CLASS

OF 1997
1997 Trick's End

Editor's Note
Thanks to everyone who helped me to make all this happen. We had our share of hard times, but through it all, we made some new friendships and some lasting memories. I especially want to thank Linda and Agatha for helping me through the tough times. I hope everyone enjoys this year's book.

Congratulations, Seniors!!!
Sincerely,

Lisa Ouellette

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The 1997 *Trick's End* Yearbook is dedicated to a “New England Original”...

Elizabeth B. Noyce

The greatest benefactor in MMA’s history, Betty Noyce’s brand of civic leadership made her a towering figure in 20th century Maine.

By John Staples, excerpted from *Mariner* magazine

To the people of Maine, Elizabeth Bottomley Noyce was a bit of a contradiction - a quiet, unpretentious woman and yet one who wielded enormous influence. She was a shrewd investor, a humanitarian, and a creative builder of the state’s future. To Maine Maritime, she was all that and more - a trustee, a shipmate, and a warm and generous friend.

Her sudden death on Sept. 18, 1996, stunned the Academy. “She was known for her philanthropy, but we knew her for her kindness,” said President Leonard H. Tyler. She gave more than $4 million to MMA, including:

- $500,000 for the start-up of the Department of Graduate Studies and Research
- $2.75 million for the campaign that produced the Student Center, the Bath Iron Works Center for Advanced Technology, graduate student housing, and other improvements.
- $1 million to endow the Kenneth M. Curtis Scholarships

“Around 1980,” says Rand Erb, Chief Advancement Officer at MMA, “Betty began to take an interest in the Academy. She saw it as a great Maine institution, as a place that reflected her own values in terms of educational philosophy. The work ethic and love of the sea that permeate the Academy attracted her. She believed wholeheartedly in the ideal of duty to society, and I believe that she took great satisfaction in helping to produce graduates who could make a difference for the better in today’s world. The fact that Maine Maritime has always been a life-shaping opportunity for its students was consistent with her sense of service to others.”

Elected to the board of trustees in 1984, she immediately took an active role on campus and on training cruises. She joined midshipmen on trips to England and Russia, and sailed on the 1994 cruise to Normandy for the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Commencement was also a highlight of her association with the Academy, and she never missed a ceremony in her 12 years as a trustee.

The MMA color guard and drill squad presented the colors at the Sept. 23 memorial service at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland. The audience of 1,500 included school children and the general public, former Maine Governor and Academy President Kenneth M. Curtis ’52, three other governors, members of Congress, and former President George Bush.

A poignant moment in the service came with the reading of one of her rare public statements: “To a cause I care about, I’m going to give as much as I can, and hope that others will do their best, and that’s all there is to that. I just hope to make a little difference in my own community. Selfishly, I give where my donation will make my immediate environment safer, cleaner, brighter. I leave it to others to do as much as they can do in their communities. And that’s the way the wider world improves.”
May 4, 1997

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF '97:

Today the intellectual, physical, and financial efforts of the past four years are publicly recognized. As you receive your baccalaureate degree, you and your family should take great pride in all that you have accomplished.

By choosing to attend Maine Maritime Academy, you demonstrated a willingness to undertake a demanding course of study. Many of our requirements go well beyond those of ordinary colleges. Morning colors and weekend ocean studies labs, co-op internships and cadet shipping—these and countless other obligations have been a part of your world for the past few years. In return for your commitment, you have received unusual support—instruction from a dedicated faculty, superb facilities for learning, and opportunities for travel and practical training.

Over nearly thirty years, I have seen thousands of our graduates leave this institution for careers of personal success and service to society. Those who graduated during my first years at Maine Maritime now hold positions as masters, chief engineers, attorneys, and corporate presidents. I am certain that similar accomplishments are in store for members of the Class of 1997.

I join those who have worked with you at the Academy in wishing you years filled with prosperity, achievement, and service to others.

Come back to see us often.

Best regards,

Leonard E. Tyler
President

President Tyler

President Tyler, Dick Ericson, Rand Erb, Jan Zenter

Nurse James at work....

MMA personnel take the "Connections" course

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Thanks to all the staff here at MMA who made life a little easier. When it came to making sure we had the right classes to graduate, a smiling face or a joke here and there helped cut the tension. Even when it came to signing our life away, they made it seem so easy. And to all the rest of the staff who in passing would give a simple smile, thank you once again for making our four years here run just a little bit smoother.
Dear Graduate:

Graduation from the Academy means that you have accomplished a goal you set many years ago. Completing this goal is a major accomplishment which should cause you to be very proud. This pride now needs to follow you wherever you go as you build upon your personal reputation.

By now, you may have forgotten the reason you chose MMA, but I'm sure it was because of the Academy's strong reputation in the working world. And you were selected to be a student here because your reputation led us to believe you would be successful. So, the relevance of your reputation and the Academy's have been joined together for quite some time.

This common thread you and the Academy share will now be with you forever, and this is very significant. We will always be on the same team supporting each others' goals. Your success in life will directly reflect on the college, and the college's strengths will always be there to support you in the working world.

We stand ready to help you in your future endeavors. Good luck and please don't forget to share your successes with us.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Jones
Executive Director of Student Services
May 4, 1997

To the Class of 1997,

Your class has seen some of the most dramatic changes in the recent history of the Academy. New buildings, new programs, new equipment, changing student demographics, and a new administration. In addition, you have willingly become involved in a learning dynamic that differs from other colleges in the amount of time you must invest and in the degree of involvement demanded of you. Throughout all you have kept your focus and persevered in your educational goals. You have justly earned the right to be called alumni.

As one travels through life there are several questions that are often asked of you to determine an identity. Whether at social events or job interviews you will often be asked about where you are from, what you do, and where you went to school. At those times you often begin to realize how important these college years were to your personal and professional growth. Hopefully, you will feel great pride and pleasure at saying you graduated from Maine Maritime Academy. I certainly say with pride that I taught and worked with the Class of 1997.

From the Faculty and I, good luck, and may the waters of your life be calm and the winds of your destiny blow fair.

With congratulations,

William B. Eisenhardt
Provost and Dean

The students don’t often say it, but thank you very much to all the faculty who have made our four years here a success. Your professionalism and dedication have helped us more than you will ever know. The lessons learned, both in class and out, will be carried with us as we move upward and onward. Even through hard times, you stuck with us and pushed us along, telling us we could do it. Just the fact that you believed in us meant so much. Thanks again for a job well done!
Engineering

From L to R: (Black) David Farnham, Pete Sarnacki, Barbara Flock, Robert Kannor, Robert Giffin, Harold Alexander, Alan Trund
(Front) Richard Reed, Stephen Collins, Leo Mazerral

Phil Hutchinson

Kaveh Haghikerlar

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Nautical Science

From L to R: (Back) Samuel Teal, James Thorpe, George Schatz, Charles Weeks, Ronald Snyder, Alfred Brown (Front) William McKinley, Richard Babeock, N. Shashikumar

Mac McKinley

Dr. Wallace Reed

Faculty and Academics
Ocean Studies

From L to R: John Barlow, William Ellis, Stephen Pegley

Barry Kilch
Blaine Kopp and his family
Joceline Boucher
Small Vessel Operations and Marina Management

Waterfront

Power Engineering Technology

Professor Babcock

R/V Argo Captain, Don Bradford

Pentagoet Captain, Tim Leach

Tim Leach and Phil Harmon

Goggi

Professor Mark Cote
TO THE CLASS OF 1997:

Congratulations! You have successfully completed a demanding program which required commitment, dedication and hard work. Never forget that these requirements are critical to your future success because they are industry's expectation of the MMA Alumnus.

Each graduating class builds on the accomplishments of the classes that have gone before. The Class of 1997 is no exception. I will remember you as the Class that put the Regiment back in the Academy limelight. From your outstanding performance on the competition's training ship to the moving ceremony you provided our Alumni at their gun dedication, you served with pride and dignity. You reestablished the Regiment as the official standard bearer of the Academy and of the State of Maine. I am proud to have served with you.

CDR Frost, LT Lebel, LT Henderson, and Vic Pinkham join me in wishing each of you success and happiness as you embark on your new careers. May you have fair winds and following seas!

BRAVO ZULU and OOH RAH!!!

