci, Jr. '60, Col. F. William Smullen III '62, LeRoy Bingham II '63, Avard Walker III '64, Leonard DiCarlo '65, Brian Bicknell '66, Paul Sullivan '66, Zachary Longley '67, Jay Smith '67, Thomas Dwyer '67, Michael Carney '71, Jonathan Young '71, Larry LaPlante '73, Chip Stephens '77, Patrick Penley '91, Matthew Rocca '96, Peter Ruggiero '97, Nathan McLaughlin '98, Scott Morelli '99, Robert Williams '00, Anthony Kvedar '00, Eric Conrad '02, Jeremy Thiele '02, and Edward Regan '02.

Undergraduate Update

The undergraduate chapter recently received accolades from both the University of Maine and the Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity. The university honored them with the Ryan Quinn Award for Best Display of Traditionalism, an award they also won in 2001. The International Office, meanwhile, selected the chapter for the Chapter Excellence award, marking the fourth straight year the chapter has won this award. At least four members plan on attending Grand Chapter 2006 in Boston where they will receive a plaque for this award. The chapter also raised \$1,573 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society from their tenth annual Halloween Haunted House. Lastly, for the first time in seven years the chapter once again had a cook in the house. Although food costs forced them to curtail this for the semester, members are working to bring the cook back in the near future. Visit the undergrads on the web: www.umit.maine.edu/pksweb.

Please Join Skullumni Today!

Help Skullumni fulfill its missions: join or renew your membership dues today! Over 18% of all living alumni donated to the Alumni Chapter in 2005. Your gift ensures you Voting Member status through December 2006. This means that you will:

- Receive updated contact information for all alumni from your era
- Receive discounts on alumni social events, such as free Homecoming football tickets
- Be recognized for your donation in our annual newsletter

In turn, your donation will enable Skullumni to:

- Keep alumni connected through newsletters, emails, and our website (www.pksalumni.org)
- Fund undergraduate attendance at important leadership conferences, such as Grand Chapter
- Plan fun alumni social events, such as Homecoming and class reunions

Donating to Skullumni has never been quicker or easier. You can now donate by credit/debit card, PayPal, or by check or money order. Simply fill out the enclosed *personalized* membership form and return it with your donation in the enclosed *postage paid envelope*. But hurry! We ask that you renew or join **before January 1, 2006**. Many thanks to those alumni who have supported us to date and to all those who will in 2005-06.

Skullumni's 118 Voting Members

Skullumni's membership reached record proportions in 2005, with 118 dues-paying members as of November 27, 2005. This also marks the third straight year in which the Alumni Chapter has exceeded the 100 member mark. Below is a listing of our members, including a brief update on what they've been up to (if provided). Listed in parenthesis are the number of years that the alumnus has been a Skullumni Voting Member. Our diverse membership spans 62 years of graduation from 1943 – 2005, representing 44 unique years of graduation and 23 different states. Our tremendous alumni support continues to make us the largest Alumni Chapter of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Thank you Alpha Delta Alumni! (NOTE: Members are listed by donation level, which Skullumni has changed slightly for 2006.)

Platinum Skull Club (\$250+)

Dr. William Gould '65 (2) *Calais, ME* ... Zachary Longley '67 (4) *West Newbury, MA*

Diamond Skull Club (\$150-\$249)

Thomas Bartlett '65 (1) *Bangor, ME*

Century Skull Club (\$100-\$149)

Russell Bodwell '44 (3) *Orono, ME* ...

Bertram Thorne '48 (1) *Peabody, MA* ...

Richard Herrlin '55 (2) *East Hampton, NY*

- "Cruising up and down the east coast with our post sport fisherman." ... Douglas

Champeon '59 (2) *San Antonio, TX* ...

LeRoy Bingham II '63 (4) *Lititz, PA* ...