Vincent H. Corry
Commandant
Students Assigned to Alpha Company

1/C (Alphabetical Order)
Jason Auscello, Peter Behling, Gary Chase, Jeffrey Daigneault, Scott Frost, Keith Garland, Bryan Grant, Derek Hooper, Daniel Howard, Dathan Jones, Christopher Libenhal, Jason Martel, Allen Mathieson, Jon McAlpine, Stephen Moore, Alan Moon Jr., Earl Morrill, Paul Nelson, Michael Niznik, Patrick Nolan, Dennis Seymour, Logan Snyder, William Spangler, Jason Underhill, Jesse Willard, John Yeary

2/C (Alphabetical Order)
Randall Bush, Merton Blood, Christopher Bolduc, Nicolas Bosmoletti, Thomas Corliss Jr., Aaron Cox, Erik Czel, Joseph Ferris III, Michael Geyer, Jason Gasbelle, Jeffrey Haines, William Hutchins, Jason Hynd, Christopher Ireland, Sean King, Jamie Leveille, David McQuilkin, Corwin Mendenhall IV, Steve Milligan, Thomas Myers, Ryan Pearl, Erik Rider, Gregory Shelton, William St. Pierre, James Steer, Paul Whittall, Matthew Williams

3/C (Alphabetical Order)
Steven Austin, Brian Belanger, Philip Brand, Joshua Breau, Trevor Buck, Brent Collins, Erik Cote, Kevin Cross, Cyrus Dimock, Benjamin Dinsmore, Lance Dupin, Craig Fortin, Dennis Goman, Nathan Hall, Erik Karl, Michael LeCompte, Craig Leduc, John Love, Jr., Brandon Lyons, Brendan McHugh, Ronald McNamara, Jr., Wayne Merritt, Derek Nadeau, Leon Nason, Michael Norwood, Brian Orme, Zachary Pike, Benjamin Robertson, Adam Small, Christopher Tosi, Scott Tracey

4/C (Alphabetical Order)

Students Assigned to Bravo Company

1/C (Alphabetical Order)
Jamie Beadnell, Neil Bolduc, Mark Caron, Justin Carpenter, Adam Chase, Ethan Cott, James Cunningham, Craig Dube, Christopher Furrow, Jonathan Gagne, Daniel Gorgone, Daniel Greenier, Michael Health, Timothy Jackson, Scott Lambert, Patrick Lawler, Noah Mineo, Steve Obrin III, Ryan Owens, Jerrod Pratt, Joel Rancourt, Clifton Richards, Christopher Ryan, James Saunders, Eric Trendwell, Jr., Christopher Welch, Sean Whitmore, Derek Yates

2/C (Alphabetical Order)
Marc Babine, Ryan Bickford, Dana Bishop, Rachel Brewer, Robert Bragdley, Kendra Chase, Paul Clarke, Joshua Collamer, William Coombs, Spencer Fernbacher, Michael Flanagan, Stephen Frankowski, William Geary, Jr., Patrick Glavey, Matthew Herbst, Jeremy Hersom, Jason Hofmeister, Christopher Jordan, Robert King, Jr., Roger LaBonte, Andrew Mayher, James McGregor, Nathan McInnes, Barry Mottershead, Jonathan O'Rourke, Michael Ohr, Christopher Owiasianiec, Jesse Philboro, Kerry Phillips, Shane Pulikinned, Redha Wafidi, Shawn Weed

3/C (Alphabetical Order)
Sean Alley, Scott Andersen, Jay Armstrong, Michael Billings, Jennifer Brokaw, Stephen Burnham, Jr., Michael Costurier, Seth Danner, Scott Davis, Charles Dunn, Arthur Fletcher, Vladimir Forkapic, Jason Fraser, Michael Hayward, John Holms III, Neal Sollerman, Shane Lupardo, Zachary Nichols, Kevin Parks, John Pattiquin, Jr., David Thaxton, Abby Raetz, Matthew Reers, Angelo Rizzichelli, Ryan Rustay, John Schiefenstein, Ryan Smith, Jeffrey Thorn, Joseph Valliere, Tim Vaznis, Clarence Young

4/C (Alphabetical Order)
Charlie Company

Students Assigned to Charlie Company

1/C (Alphabetical Order)

Jonathan Bain, David Bestman, Keith Bradley, Joshua Brown, Stephen Campbell, Jeffrey Carter, Todd Cooper, Allen Curtis, Jr., Peter Desmond, Michael Dow, Patrick Dunphy, John Francis, Jr., Christopher Gamache, James George, Alison Griffin, Billy Griffith, Matthew Holt, James Lannon, Alexander Lomvardias, Daniel Mahony, Charles Mathieson, Brian McCue, James Morse, Jr., Timothy Murray, Kirk Nadeau, Jeremy Niles, Michael Polky, Joel Purcell, Wayne Rolland, Terry Sullivan, Lig Tarbuck, David Walker, Julius Walker

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2/C (Alphabetical Order)

Jason Alley, Mark Beatty, John Brimmer, Nicholas Brower, Christopher Burke, Matthew Byers, Philip Chapman III, John Dos Santos, Leslie Farr, Kevin Franssen, Derek Gallant, Sean Gallivan, Eron Gray, Larry Hawk II, Joshua Hebert, Peter Jergensen, Jeffrey Linton, Jason Littlefield, Mark Lundano, Steven Losser, Bruce Morse-Ellington, Craig Myster, Charles Patterson, Charles Payne, Peter Ruelas, Michael Spencer, Mark Thibodeau

3/C (Alphabetical Order)


4/C (Alphabetical Order)


Midshipmen Training Officers

Front Row (L to R):
- Maintenance Officer: Jeffrey Carter
- Public Relations: Kirk Nadeau
- Regimental Operations Officer: Craig Dube
- Finance Officer: Jonathan Bain
- Regimental Commander: Wayne Rolland
- Liaison Officer: Jon McArdle

Back Row (L to R):
- Auditor: Allen Curtis
- Regimental Adjutant: Scott Frost
- Cadet Chief Mate: Alison Griffin
- Cadet Master: Logan Snyder
- Regimental Executive Officer: Adam Chasse
- Cadet Chief Engineer: Brian McCue

Not Pictured: Clarke, Gabrille, Linton, Austin, Poutier, Valliere, Vaznis

Honor MTO's

Paul Clarke and Yannick Bernier

Drill Team

Drill Team Members (not all shown, not in order above)

Front Row (L to R):
- Fougner, Hall, Bilodeau, Raetz, Ireland, Brunkaw, Bernier, Peters, Daniel

Band

Band Members (not in order above)

Front Row (L to R):
- Halfmeister, Geary, Geary, Chapman, Oltorf, Dos Santos, Brown, Briganti

Back Row (L to R):
- Fougner, Hall, Bilodeau, Raetz, Ireland, Brunkaw, Bernier, Peters, Daniel

Not Pictured: Clarke, Gabrille, Linton, Austin, Poutier, Valliere, Vaznis

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Can you believe it?
This is it! We made it! Four years of our lives have just flown by. This book is to help us remember our memories here at MMA. These memories may be caught in a simple picture, but the stories attached will be remembered for years to come. As you look forward to a new life, don't forget to look back on the friendships created and the lessons learned, which will help you step forward into your new uncharted world.
Jonathon Thomas
Bain
Pownal, ME

Major: Marine Engineering Technology
Rates: Regimental Finance Officer
Activities: Skiing and Mountain Biking

"He who commands the sea has command of everything."
I want to thank my family and friends for helping me through these years. Thanks, Aimee, for becoming a part of my life. I love you all very much.
"We all like to see people seasick when we are not ourselves."
-Mark Twain

Jamie M. Beadnell
North Jay, ME

Major: Nautical Science
Rates: Lifeboat Coxswain, Training Rate
Activities: Drama Club, Drill Team, Golf Club, Varsity Basketball

"True power is knowing that you can, but you don't"
Thanks to everyone who aided,
Thanks to everyone who cared,
Thanks to everyone who waited,
I made the best of what I had,
If you don't like it, that's too bad.

Laura L. Bean
Hopedale, MA

Major: Ocean Studies

"San Salvador, a trip we will certainly never forget!"

Peter K. Behling
Danbury, CT

Major: Nautical Science
Rates: Alpha Company Deck Training Officer
Activities: Outing Club President

"Four"
"Another night on the hatch."
"Fish, friends, fun, and ____; what more could you ask for?"

"Love You"

Thanks: To my friends, here and at home, for always being there for me; to Bob for making these last few years a lot more enjoyable, I don't know what I would do without you; and especially to my family for supporting me through everything. I Love You.

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It seems like only yesterday when my Dad and I came here for an open house. Now I wonder where the time has gone. I hope my next four years are as pleasurable as the last. Thanks to my parents and Jess, for without them I never would have made it. Thanks to my friends, especially Jerrod, Marc and Kev, Ags, El, Big Jim, and Skiff; without them I wouldn't have had such a good time. Thanks to Prof. Young; without him I never would have found learning so enjoyable.