Willard Bishop, Jr. '63 (2) *Barrington, IL*

... William Hanson '63 (1) *Dixfield, ME* - "Howdy, retired from USAF in '85 - attended UMF for 4 more years. Now I'm so smart nobody will talk to me. Still waiting to translate brother Tom Chittick's Danish into acceptable English :). I challenge each of my '63 Brothers to match my donation of \$100. If you ever come to Dixfield (although I don't know why you would) please stop by for a coffee or a martini - Love, Tim."

... Bruce Wentworth '63 (3) *Warwick, RI* ... Leonard DiCarlo '65 (4)

Laurel, MD ... Col. Robert Michaud '66 (3) *Sun Valley, ID* ... Paul

Sullivan '66 (4) *Dallas, TX* - "Keep up the good work!" ... David Pullen

'73 (2) *College Station, TX* ... Mark Connors '74 (2) *Manchester, CT* ...

Chip Stephens '77 (4) *Westport, CT* ... Robert Williams '00 (4) *North Berwick, ME*



Richard Herrlin '55

... William Bodwell '50 (2) *Brunswick, ME* ... Gerald Beach '53 (2)

Richmond, VA ... Donald LaRochelle '53 (4) *Wells, ME* ... Paul Remick,

Jr. '53 (4) *Wells, ME* ... Robert Fuehrer '57 (3) *Peacham, VT* ...

Richard Dudley '60 (3) *Falmouth, ME* ... David Gagnon '60 (3)

Falmouth, ME ... Dr. Douglas Allen '62 (2) *Marcellus, NY* ... Paul Kiah

'62 (3) *Meredith, NH* ... James Vamvakias '62 (3) *Falmouth, ME* ... Lt.

Col. Robert Kiah, Jr. '64 (3) *Dumfries, VA* - "My wife and our family are

doing great. I'm looking forward to my visits to Maine to see children

and grandchildren and other family and friends. My business continues to

grow, and we are continuing to support projects of national importance

in support of the Department of Defense - all military services, Intelli-

gence Agencies, Special Operations Command, and the Department of

Transportation. Most of our work is in the U.S., but we support some

projects in Europe, Asia, and the Mid-East. I hope to be able to take my

annual business trip to Japan, and visit my in-laws in Okinawa as I've

done for the past 10 years. I was back at work full time after quadruple

by-pass surgery in August. Surgery and recovery took me out of active

participation in Skullumni events in late summer and this autumn. I

continue to believe in what the Alumni Chapter is doing and planning to

do to continue 'brotherhood' after graduation and help the undergraduate

brothers in many ways. I look forward to helping Skullumni achieve our

goals in any way I'm able." ... Kenneth Howe '65 (3) *San Bernardino,*

CA ... Wayne Johnson '65 (3) *Yarmouth, ME* ... Willard Flynt '66 (2)

Hamburg, NY ... David Kerrigan '66 (2) *Crystal Lake, IL* ... Jay Smith

'67 (4) *Ogunquit, ME* ... Samuel Pickering '68 (1) *Carlisle, PA* ...

Dennis Kiah '70 (3) *Brewer, ME* ... George Campbell, Jr. '71 (2)

Portland, ME ... Jonathan Young '71 (4) *Falmouth, ME* ... Daniel

Ludden '92 (3) *Hermon, ME* ... Andrew Morse '93 (2) *Laconia, NH* ...

John Chretien '97 (3) *Belgrade, ME* ... Jeffery Shirland '99 (3) *Pittsfield,*

ME

Skull Club (\$25-\$49)

Benjamin Graham, Jr. '43 (3) *Grinnell, IA* ... Kenneth Chatto '50 (3)

Lugoff, SC ... Kenneth Marden '50 (2) *Whitefield, ME* ... Robert

Eastman '51 (4) *Center Lovell, ME* ... Theodore Littlefield '51 (2)

Hampden, ME ... Alan Pease '52 (4) *Camden, ME* ... Allan Smith '53

(2) *Farmington, ME* ... Richard Gray '54 (3) *Gaithersburg, MD* -

Golden Skull Club (\$50-\$99)
Albert Ehrenfried '44 (4) *Acton, MA* - "Al is still active as President, UMaine Class of 1944 - until 2009! Phi Kaps: Patronize the Class of '44 BEAR'S DEN, Maine's authentic on-campus Pub. Take a break and enjoy 'The PAWS that Refreshes!' ... Robert Bleakney, Jr. '49 (1) *Upton, MA* - "Good luck on what you're doing. I'm doing well given the normal wear and tear of 79 and 1/2 happy years. Get to see or talk with a few of my contemporaries." ... Walter Anderson Jr. '50 (2) *Rocky Mountain, NC*

"Greetings to all U of Maine Skullumni. Another year of retirement funded by IBM is going well. My wife Pat and I went on a cruise to the Baltic Sea with other Bangor High and U of Maine alums in September. The tour of St. Petersburg, Russia was amazing! We continue to run local 10K races and spoil our 5 grandchildren and 1 greatgrandson (born last December)." ... **Richard Bennett '56** (3) *Denver, CO* ... **Norman Fuller '56** (4) *Catskill, NY* ... **John Hodgkins '56** (3) *Yarmouth, ME* - Br. Hodgkins has a book coming out in May 2006. Published by Down East Books in Camden, *A Soldier's Son: A Maine Boyhood During World War II*, will be a memoir of John's World War II boyhood in Temple, Maine. The story recalls how John and his family coped in that tiny, isolated town in the 1940s while his father, whose adventures in the war are also recounted in the book, was serving in the U.S. Army. Watch for it in bookstores around Memorial Day." ... **Gilbert Leslie, Jr. '56** (4) *Belfast, ME* ... **Foster Shibles '56** (4) *Boothbay, ME* ... **John Buzzell '57** (2) *Camarillo, CA* ... **Robert Hutchinson '57** (3) *Brunswick, ME* ... **Dr. Richard Secord '57** (3) *Sanbornton, NH* ... **Alden Small '57** (2) *Winthrop, ME* ... **James Dunlap '58** (1) *Newport, OR* ... **Robert McKown '58** (3) *Wayland, MA* ... **Robert Munson '59** (4) *Palm Beach Gardens, FL* ... **S. Clyde Ross '59** (4) *Farmington, ME* - "Just busy, helping with firefighter I class, teaching at Foster Technical Center, Mt. Blue High School. Did Chester Greenwood again this year in the Farmington Dec. 4 parade." ... **James York II '59** (4) *Gaylordsville, CT* ... **Frank Antonucci, Jr. '60** (4) *Winthrop, ME* - "Frank Joseph Antonucci Jr. has been diagnosed with FTD (frontaltemporal dementia) and retired 2000. He was a consultant for Dropout, Truancy, and Alternative education. Frank is slowly losing abilities but continues to enjoy life. -Megan Antonucci" ... **M.G. Peter Berry '61** (3) *Ozark, AL* ... **Stanley Chenoweth '60** (2) *Eustis, ME* ... **Stephen Howe '60** (3) *North Brookfield, MA* ... **Col. Jerry Lambert '60** (1) *Mechanicsburg, PA* ... **Ian MacKinnon '61** (1) *Vassalboro, ME* ... **Alvin Ahlers '62** (2) *North Yarmouth, ME* ... **Stephen DeWick '62** (2) *Woolwich, ME* ... **Lawrence McPhee '62** (2) *Florence, MA* ... **Col. F. William Smullen III '62** (4) *Fayetteville, NY* ... **Dennis Vogel '64** (2) *East Dennis, MA* ... **Avard Walker III '64** (4) *San Rafael, CA* ... **Brian Bicknell '66** (4) *Yarmouth, ME* ... **Charles Bonney '66** (3) *Wayne, ME* - "Have 2 married children and 2 grandchildren. Son Chad (& family) is CFO for company and lives in London. Daughter and family live in Brookline, MA. Wife Sharon retired after 26 years of teaching elementary school. Spend time visiting with grandchildren, sailing, and playing golf." ... **Thomas Dwyer '67** (4) *Manchester, ME* ... **Paul Herer '67** (1) *Woodbridge, VA* - "My wife Kathy and I are living in Woodbridge, Virginia. We have two children and four grandchildren. I retired from the National Science Foundation (federal government) two years ago, and am currently selling rare books on the Internet. In September we attended a Phi Kap reunion in Maine." ... **John Sebelius '68** (1) *Woodbridge, VA* ... **Richard Armstrong '69** (1) *Cape Elizabeth, ME* ... **Michael Carney**