Many thanks to all that have supported me throughout the years. A special thanks to my wife to be, Jennifer Lynn Crabtree, who means everything to me. I love you!

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Ellen M. Conner  
Rainford, ME

Major: Ocean Studies  
Activities: Student Government, Tennis Club, Ocean Science Club, Residential Assistant

“My life is like a stroll upon the beach,  
As near the ocean’s edge as I can go.”  
-Henry David Thoreau

To a grandfather whom I never met: Thank you for the saltwater in my veins.  
To Grammy Steussy: Thank you for 5 Islands.  
To Gram Dusk: Thanks for the advice about those sailors.  
To Gram & Fapa Conner: Thanks for the chocolate cookies and appreciation of the Navy  
To L & L: “If it was meant to be, it was meant to be.”  
To Al-Dog: Thanks for “Staying Alive” and all those trips home.  
To Marc: I will best you on the raquetball court (someday).  
To Mom, Dad, Janet & Patches: Thank you for all your love, support and TERRIFIC advice over the past 4 years. I never could have done it without all of you!!

To my family: It has been a roller coaster ride but we made it. Thank you for supporting me. I LOVE YOU ALL! And Eric, I ask you to protect me through the adventures I am about to encounter. You’ll always be my little bro.

Scott F.: I hope you find a way out of “stinkin” Lincoln.

To a dream team: Thank you to my friends, I wish you all success.  
Thanks to my family - Mom, Dad, Jimmy & Pat, you have inspired me more than you know. I love you all very much.

Congratulations to my Dad and the Class of ‘67 on their 30th reunion.

“Thanks for all the good times, Jason.”

Katherine Frances Coughlin  
Hingham, MA

Major: Ocean Studies

Thank you to my friends, I wish you all success.

“We sure know how to party, Meg.”

“To my friends, thank you for all the good times.”

“Diving with my big brother.”

To a dream team: Thank you to all the people who made my graduation from MMA possible: ET, Jack, Sandra, and most of all my shipmates from the class of ’97. May you all have a life filled with monstrous and confused seas, especially Jerky Boy, John, Dan, Al and Bill.

Jann Cunningham  
Bainbridge Island, WA

Major: Nautical Science

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"What your heart thinks great is great."
- Emerson

Thanks to all my family, Mrs. T, and my friends. I couldn't have made it without you.

Allen J. Curtis Jr.
Readfield, ME

Major: Marine Transportation
Rates: Regimental ISO/ISM Auditor
Activities: APO President

Agatha Marie Davis
Highland, MD

Major: Ocean Studies
Activities: Volleyball Club 1,2,3;
Castine Fire Dept. 1,2,3,4;
Yearbook 4

Thanks for trusting me with your secrets and dreams, and for trusting me with the same gentle care you give ours.
Thanks for sharing my laughter and my worries.
Thanks for being such wonderful friends.
Lisa, Kate, Amy & Justin - thank you for making life here happen.
And to Christopher - thank you for standing by me, and just look, I did it!
Thanks Mom, Dad and Brian, I put my mind to it and I succeeded. To my grandfather whose words I'll never forget. Your only granddaughter did it. Thanks to all of you. I'll love you always and forever.

Patrick Dunphy
North Anson, ME

Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Charlie Company Commander, Cadet 3 A/E

Thanks: Pam for making out the application, Mom and Dad for the love and support, and Angie for just being you. I couldn't have done it without you.
Love Always,
P.D.

Ring Dance '96 "Where's Greg?"

"There's no place like home."

Peter T. Desmond
Washington, CT

Major: Nautical Science
Rates: Charlie Company Adjutant
Activities: Ice Hockey

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Washington, CT

Major: Nautical Science
Rates: Charlie Company Adjutant
Activities: Ice Hockey

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Love Always,
P.D.

"There's no place like home."

"This is cadet shipping?"
Mom, Dad, Gram, Gramp, Krys - thank you for all your help and support; I couldn't have done all the things I've done without you; I love you all. To all my friends at MMA, especially Adam, Paul, Chris, Cindy, Amy, Mel and Derek C - I'll never forget you guys. Special thanks to Heather for always being there for me. I'll always remember Ice '96, love ya crazy, Mel, Bopsey twins Cindy and Amy, hanging with Paul and Chris, dream team with Adam and Dan.

Scott Frost
Ellsworth, ME

Major: Marine Engineering Technology
Rates: Regimental Adjutant
Activities: Yeoman 2/C & 3/C, MTO, Drill Team, APO, Scuba Club, Propeller Club, Yearbook (Jr. yr.), Drama

Christopher Michael Furrow
South China, ME

Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Activities: Public Relations

You've all inspired me to be that much more. To all the great friends I've made - thank you.

As we sail upon the seven seas,
Let's take with us our memories.

Of school and friends and the good times throughout,
A place we thought we'd never get out.

Sad but true we make our parts, yes,
some up to our knees in debt,
but one day we'll turn to say,
"Nope, not one regret."

To Lori: Thank you for always being there for me. I love you.

Christopher Paige Gamache
Lisbon, ME

Major: Marine Systems Engineering
Rates: Regimental Drill Master
Activities: Fire Brigade, Bagaduce Ambulance, EMT-1, Athletic Trainer, Drill Team, Emergency Squad, Castine Fire Dept., SAME

How high I am
How much I see
How far I reach
Depends on me.

To my sweetheart, Michelle Smith, I will love you always.
Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all of your support. I love you.

To all the great friends I've made - thank you.

To my sweethart, Michelle Smith, I will love you always.
Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all of your support. I love you.

How high I am
How much I see
How far I reach
Depends on me.

To my sweethart, Michelle Smith, I will love you always.
Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all of your support. I love you.
Bryan Grant
Dover-Foxcroft, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Alpha Company Adjutant
Activities: Football 1,2,3

Alison Leigh
Griffin
Wells, ME
Major: Nautical Science
Rates: Cadet Chief Mate
Activities: E-Squad, Propeller Club

Bryan Grant: It’s like riding a motorcycle, right Bry?

“Bourbon Street with the boys!”

“Steamin’ Demons”

I am glad I did it, partly because it was worth it, but mostly because I shall never have to do it again.

Mom, Dad and Chip: Your support means the world to me. Thank You!

Brian: With all my heart and all my soul and everything in between!

Matt Holt
Palmyra, ME
Major: Marine Systems Engineering

“Everything in excess! To enjoy the flavor of life, take big bites. Moderation is for monks.”
- Robert A. Heinlein

“Heavy in excess! When the ship sails, all bills are paid. No regrets.”
- Robert A. Heinlein

“Steamin’ Demons”

I would like to thank mostly my parents for putting up with me for six years. I also want to include my whole family who helped me whenever they could. Last but not least, thank you Jodie. You helped me through this tough year and I will never forget what you did for me.

Matt Holt: “Bourbon Street with the boys!”

“I am glad I did it, partly because it was worth it, but mostly because I shall never have to do it again.

Mom, Dad and Chip: Your support means the world to me. Thank You!

Brian: With all my heart and all my soul and everything in between!

J.R.R. Tolkien

Farewell, my friends. I’ll miss you.

Derek Hooper
Whitwell, TN
Major: Marine Systems Technology
Activities: APO (’93-’97), Band (’93-’97), Drama (’94, ’96)

“The road goes ever on and on, Down from the door where it began, Now far along the road has gone, And I must follow, if I can, Pursuing it with eager feet, Until it joins some larger way, Where many paths and errands meet, And whither then, I cannot say.”
- J.R.R. Tolkien

Farewell, my friends. I’ll miss you.

D. Hooper
Just wanted to say thanks to my parents for all their support and their money laundering over the years. To the elusive whitetail, my admirable foe. To the good times on cruises. But especially setting up "George with Frosty". To my classmates, Good Luck!

Michael Joslyn
Windsor, ME
Major: Power Engineering Technology
Activities: A.F.E.

Summer of '96

Roger "Tim" LaBonte
Biddeford, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations

M/V Cape Douglas

Diego Garcia B.U.O.T.
"Wastelands" '94

Scott Lambert
Falmouth, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Activities: SNAME, ASME

James J. Lannon
Farmington, ME
Major: Nautical Science
Rate: Charlie Company Master At Arms, Cruise Training Rate
Activities: Varsity Basketball

Todd Cooper, James Lannon, Pete Desmond
"The Dream Team"
Christopher G. Lilienthal
East Patchogue, N.Y.
Major: Nautical Science
Rates: Chief Adjutant, MTO
Activities: Hockey Club, Outing Club, Propeller Club, Raging

Alex Lomvardias
Richmond, VA
Major: Nautical Science
Activities: U.S. Coast Guard, Bagaduce Ambulance Corps, Emergency Squad, Drinking Entirely Too Much Coffee

46 Senior Section

Thanks, Mom and Dad. It's only been six years. How did you do it? Thanks, Nan and Pop, for always being there when I needed you. To Greg and Brian, you guys rule. Peace to all the Brotherhood.

Christopher C. Luce
Machias, ME
Major: Power Engineering Technology
Activities: A.F.E.

Jason B. Martel
Biddeford, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Alpha Company Commander
Activities: Lacrosse, Class Officer

Ode to Bruce:
Just in case you don't remember what happened on your 21st birthday, this is where you slept.

Don't quit your day job!

Getting ready to hit the road.

'The posse rides again.'

I wish the best for my roommate in the years to come. I know he will succeed in whatever road he chooses to travel down.

"Steam 'n' Demons"

Steam 'n' Demons

Freshman Cruise

"The Old Grey Ghost's last summer in Castine."

Alex in the philosopher's closet thinking

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Looking back on the past four years, it seems like four days. Just a few of many good times:
- Taking a shortcut over Bermuda’s golf course on mopeds. - Freshman cruise
- Noah and I watch Mike and George star gaze at the flag pole.
- In Vera Cruz, Mexico, wishing we were not! - Junior cruise
- The boys from Virginia working on the Tanner get a letter of commendation! “Not Bad.”

Good luck to every graduate. I hope you all achieve your dreams, so set them high. Don’t settle for second best. When you give the best you have, you’ll get the best you deserve, and you’ll never be disappointed.

My motto: when you are honest with yourself, others will see it in you. Honor is the only thing you have that no one can take from you, so protect it with all you have because only you can give it away.

Thanks Mom, Dad, Mark, Melissa, Sally, Sam, Michael, and especially my friend Tim.

I would like to thank my family for all the support they have given me over the past years: my mother Linda, my sister Janel, and my late father Donald who is sorely missed. A very special thanks to Christina, my best friend and the woman I love - you have been instrumental in my success. “Second star to the right, and on till morning.”

'87 to '97, the best four years of my life. What a long strange trip it’s been.
I want to thank Mum, Dad, my family and pooh for always being there, and supporting my decisions. College was fun, I've made some life-long friends, learned about the sea, and have had some interesting times. Remember to hang on to your dreams and live for today.

To all my friends: This is not the end, instead it is the beginning. The last four years have merely been a stepping stone of which we have stumped. As we begin our new lives, we do so knowing we are not alone. Because wherever we may roam, we will never replace the events that have made us best friends.

Mom & Dad, thank you for your love and support. Without your thoughtful guidance I may not have built my foundation. I love you both.

Derek, Bethany & Kim, words cannot express my love and appreciation for each of you.

Thanks to my parents for all the support they've given me.

Good luck to all my friends and classmates.
Patrick L. Nolan
Canal Zone, Republic of Panama
Major: Nautical Science
Activities: Propeller Club, Yacht Club

"Thank you Mom, Dad & Oma - It wouldn't have been possible without you. Also, my brother, sisters and friends."

Love,
Patrick
Thanks-Pepsi & Jack

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Jenny, thanks for a great year.

"The sea folds away from you like a mystery. You can look and look at it and the mystery never leaves it."
-Sandburg

Mom & Dad: Thanks for everything you've done for me over the years. I've really appreciated it. I love you!

Joe: Good luck in all you do, but just remember what I always tell you... college isn't as easy as you think!

Rusty: We've had our share of ups and downs but we've had some great times too. It's been a great two years, and I'm looking forward to more of the same. I love you!

Kate & Agatha: If it wasn't for you guys, I don't know what I would have done. Thanks for always being there, you're the best! Good luck in the future and don't ever lost touch!

Steve J. Obrin III
Topsham, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Activities: Softball

"The Great White Fishermen"

Janine Renee Palmer
South Portland, ME
Major: Marina Management

"I'm trying to tell you something about my life. Maybe give me insight between black and white. The best thing you've ever done for me is to help me take life less seriously; it's only life after all.

-I. Girls

Thanks so much to my family for their support, both emotionally and financially. Gratitude to Kelley & Kate, Johnny B, D. Speak, my poor VW for at least being able to make the trip 85% of the time, and hopefully the English Pubs serve me just as well as the "Reef" did.

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-Mom & Dad

Junior Section 53
Doug Peters
Winslow, ME
Major: Power Engineering Technology
Activities: Football, Basketball

Kate L. Pickle
Wayne, ME
Major: Ocean Studies
Activities: R.A., Scuba Club, Ocean Science Club, Girl Scouts

Michael Pilcher
Searsport, ME
Major: Power Engineering Technology
Activities: Cruise '95, AFE, Two and a half years in the Regiment

Mike Polky
Fayette, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Technology
Activities: Platoon Leader, Class Treasurer

54 Senior Section

The Ring Dance was a blast. It was a great chance for the class to hang out together and have fun.

"Keep a bottle handy so that you can send a letter in the event that you are ever surrounded by water!"
-Winnie The Pooh

From L to R: Seniors Bryan Grant, Doug Peters, and Jeremy Niles pose for a photo after another MMA victory.

A million thanks to Mom and Dad for their support and encouragement. A billion thanks and all my love to my wife Tina for her love, support, encouragement, and most of all her patience. We can finally start our life together. I love you.

I want to thank my whole family for all their support, especially Mom and Dad. Thanks for everything.

"Assabba, Ssabba, Ssabba. Where's my money?"
Allan Quintal
Gardiner, ME
Major: Ocean Studies

"The green machine!"

"Hide the hickies for the picture Al-dog!"

"Marc...Who's better than you?"

"Too much fun at the winter formal!"

Joel J. Rancourt
Benton, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Cadet Electrician

"There were some things in Ireland where pint glasses weren't required."
Good Luck Friends!

Wayne Rolland
Bangor, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Regimental Commander

"Wanna race?"

"Casino Night, Cruise '96"
"The Homes"

Joseph J. Santy
Salem, N.H.
Major: Ocean Studies
Activities: Alpha Phi Omega, Ocean Science Club, Ham Radio Club, Scuba Club, Paintball

My time here is almost over, how quickly it has passed. My friends have come and gone but the memories we have shared will never be forgotten. I am also grateful to those at home that have stood beside me and helped me on my way. So I would like to take a moment's time to thank these special people:

Father, Mother, Lindsay, Scott, family, friends and all the brothers of Alpha Phi :)

Sand Beach, Acadia '94
"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

-Lou Holtz

Thank you for your patience, support and love Michelle, Mom and Dad.

James P. Saunders
Cundy's Harbor, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Technology
Rates: Cadet 1st Assistant Engineer
Activities: Sailing Team 1,2, Offshore Racing Team; A.P.E. (Vice President 4, Treasurer 3)

Laura Jean Sharpe
Brooklyn, CT
Major: Ocean Studies
Activities: Alpha Phi Omega, Yearbook, Ocean Science Club

"Thanks" to my family for all their support and guidance, who have never stopped believing in me! I love you.

"Thanks" to my friends for all the good times I'll never forget and for standing by my side and holding my hand through the bad times I'd like to forget. Thanks for always being there for me, know that I will always be there for you! We finally made it! Here's to the great memories and the making of new ones. And above all else, always remember there isn't anything that good friends, good laughs, good music and "chocolate" cannot fix.

Thank you, Mom, for all the love and support.

Michael Shaw
Unity, ME
Major: Power Engineering Technology
Activities: Basketball '95-'96

Homecoming '96

Greg Shelton
Southwest Harbor, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Regimental Master At Arms

Senior Section 59
"Instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers, why not gather your own bouquet."

Thank you so much, everyone, for being there for me through it all.

Well, my stay here at Maine Maritime Academy has definitely been unique. Especially considering the fact that I grew up in Littleton, Colorado. Until four years ago, I never thought I would be going to school on the East Coast, and I definitely didn't think I would be making a living at sea. What can I say; life is full of surprises. To all those in the class of 1997, my friends, and the people I never met, I wish you all a very successful, prosperous career and a very healthy and happy life.

Thank you very much to my family and friends who supported me during this endeavor.

Ode to the homeland. After this, it's back to Colorado.