Paul Herer '67

'71 (4) *Lincoln, ME* ... **Larry LaPlante '73** (4) *Presque Isle, ME* ... **Jeffrey Welch '79** (2) *Orange Park, FL* ... **Daniel Rowlings '80** (1) *Lake Mary, FL* - "Very busy with work, family activities and the BarleyWine Band (www.barleywineband.com), the finest in classic rock & roll. Also active volunteer in the Florida Young Artists Orchestra (www.fyao.org) serving and having served on the Board as President, webmaster and recording engineer. In fond memory of the old days at Phi Kap, still brew and consume a variety of exceptional beer." ... **Dave King '87** (1) *Las Vegas, NV* ... **John Begin '91** (1) *Chelsea, ME* ... **Shawn Harris '91** (2) *Camden, ME* ... **Rick Malinowski '91** (3) *Gardiner, ME* ... **Patrick Penley '91** (4) *Auburn, ME* ... **Thomas Palmer '92** (1) *Franklin, ME* ... **Edward St. Charles '94** (1) *Lincolnton, ME* ... **Matthew Rocca '96** (4) *Pasadena, CA* ... **Peter Ruggiero '97** (4) *Lowell, MA* ... **Nathan McLaughlin '98** (4) *Presque Isle, ME* - "I'm still up here in Northern Maine working in Woodard & Curran's Presque Isle office. Kelley is now pregnant with our third child (expecting a boy in February) - this is turning into a yearly occurrence. Amelia is now 3-1/2 and Isabella just turned 1. I'm spending what little free time I have renovating a 100 year old house we bought last April. That's it in a nutshell, I hope everybody is well." ... **Kurt Feeley '99** (3) *Portland, ME* ... **Scott Morelli '99** (4) *Westborough, MA* - "Received Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University in July. Wife Beth, daughter Olivia (4), and I now live in Mass where I work for the Town of Framingham. I hope everyone is doing well." ... **Anthony Kvedar '00** (4) *Auburn, ME* ... **Eric Conrad '02** (4) *Chester Springs, PA* ... **Edward Regan '02** (4) *Standish, ME* ... **Jeremy Thiele '02** (4) *Fairfax, VA* ... **James Flagg '03** (3) *Berlin, NH* ... **Jerome Graffam '03** (3) *Portland, ME* ... **Stephen Kneeland '03** (2) *Orono, ME* ... **Matthew Martin '03** (3) *Ellsworth, ME* ... **Daniel Kinne '04** (2) *Orono, ME* ... **Dylan Reburn '04** (2) *Portland, ME* ... **Christopher Gallant '05** (1) *Orono, ME* ... **Erik Gomane '05** (1) *Winslow, ME* ... **Andrew Hess '05** (1) *Orono, ME* ... **Casey Kennedy '05** (1) *Buxton, ME* ... **Alexander Kuehling '05** (1) *St. Louis, MO* - "So here is what this kid does- I am an Assistant Ice Hockey Coach for St. Louis University. President of my own newspaper, trust me its not as impressive as I make the title out to be. And I am taking graduate courses at Washington University in International Affairs. I also like to party, to play connect four, and take naps." ... **Dustin Miles '05** (1) *Yarmouth, ME* ... **Scott Nichols '05** (1) *Orono, ME*