Jeffrey W. Strout
Augusta, ME

Major: Power Engineering Technology
Activities: Rugby 1,2,3 (Captain 2,3); Vice President 2; President 3; Vice President Student Government 4

Thanks to all my family and friends for sharing this roller coaster ride we call college.

“I consider you guys my family. Please keep in touch after leaving MMA, have all made my stay here much more colorful and more meaningful.”

Aaron Vachon
Bath, ME

Major: Power Engineering Technology
Activities: Intramurals
Marc Wakeman
Milford, CT
Major: Ocean Studies
Activities: Intramural Softball, Intramural Football

Wow, what a trip! To my friends, you know who you are, thanks for being there. You made Castine that much better. To my parents and family for their support, thanks. Good luck to the Wharf Rats next year!

"Al-Dog"

David J. Walker
Bucksport, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Charlie Company Executive Officer, Platoon Leader, Squad Leader

"The Crew"

A big thanks to all of you who inspired me to push to the finish. Mom and Fred for sparking my fire. Jen and Judy for their votes of confidence, and Capt. Mike for his professionalism of which I was able to see day after day.

"Long live the snake...man."

Julius Walker
Liberia
Major: Marine Systems Engineering

"A small fish in a big pond."
Bermuda, June '94

There are a lot of people I appreciate for helping me get to where I am and graduate; so many that there's not enough space to list them all. However, I would like to thank my parents, my grandmother, David, and Sarah for consistently offering support and advice when I needed it. And to all my friends here that helped me along the way like Marc, Laurinda, Laura, El, Al, Kelley and Jack: Thanks, best wishes, and good luck.

Jeremy Weirich
Castine, ME
Major: Ocean Studies
Activities: Student Trustee, APO, Ocean Science Club, Student Government, Bagaduce Ambulance Corp, Swimming Club

"Where Am I? Who is that?"

Al-Dog"

"The Crew"

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I would like to take this time to just say thanks to the people who’ve stood by me the last few years. Mom and Dad, you’re the best. I couldn’t have done it without you. Steph, stay with it. It’s all worth it in the long run. I love you all. Thanks to the engineering department, Coach, and anyone who bought me a beer. It’s been a blast, see you on the seven seas.

Thanks to my family and friends who kept me going those last four years. And a special thanks to Laura for making Castine more than bearable.

Hey Pat and Dan, “I thought you said bone!” Ninety-eight days and a wake up.

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Paul B. Nelson
Monroe, WA
Major: Marine Engineering Technology
Rates: Regimental Band Master
Activities: APO, Fire Brigade, E-Squad, Ambulance Corp, Drama Club, Band

Eric M. Treadwell
Stillwater, ME
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Bravo Company Adjutant
Activities: Ice Hockey Club

Christopher P. Ryan
Santa Ana, CA
Major: Marine Engineering Technology
Rates: Ships Storekeeper
Activities: APO

Jason Underhill
Miller Place, N.Y.
Major: Marine Engineering Operations
Rates: Second Engineer
Activities: Ice Hockey Club
Yo. Thanks to my friends for the good times and a special thanks to my Mom, Dave and my sisters.

Terry J. Sullivan
Portsmouth, N.H.
Major: Nautical Science
Rates: Charlie Company Maintenance Officer

Trevor S. Boutaugh
Power Engineering Technology

Gary Chase
Power Engineering Technology

Michael L. Dow
Nautical Science

Craig A. Dube
Power Engineering Technology

Scott S. Folnsbee
Power Engineering Technology

Keith M. Garland
Power Engineering Technology

James C. George
Power Engineering Technology

Daniel M. Gorgone
Nautical Science

Michael D. Heath
Marine Engineering Operations

Trevor S. Boutaugh
Power Engineering Technology

Jeffrey R. Carter
Marine Engineering Technology

Michael D. Heath
Nautical Science
Congratulations graduates!

Seniors Not Pictured

Geoffrey Anderson
John Beaudoin Jr.
Michael Blunt
Wade Brazier
Joshua Brown
Stephen Brown
Mark Caron
Ethan Coit
Jeffrey Daigreault
Scott Daniell
Billy Griffith
Shawn Houghton
Daniel Howard
Shawn Howard
Kris Jensen
Darrell King
Kory Kozar

Peter Levesque
Heather Madrak
Regina McCarthy
William McDonald
Jerry McKenney
Michael Miller
James Morse Jr.
Chad Mosher
Ryan Owens
Dennis Seymour
William Stevenson
Melissa Terry
Redha Wahidi
Jesse Willard
David Wilson
Scott Winning
It's wonderful to realize a dream... knowing that the little girl who once filled your life with joy and your heart with love has grown into a special woman who still makes you feel that you're a very important part of her life...

I Love You Always Mom!

To Kelley

The Future is yours

The Molyka Family

CONGRATULATIONS
KELLEY

You made it - You smell!!
Love Ya, Your #1 Sister

Todd, you've always been on top of things.
We're all so very proud of you; your future is bright!
Love always--Mom, Dad, Chris, Amy, & Eric, too.

Snuf thinks so too!

Eric is forever with you.

Jason Aucoelho -
Suiting up for the future!
Dear Peter -
You've come a long way, but the best is yet to come!
Congratulations and love from your family.

Patrick,
WE LOVE YOU LOTS!
Twenty years
from now you will be
more disappointed by
the things you didn't do
than by the things you
did.
ABOVE ALL: Strive for
Happiness.
Mom & Dad

Dear Scott,
We want you to
know how proud we
are of you and how
much we love you.
Thanks for being
you, Scooter!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Derek -
This is only the
beginning of your
life. You've made
us all very proud!
We love you very
much!
Mom, Dad & Steff

From plastic boats to cruise ships—you made it!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Dece

Pip's 21st Birthday. What a day!!!
Pip: "Motivation is the key to success." Remember the
family-camp—the big rock-camp fires; West branch fishing
trip; ice fishing with the Greenville suckies; the hunting
trips (see a gun, not a calf); the attack of the Jack-O-Lope
booby; the Wall Street Journal deer; Yankee Stadium (4-0);
Mom's cooking; getting enough rest; the family; golf;
BMA; the blue truck with the musical horn; the man in
our glass; King-Sterrett-Spencer stream fly fishing; laugh
often; the family; your work is your bond. "You never get
a second chance to make a first impression." The family:
Tina, Nikki, Jill, Geoff, Shelby, Bailey, Mom, and Dad

That away to go,
Jim Morse Jr.

To Steve -
Congratulations
on your accomplish-
ings! We're proud of
you!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Andy and Jenny

CONGRATULATIONS
"SMEGS"

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Jim Morse Jr.

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you!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Andy and Jenny

That away to go,
Jim Morse Jr.
Dear Lisa,
It has been a joy watching you grow up. You've become such a wonderful woman! We're so proud of you, honey. You're the best! All our love, Mom, Dad & Joey
XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO

Mike,
New doors/hatchways and many adventures are waiting for you to open as you graduate from MMA. Know that we are very proud and happy to be sharing in this exciting time. As you move on to new adventures, you go with all our love and best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Rewarding future. Anchors Away!
Mom, Dad, Mark & Michelle

Eric,
Congratulations on your four years of achievements at the Academy. We all wish you the greatest success in whatever you do.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Grandparents

You have come a long way. Congratulations and best of luck in all you do.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Krys

Jeff,
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments through your childhood, the Marine Corps and now MMA - WELL DONE! Congratulations. Love, Mom & Dad

"Hef-a-lumps" - We are very proud of you for keeping MMA in the family. Love, Donna & Ross

Great job, well done Heffrey. Love, Marion & Alton

Congratulations! Best wishes always! Full speed ahead! Love, Melba, Katie, Courtney, Keith & Austin

Way to go, Jeff! Always remember that where you go and whatever you do the "Clan Van" will be there - with food for all - to celebrate the occasion. Keep it high and tight, Desert Stormer! Love, Holly, Brian, Scott & Annie

Congratulations, Jeff - Welcome to the wonderful world of reality! Brian

Congratulations on completing the five year course at Maine Maritime. We are very proud of you and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. Love, Mom and Dad
Jason -
Job well done!
We're very
proud of you.
All our love,
Mom, Dave,
Jen & Rebecca

Sensational
Excellent
Awesome
Noteworthy

Just Do It!

Chris -
You’ve come
a long way!
Love,
Mom and
Curt

R.A.’s,
Thank you for all your
help as Resident Assistants!

Justin, Jeff, Billy, Rob,
Ellen & Kate--Good luck
in your future, and
please send an allow-
ance!

Memories--super nachos,
go-cart racing (I am still
the king!), and dinners at
the Olive Garden.

Jamie Marcus, Resident Director
with Jim Sheridan, Associate Di-
rector of Student Services

Congratulations,
Graduates!

R.A.'s,
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Special Events

Along with studying and
sleeping comes that time in our
college life which we remember
forever as a Special Event. The
time, the place, and the people all
combine to make the event stand
out in our minds as a special
memory. Here at MMA a few
such times stand out; these times
are in fact traditions that almost
every graduate can say they have
participated in. From Cruise to
Homecoming to Ring Dance, the
memories are made. Other
events, including Family Week-
end, Halloween, the Winter For-
mal, and Intramural Softball also
stick out in our minds. Whatever
the occasion, though, the memo-
ries were made and the event will
always be special to us.

Top: Repelling off Payson for Indoc ‘96.
Middle: Kirk Nadeau and date at
Ring Dance ‘96.
Bottom: Light boat racing in Castine
Harbor; Family Weekend ‘96.
Ring Dance 1996 marked a milestone for the Class of 1997: the dance was held off-campus at the Bangor Motor Inn's Banquet and Conference Center. “Luxury Liner” was the theme, and the decorations, food, and music combined to create a decidedly “luxurious” atmosphere. Professor Mike Young was the keynote speaker, but was overshadowed by Derek Hooper’s moving toast to the Class of 1997. The traditional Ring Ceremony marked the beginning of an evening filled with music, dancing, and good cheer. At the end of the dance, members of the Class of 1997 and their guests stayed at the Hampton Inn or the Bangor Motor Inn. It was the crowning touch to a memory-filled celebration dedicated to the Class of 1997.

Ellen Conner
Class of 1997
Ring Dance

Top Left: Adam, Andy and Greg taking a break from dancing.
Middle Left: Were those ribbons earned or borrowed, James George?
Bottom Left: John Gagne sweeping his date off her feet.
Top Right: Why are Adam and his date smiling?
Middle Right: Todd & Scott, best of buds.
Bottom Right: Another group hamming it up for the camera.

Top Left: Regimental Commander Wayne Rolland & one of his many fans.
Middle Left: James & Natalie sharing a private moment.
Bottom Left: Jeb, robbing the cradle again?
Top Right: Adam Chause, the man with all the right moves.
Bottom Right: Class President Kirk Nadeau and his date during the Ring Ceremony.
With an unfamiliar ship, we set forth on our second and final Cruise. We quickly repaired the ship so that everybody would understand that MAINE Maritime Academy was aboard, and set sail for the ports of New Orleans, U.S. Virgin Islands, Savannah GA, Veracruz Mexico and Halifax Nova Scotia. The weather was nice in New Orleans, as was our docking location: in front of the Riverwalk Mall complex near The House of Blues, The Flamingo Casino Boat, the alligator and swamp tours, and of course BOURBON ST!

From there we made a blistering pace down the Mississippi and into the Gulf. We took our time getting to the Virgin Islands, where a quick two-day swim call was enjoyed by all. Tension and stress were relieved by time on the beach, as well as diving and snorkeling trips set up by Prof. Hahkendz. From then we headed north to Savannah, the home of the sailing venue for the summer Olympics. Time was spent visiting malls and gift shops looking for that little something to bring home; however, money had to be saved for “other expenditures!” Veracruz was our next destination, where the motto, “Don't drink the water” was overlooked by many. Toilet paper expenditures increased tremendously. A city of history, Veracruz was home to many ancient ruins and pyramids. It was also home to many good deals for the frugal spenders. From there we headed across the familiar waters of the North Atlantic where we prepared for operation Blue Peter (a boarding exercise), which unfortunately was a flop. We met up with many sailors who participated in the exercise in Halifax, where we learned it was best to go out into town with our professors. Then it was back into the Atlantic for a few test runs for the Patriot State, and finally back to Carbone for the last three days of cruise. ”The ship was unloaded, and so ended Cruise '96.

Wayne Rolland
Regimental Commander 1996

Top Left: Adam Chasse, the babe magnet.
Middle Left: Justin & Wayne, up to their necks in...
Bottom Left: Tough question, Ethan, or has Peggy left you dumbfounded?
Top Right: Enjoying the warm, sunny weather aboard the IVY Patriot State.
Cruise '96

Top Left: Tim Vaznis finally doing work on cruise.
Middle Left: John Gagne and Pete Behling enjoying the sunset.
Bottom Left: Veracruz, Mexico.
Top Right: Eric Clark in disguise.
Bottom Right: An official greeter in New Orleans.

Top Left: What's in the bottles, boys?
Middle Left: Greg & Pat, after the battle.
Bottom Left: Adam, Jen, Fletch, Justin, Dan, & Wayne.
Top Right: Jeff Carter, the original studmuffin.
Bottom Right: The fourth rule of tankers: you pay for your own entertainment.
Cruise 96

Top Left: Pete, Jim and Todd: navigators for hire.
Middle Left: Wayne & Justin (again).
Bottom Left: Soaking up the sun in the Virgin Islands.
Top Right: Rizzetello and his pet.
Middle Right: John Bain: the man, the myth, the legend.
Bottom Right: Adam, Todd, Pete, and the guest officers.

Top Left: APO guys donate time to the children at the orphanage.
Middle Left: Todd takes precautions while painting.
Bottom Left: Yo Yo Yo Boys!!!
Top Right: Isn't that one of the bridges in the Indiana Jones movies?
Bottom Right: The "Tool Man" himself.
Homecoming 1996 was highlighted by the dedication of the three-inch, 50-caliber gun as a memorial to departed shipmates. A ceremony was held on the lawn in front of the Student Center and attended by the Regiment of Midshipmen, as well as many MMA Alumni. Speakers included Rear Adm. Warren C. Hamm, Jr. ’49, President Len Tyler, Capt. Vince Corry and Navy Chaplain Paul Roma.

Recognition of MMA alumni kicked off the afternoon Homecoming festivities. The recipients of the Maine Maritime Alumni Association scholarships were also announced. The Mariners took on the Massachusetts Maritime Buccaneers in a battle for the Admiral's Cup. Maine Maritime was victorious with a 14-6 win over the Buccaneers.

Ellen Conner
Class of 1997
Top Left: The original Ocean Studies class of 1997.
Middle Left: Kelley and Janine masquerade at the Halloween dance.
Bottom Left: Scaling the wall at Indoc.
Top Right: Katie and Ando at the Winter Formal.
Middle Right: The Wharf Rats of Intramural Softball.
Bottom Right: March-on during Family Weekend.

Top Left: The Village People?
Middle Left: Donna receives an award at the Ocean Studies Banquet.
Bottom Left: Jeremy and Laurinda at the Winter Formal.
Top Right: Air Volleyball at the Welcome Back Festival.
Bottom Right: Is that really Kelley?
Other Events

Top Left: Rustic Overtones at the Welcome Back Festival.
Middle Left: Laura Bean receives an award for highest GPA in her class at the Ocean Studies Banquet.
Bottom Left: Enjoying the dinner at the Winter Formal.
Top Right: Cliff working on the masterpiece.
Middle Right: The Smokies and the Aleiches.
Bottom Right: The Marine Silent Drill Team visits during Family Weekend.

Top Left: Jack, May, Ellen, Laura, Jeremy, Laurinda, Jeff, and Allan in their Halloween get-ups.
Middle Left: Andy hard at work.
Bottom Left: Rob and Tammy at Winter Formal.
Top Right: Jared and Pat guard the mail boxes.
Bottom Right: The “Three Musketeers”.
Clubs at MMA provide the student body an outlet from the normal routine. Clubs travel as far away as Vermont, and stay as close as Dyce's Head. Clubs bring the students together socially and professionally through a high level of interaction with each other and with organizations from other schools. Clubs are another way a student here at the Academy can get valuable leadership and social skills.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers

The student chapters of SNAME and ASME give students the opportunity to make connections with businesses, as well as to increase awareness of new technology through field trips and presentations.

American Institute of Plant Engineers

The American Institute of Plant Engineers was founded in 1954 as an international, professional organization dedicated to the advancement of industrial, commercial and institutional facilities. AIPE is devoted to keeping members informed on new technology, industry trends, innovations, and legislation. The student chapter is closely affiliated with the Acadia Chapter in Bangor.
Student Government

The Student Government represents the student body in dealings with the administration, and has direct responsibility and strong influence in a broader spectrum than most students realize. Some achievements for 1996 included sponsoring the first Welcome Back/Fall Festival, helping to rectify student dorm damage fee inequities, sponsoring the first Children's Christmas Fair, and helping to raise funds for children with serious illnesses.