Homecoming 2005

Nearly 40 alumni from the Alpha Delta Chapter returned to Orono, Maine for Homecoming 2005. Thirty-six (36) alumni spanning 61 years of graduation (1944-2005) enjoyed numerous events, including the first annual alumni dinner banquet. At the banquet, Brothers Russell Bodwell '44 and Bill Bodwell '50 were presented with the 2005 Alumni of the Year award. Alumni also enjoyed tailgating, group seats at the football game, a reserved room at the Bear Brew Pub, Skullumni's annual meeting, and more. As Brother Shawn Harris '91 noted, "It is great to be able to catch up with guys that you know, see what they are up to, mingle and interact." Our thanks to the undergraduates, our Decade Representatives, and Tom Bartlett '65 for helping to make this event a success. Thanks also to Zack Longley '67 and 1965-1969 era alumni who presented Skullumni with a \$500 donation at our Annual Meeting. Most of all, we offer a sincere thank you to all alumni and guests who attended. We are hoping for an even larger turnout for Homecoming 2006 so keep checking our website at www.pksalumni.org for more information. Below are photos that capture the fun from the weekend.



▲ Foster Shibles '56 with wife Mickie and Bill Bodwell '50 with wife Jan



▲ Wayne Penley '79 with wife Linda



▲ Steve Young '79 and John Wade '78



▲ Phi Kap Executive VP Hamilton "Toby" Smith '83 (Univ. of Richmond) and Eric Conrad '02



▲ Shawn Harris '91, John Begin '91, Dan Ludden '92, and Glade Taylor (TKE)



▲ John Chretien '97 and Jeff Shirland '99



▲ Bob Kvedar '00, Scott Morelli '99, and Rob Williams '00



▲ EJ Regan '02 with girlfriend Chelsey Graves



▲ Dan Kinne '04 and Ian Adams '04



◀ Glade Taylor (TKE) and Brothers Pat Penley '91, Dan Ludden '92, Shawn Harris '91, and

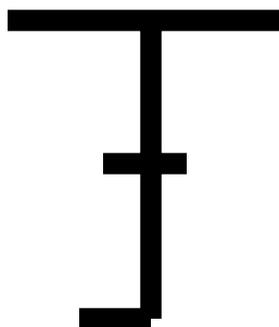
Homecoming 2005



▶ Front row R to L: Foster Shibles '56, Ian MacKinnon '61, and Dick Dudley '60 (and their



▲ Nineteen alumni from 1944 – 2002 enjoy the first annual Homecoming dinner and awards banquet



▲ Skullumni president Scott Morelli '99 presents Russell Bodwell '44 the *Alumnus of the Year* award (also given to Bill Bodwell '50)



Alumni and undergraduates enjoy the reserved room at the Bear Brew Pub

Thanks to those who attended and we hope to see the rest of you next year!



Antics ensue as Glade Taylor (TKE) and Brothers Dan Ludden '92, Pat Penley '91, and

Attendees Not Pictured

Allan Smith '53, Zack Longley '67, Dave Cole '77, Frederick Morton '79, Rick Malinowski '91, Johnny Miyares '92 (New England Grand Delta, Univ. of NH), Mike Murphy '02, Matt Martin '03, Nick Raymond '03, Tom Pollard '03, Dylan Reburn '04, Steve Kneeland '04, Dustin Miles '05, and Scott Nichols '05

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the Maine Center for the Arts. They have three children, all UM graduates.

Russell and Barbara have been the definition of "friend" to the university, creating six scholarships for UM students and programs to promote student volunteerism. They have also donated to numerous campus projects and had the Bodwell Lounge and the Russell and Barbara Bodwell Instrument Rehearsal Room in the Class of 1944 Hall named after them for their generosity. For such commitment to UM, Russell has received six awards from the university.

Younger brother Bill ('50) followed in his older brother's footsteps and joined Phi Kap, despite the fact that many of his friends joined Lambda Chi Alpha. He was glad he did.

"I'm so glad that I am a Phi Kap," said Bill, who is better known as "Brother Bill." "I think people that don't join a fraternity are missing a lot."