Drill Team/Honor Guard

The Drill Team/Honor Guard is comprised of dedicated midshipmen who work long hours to perform at special events throughout the state, to include legislative functions, community parades and funeral services for alumni and dignitaries.

Drama Club

The drama club, a.k.a. The Poseidon Players, produced two one-act plays last fall—Alice in Wonderland and Tartuffe. Upcoming one-act plays for the spring include Not Enough Rope and The Valiant.

Golf Club

The MMA Golf Team competed this year in the Husson Invitational, the Bowdoin Invitational, the Maine Intercollegiate, the Southern Maine Invitational, and hosted our third MMA Invitational in Castine.

MMA has competed on courses throughout the state, such as Gorham Country Club, Riverside, Natanis, Brunswick, Hermon Meadows, the Samoset Golf Club and Wilson Lake Country Club.
Fire Brigade


The Fire Brigade consists of Maine Maritime Academy students, whose primary function is to assist in evacuating the dormitory in case of an alarm.

Trick's End Yearbook

The yearbook staff put in a lot of time and effort to produce a book worthy of the traditions of MMA, and they have done an outstanding job. Special mention goes to Lisa Ouellette, who put together a fantastic book with virtually no prior experience. Also, kudos to Agatha Davis, who worked side by side with Lisa, which was a much appreciated contribution. Thanks to all the staff and students who gave up their time to assist in producing this great yearbook! The Advisor

Castine Volunteer Fire Department

This marks the 201st year of the Castine Fire Department. I've spent the last five years here in Castine as a member, and the same question comes to mind, "What if volunteers didn't volunteer?" There has been many changes in the Department, both with apparatus and with operating procedures. All these changes make the lives of those that work for the community safer. Students from MMA that volunteer learn not only firefighting techniques, but leadership as well. It is these skills that they will display in the work force, and will bring a good name to all Maine Maritime graduates. Remember...It takes a special person to run into a burning building that everyone else is running out of.

Alpha Phi Omega

APO is a nationally recognized co-ed fraternity affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, with more than 300 chapters and 5,000 brothers. The Phi Epsilon chapter at MMA is made up of 35 active brothers who take part in activities such as the Girl Scout Sail Away weekend, the Boy Scout Klondike weekend, and numerous blood drives throughout the year. The Brothers at MMA contribute more than 1,000 hours of service to the world, nation, Academy, and community throughout the year, through cruise projects, community projects, and assisting other chapters throughout our region.
Propeller Club

President: Alex Lomvardias

The propeller club is a national organization of people interested in marine affairs, to include lobbying for issues. The student port in Castine is active, and falls under the jurisdiction of the Bucksport/Searsport port (a.k.a. propeller club). During this year, the students attended monthly meetings in Belfast.

Residential Assistants

Director of Residential Life: Jim Sheridan
Residential Director: Jamie Marcus

The Residential Assistants are a primary group in the peer level management of the residence hall. They provide many services to residents, to include administrative support, basic peer counseling, liaison with administrators, being an information source, rules education and enforcement, response in emergencies, and special programming experiences. Programs include educational experiences such as the women’s forum, and tours of places of historic interest. They have also sponsored recreational trips to go skiing, whitewater rafting, and hiking, and cultural/humanities trips to the Maine Center for the Arts.

Band

First Class: Brown, Dow, Hooper, Niznik
Second Class: Briganti, Franssen, Morse-Ellington
Third Class: Leduc, Riedinger, Schieferstein
Fourth Class: Arendarzcyk, Britton, Brown, Carter, Hall, Halloran, Wolf, Zichichi

An elite group of regimental musicians who perform at community parades throughout the state, and at special functions as requested, such as at the Augusta State House. They also perform at morning quarters during the academic year, and at selected ports while on cruise.

Hockey Club

MMA Ice Hockey is off to a great start again this year. This club continues to grow and grow in popularity. The team has a regular complement of 15-21 players for every home game. They do quite well in the league against other schools like Colby, Unity, Farmington, Thomas, and CMTC. The FANS! have been great supporters this year, showing up at every home game and several of the LATE LATE night away games!! Some of the leading players include seniors Chris Lillenthal (Capt.), Noah Minor, Wayne Rolland, and Peter Desmond. With a firm foundation of underclassmen and a great new club advisor (Prof. Ellis), this club is going to be a force to reckon with in the not so distant future!
Yacht Club

Commodore: Todd Cooper
Treasurer: James McGregor
Secretary: Cristina Dyke
Asst. Secretary: Ian Unger
Advisor: Phil Harman

The 1996 Yacht Club season was successful. Despite rain and high winds, the four weekend cruises were all a success. Some of our destinations this year included Camden, Islesboro, Mount Desert Island, and Rockland. Our 5th annual lobster bake was held in Stonington. On weekdays, club members worked on the boats and fine-tuned their sailing skills. The final activity of the year was the banquet at the Manor. The new officers were elected, and awards were given to the following people: Jon O'Rourke–Ripped Sail Award; Pat Nolan–Golden Rock Award; Matt Byer–Stuck in the Mud Award, and George Morris–The Seasickness Kit. The club would like to especially thank Phil Harman for his time and help in making the club a success.

Outing Club

The Outing Club is an umbrella group for outdoor activities. During the fall, they had mountain biking, rock climbing, backpacking and skiing excursions, in addition to performing volunteer trail maintenance in Witherlee Woods. Upcoming trips include winter camping at Tuckerman’s Ravine, and skiing at Sugarloaf.

Student Resource Group

The focus of the student resource group is to provide resource information in areas of health and welfare.

This group was responsible for bringing the Aids Quilt to our campus in the spring of 1996, plus they sponsor the annual MMA Polar Bear Swim.

Emergency Squad

The emergency squad is a group of highly trained and motivated midshipmen in the areas of fire prevention, extracting personnel from confined spaces, and ship medevac procedures. These midshipmen are the rescuers and firemen on the Academy’s training ship during its annual cruise each year.
Varsity Athletics

Once again, the 1996-97 season proved to be an outstanding year for MMA athletics. Fan support was exceptional for all the sporting events here in Castine, and even away. Many alumni and current students were supporting our athletes until the final whistle. Competition is what drives our student athlete to achieve higher and higher goals. Often times our student athletes not only achieve on the playing field or court, but cross over their unique talents and expertise into the classroom, the Regiment, and even Student Government. Congratulations to all our student athletes!!
1996 marks the eighth year in a row the Mariners have not experienced a losing season. The senior class of captains Neil Bolduc (Biddeford, ME) and Steve Brown (Millinocket, ME) along with Tim Clark (Bangor, ME), Erik Cote (Scarborough, ME), Jerry McKeeney (Holden, ME), Steve Moore (Pellham, ME), Jeremy Niles (Bangor, ME), Doug Peters (Winslow, ME), Dennis Seymour (Lancaster, ME), and Ben Ward (Clifton, ME) have finished their careers with 28 wins against only 10 losses.

Once again the Mariners dominated the New England Football Conference All-Star team. No less than seven players were named first team. Additional honours went to Doug Peters, winning the prestigious “Hal Chalmers Award” as top student-athlete in the conference. A four-year starter as receiver, Doug had 69 receptions for 1,213 yards and 11 TD’s. He combined those stats with a 3.284 GPA in power engineering.

For the second year in a row, Tim Clark was named first team center. Ben Ward was selected as guard, and freshman Rob Hill was named first team tackle. Freshman tailback Steve Tardif continued the Maine Maritime tradition at that position, being named “ Offensive Rookie of the Year,” along with winning the NEFC rushing title and being named 1st team all-star. Defensively, Steve Brown was selected first team defensive tackle. Linebacker Erik Cote was honored as linebacker and Neil Bolduc was tabbed as first team defensive back.
The 1996 Mariner's returned nine starters from the 1995 squad. From the first exhibition match, the team was plagued with injuries. Goalkeeper Mark Thibodeau and the team's leading goal scorer Shawn Weed were forced to exchange positions because of injuries. Starting Stopper Eric Olson missed the '96 campaign with a knee injury. The Mariners had to reload for a demanding schedule with an inexperienced and young squad that was determined to play tough Maine Maritime soccer. The season saw the young team push their competition to a school record with eight overtime matches. Captain Jamie Leveille anchored the defense, with senior James Cunningham controlling the midfield play. Freshman Farhan Zbairan was the team's leading goal scorer, scoring 6 goals and 6 assists for 18 points.