Bill received his degree in business administration and was also a devoted member of the UM band and is credited with increasing its membership to 108. But his devotion did not come without a price. Bill recalls the UM-Bowdoin football games where he was pelted with tomatoes by the Bowdoin crowd. But even this did not prevent him from continuing to serve with the band for five years after graduation.

After school, Bill sold advertisements for the Yellow Pages and although he was a top salesman, he decided to venture into the automobile business, something he had experience with when he polished and cleaned the tar off cars during junior high and high school. Since 1954, his Bodwell Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge dealership in Brunswick, Maine has been one of the most successful in

the state. He is still the president, although he eventually plans to turn the reigns over to the two of his four children who are currently working at the dealership.

Like his brother, Bill also shares a great affinity for UM. "If not for the university," said Bill, "where would I be today?" Bill has also been generous to the university, donating three cars each year since 1961 to the hockey and football coaches, as well as the Alumni Association president. He and his wife, Janet ('55), have donated to several university projects and had the Bill and Jan Bodwell Band Library room named for them in the Class of 1944 Hall. For his dedication, UM has presented Bill with four awards.

Both Bodwells have also donated to the Phi Kap International Office and Skullumni. For their dedication and successes in life, Skullumni presented the brothers with the 2005 Alumni of the Year award at the first annual Homecoming dinner banquet. At the banquet, Skullumni president Scott Morelli '99 said the Bodwells had "set an example for all alumni to follow" and had "truly made the university and fraternity proud."

When asked what advice they would give to current undergraduates to help them succeed in their careers, both men were unanimous in their answers.

"Don't be afraid to work more than 40 hours a week," said Russell. Added Bill, "If you don't work for any more hours than you get paid, you'll never get paid for any more hours than you work." Bill, whose dealership employs 45 people, said that management notices and rewards those who work hard.

Skullumni congratulates the Bodwell brothers on their lifetime of hard work and success and for being named Alumni of the Year for 2005!

House Renovations, Continued

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restoring the unique beauty of the front entryway. The front staircase was enclosed in the 1990's due to changes in building codes that provided for a greater emphasis on fire safety. However, in order to open the front staircase, the renovation plan must include enclosing the rear stairway to ensure fire code compliance.

Second, questions have arisen surrounding the ownership of the land. It is understood that undergraduate living began at the house in 1903 with a lease from the University of Maine. However, documented records of such a lease have not been found inside the chapter house, with the University, or at the county records office. After examining similar agreements at the time, it is presumed to have been a 99-year lease, which would have expired a few years ago. The committee is currently working with the university and past and present members of the housing corporation to ensure this issue is addressed in a timely manner.

Third, the committee and the undergraduate chapter are working to quell the concerns of some alumni about the ability of the undergraduate chapter to fill and properly maintain the chapter house. Harris and committee members have conversed with the current Brotherhood to ensure that proper care be given to both the current

state of the house as well as after it is renovated. The renovations will also serve to increase membership and the number of men living in the house.

Dan Bowe '06, the current Theta/House Improvement Officer, said the undergraduates have performed numerous tasks to "improve house living quality and appearance." Some of these things include: upgrading the internet to remove excess cables along the ceilings, holding house cleanings every other week, cleaning the Ram, painting the basement floor, fixing every door so they close properly, installing a new door lock on the back door, performing electrical work, installing a garbage disposal, and fixing a sink.

The undergraduates invite all alumni to stop by any afternoon or after classes finish for the day so they can see the upkeep of the house for themselves and meet the current Brotherhood. (Contact president Danny Guzman '06 at 207-949-4841 or via email at danny.guzman@umit.maine.edu.)

Harris hopes that the committee can address these issues in the near future so it can then proceed with the quiet phase of the campaign where alumni are approached for leadership gifts for the project. Once this happens, general requests for donations will be made and renovations can commence. This campaign has already drawn upon the dedication of numerous alumni and we look forward to giving all alumni the opportunity to support this important project.