The end of the season saw the Mariners starting six first time starters and posting a deceiving 6-11-3 record. High points of the season was a "come from behind" overtime win over Mass Maritime (3-2) and a 1-1 tie with NAIA power Husson College.
Men's Cross Country

As with all teams, a good team is the reflection of the coaches and captains. Coach Mark A. Cote, Assistant Coach Kory Kozar, and Co-Captains Antonino Blandino and Derek Yates led the team during the season in the last five years. The team placed second in the Dirigo League and had two runners place in the individual Dirigo League—Jason Grabelle, third place, and Antonino Blandino, seventh place. The Dirigo League consists of Unity College, UNE, St. Joe's College, UMPI, and MMA. There was stiff competition within the league: the Mariners won the UMPI race by a slim but effective margin, and received many second places throughout the season. Despite all the injuries, the Mariners did very well. Jason Grabelle earned the MVP award for the season. Also, an honorable mention to Antonino Blandino, Al Moore, and Derek Yates for giving up time during their senior year to support the team. In addition, praise should be given to all the team for their dedication to the sport during practices and meets which were cold, windy, muddy, and/or rainy.

Team Members:
Antonino Blandino
Allan Moore
Derek Yates
Robert Briganti
Jason Grabelle
Craig Myster
Joel Parker
Josh Parker
Scott Tracy
Yannic Bernier
Josh Fields

Women's Cross Country

As Maine Maritime's first varsity sport for females, the women's cross country team had its share of challenges and memorable moments. With Coach Mark Cote inspiring us, we took our individual levels of experience and set personal goals. Then, in our series of six meets, we formed a strong team, encouraging each other along the way. Though plagued by injuries at times, the team still achieved its goal of going to the NCAA regionals. While we never had a first place finish, each team member always gave at least 100%. Now that we've established a name for ourselves, we look forward to becoming stronger in the future.

Team Members:
Lisa Ouellette
Amy Mercier
Jen Brokaw
Jody Katelein
Robin Merrill
Abby Raetz
Jessica Tebbetts
Vanessa Pinkham
Lindsay Smith
Although team captain JP Bilodeau (with crew Karl Picard) continued to lead the team on the course, Maine Maritime is developing a deep team of quality sailors that challenge him every race. This year’s team mastered sail trim, dramatically improving their speed. While JP and freshman Jay Stewart (with crew Sal Zichichi) were competing against New England’s top sailors in major regattas, John Des Santos (with crew Mark Beatty), Ryan Raber (with crew Carrie Beatty), Ryan Raber (with crew Michelle Lagree), Mike Patterson (with crew Matt Brown), and 420 Team Captain Nick Brower (with crew Rachel Brewer) served notice in the True North Series and other trophy regattas that this team will be difficult to beat in the future. An emerging Women’s Sailing Team saw Kelley Motyka (with crew Rani Nathaniel) and Meg Noonan (with crew Erin Leathers) gaining experience skippering against some of the best sailors in New England.

The dedication and hard work to improve their skills continued into the winter off-season. With their attitude and willingness to participate in all optional team activities, the team will continue to climb in the New England sailing standings.

Many individuals volunteered extra time and effort to prepare our fleet. Nick Brower, Mark Beatty, Mike Patterson, Ryan Raber and a host of others often turned up un-invited at the boat house to repair boats. The future looks bright, with the team losing only Kelley to graduation and JP to the end of his college eligibility.
Men’s Basketball

Mariner Basketball Roster 1996-1997

No. Name CL Pos.
11 Seth Danner so G
23 Jack Kelly JR G
24 Chris Beeler JR F
25 Ken Buttery FR G
31 Brian McArthur FR F
32 Jim Lannon SR F
33 Doug Peters SR F
40 Matt Ketchen FR G
42 Nolan Brady FR F
44 Matt McNealy FR F
50 Jim Morse SR C
55 Eric Otenti FR C

Captains: Doug Peters ‘97, Jim Morse ‘97, Jim Lannon ‘97

Head Coach: Chris Murphy
Athletic Director: Bill Mottola
Athletic Trainer: Jon Floyd
Statistician: Mike Flanagan
Videotape: Everett Creighton

Led by senior tri-captains Doug Peters, Jim Morse, and Jim Lannon, the Maine Maritime Academy men’s basketball team enjoyed its best season in many years. With a good mix of experienced upperclassmen and talented freshmen, the Mariners have become a team to be taken seriously in New England NCAA Division III basketball.

Women’s Basketball

Mariner Basketball Roster 1996-1997

No. Name CL Pos.
12 Ashley Tardif SO G
20 Rashida Harper SO G
23 Jessica Tebbetts JR G
30 Jody Katrein SO G
32 Vanessa LeBlond FR G/F
33 Lindsay Smith FR G
40 Linda Pivarnik JR F
44 Robin Merrill SO F/G

Co-Captains: Robin Merrill and Jessica Tebbetts

Head Coach: Deidra Davis
Assistant Coach: Brian Huggins
Athletic Director: Bill Mottola
Athletic Trainer: Jon Floyd
Statisticians: Peter Tetrav and Jeff Wright

The lady Mariner’s basketball team was back this year, only this time to compete as a NCAA varsity sport. With only three returning players and two freshman recruits, three new girls stepped up to the challenge. Each gave their all at every practice and every game. Even those with injuries fought hard to return and help the team. There was frustration at times, but game after game, the Lady Mariners looked forward to a win. As unsuccessfully as the season may have seemed, many said it as very successful. Success isn’t necessarily winning every game. It is winning and playing as a team. We did just that as MMA’s first women’s varsity basketball team.

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**Head Coach:** David Gardiner  
**Assistant Coach:** Jeff Roberts  
**Manager/Stats.:** Robin Merrill  
**Film:** Jesse Philbrook
On behalf of all students, the yearbook staff would like to express heartfelt appreciation to the businesses and organizations that supported this edition of the Maine Maritime Academy Trick's End Yearbook.

This book was put together with a lot of hard work, long hours and a small amount of stress (!), but it still would not come to fruition without the generous contributions of the companies on the following pages.

Graduates--please remember these organizations that have made this yearbook possible, as you leave here to make your mark in life.

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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to $21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

An international treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.

King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an infected appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from previously undetected serious ailments.

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

In the African country of Burundi are slain by a Hutu, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.

On July 17, a Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was on its way from Paris to New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The marriage spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."

A lone gunman kills 18 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by a Hutu, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.
The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents’ Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined $300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee’s unanimous investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

Days of extraordinarily heavy rains in November undermines the network of Oregon’s Interstate 5, creating a 400-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

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Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the “Unabomber,” who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski’s brother leads to the arrest.

A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards $88.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman’s parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded $21.5 million in punitive damages.

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A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

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Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.

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A 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to rework their theories.

An expedition to raise the Titanic, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

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Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

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Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his DIML cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Celita Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and the modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.

In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 9-pound girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical Evita. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical Evita.

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the first athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

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Basketball player Kobe Bryant signs the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.
Tom Cruise stars in Jerry Maguire, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" Star Wars, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

Harry Potter (center) moves to television in NBC's "ER," featuring television's first HIV-positive character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing, a movie about the Salem witch trials, is written by Arthur Miller himself.

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Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "ER," leaving the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her first episode, when Dr. Mark Greene (played by Anthony Edwards) declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.

Actor Michael Chieken publishes The Last Word, a sequel to Jeeves, the beloved novel and movie. The few book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases Emancipation, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtain from the store.

The Beatles' Anthology 3, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, Anthology 3 wills in record numbers.

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cannot control the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. During the concerts, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases Tragic Kingdom, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, Recovering the Satellites, is released in October. The big album follows the 1993 debut album, Everything Else Has Gone Before.

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV Award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.

Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.

No Doubt wins R&B Single of the Year for "Just a Girl" at the Billboard Music Awards in the fall.

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album Falling into You, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.

R.E.M.'s 12th album, New Adventures in Hi-Fi, the band's first recording since 1994's Monster, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release Bringing Down the Horse, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "5th Avenue Axxosch."
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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women’s title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Championship of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than $1 million, in addition to a $25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported $200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League playoffs. Continuing issues over the leniency of the punishment.

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

In June, the New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

In June, the Cincinnati Reds lose to the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Panthers finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.

Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.

Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A versatile player known for his clutch hitting and defense, Puckett played 18 years in the majors.

The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.

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The U.S. women’s gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left hip.

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Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women’s 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seventh-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Basketball star Shaquille O’Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O’Neal $120 million over 7 years.

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A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.

Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.

Disney's 101 Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted tops, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.