DeWayn Marzagalli readily admits he’s been a longtime movie devotee. And he’s sharing his enthusiasm with fellow OLLI students.

DeWayn’s introduction to Saturday matinee movies goes back to the late ’40s and early ’50s in the Queens borough of New York City: “There was a movie theater on nearly every corner.” His theater was Ditmars, where for 12 cents “you got 10 cartoons, a serial, two B movies and two feature movies, and a chance for a prize. I once won a Monopoly game.”

Since his father worked six days a week, DeWayn was the “designated escort” when his mother went to first-run movies at Lowe’s State and the Criterion.

DeWayn also heard wonderful music during his early years. “Mother played the piano and organ; and Vic Damone, Tony Bennett, and Sinatra were on the radio. And on Saturday there was the opera from the Met.” There were also Broadway musicals: *The Sound of Music* with Mary Martin, *Guys and Dolls*, *West Side Story*, and *Flower Drum Song*.

He entered the Naval Reserve, serving two years on active duty on the U.S.S. *Lexington*. After taking business courses at St. John’s University, he worked for New York banks while earning an English degree from Brooklyn College.

DeWayn pursued a career in government for more than 20 years, first as Inspector for the Postal Service in Portland and then as a Senior Criminal Investigator for the Department of Labor. After retiring and moving to Maine, he majored in philosophy at Boston College, graduating *summa cum laude* in 2002.

Throughout these years he built an impressive film library, one that he was to use later in his OLLI courses, and he formed opin-
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ions about the actors, actresses, film directors, and movie composers featured in films he had watched.

“Marlon Brando was the greatest ever in On the Waterfront, one of the greatest films ever made. Every word belonged. And what a cast: Lee J. Cobb, Karl Malden, Eva Marie Saint, and Rod Steiger...” His favorite was Irene Dunne (“my mother’s name was Irene Dunne”), followed by Theresa Wright in Shadow of a Doubt and Jean Arthur playing Van Heflin’s wife in Shane.

DeWayn feels Judy Garland was the most tragic actress. “She played opposite Fred Astaire in The Easter Parade, but she had become addicted to prescription drugs.” While making The Barkleys of Broadway, her problems escalated. She was dismissed after missing several shooting days and replaced by Ginger Rogers, who came out of retirement for the role.

He considers Ennio Morricone the greatest film music composer, “a brilliant composer, who dazzles in such films as The Good, the Bad and the Ugly and Once Upon a Time in America.” Morricone was featured in DeWayn’s first course, “The New Symphonies: Music of the Cinema.”

Alfred Hitchcock and John Ford are his favorite directors. “But since I’m giving a John Ford course, I have to give him precedence. After all, he’s a Portland man, and I participated in the [dedication] ceremony of his statue in Boothby Square.” However, DeWayn plans a Hitchcock course later.

Not surprisingly, growing up in an age of black and white, DeWayn saw a lot of film noir and other early classics: The Marx Brothers (a course on them is in the works), Humphrey Bogart, and Astaire and Rogers.

DeWayn’s enthusiasm led him to become an OLLI teacher. “I was urged to teach a course, so I approached OLLI. Then, while my wife and I were vacationing in Florida, I got an e-mail from Joan Aldrich asking me to offer a six-week course. Like Hitchcock, I’m an organized planner, so I had to do a lot of work to get my notes in order. But after that first time, it was relatively easy.”

Coming attractions: The Marx Brothers, Alfred Hitchcock.

—Don King

Returning to OLLI

This past spring, encouraged by the positive experience of a friend who was taking history classes, I re-joined OLLI after a long absence.

As I sat in the first class (Elizabeth Chapman’s “Origins of Creativity”), I kept thinking I was in the wrong place, that perhaps I’d inadvertently joined a class in the USM curriculum. “Where did they find this instructor,” I wondered, “and how did they ever get her to volunteer to teach?” I was delighted as the weeks went by and Elizabeth encouraged participation while keeping people on track with their comments, maintaining relevance while introducing new ways of understanding creativity. The material was challenging and complex, and I was rewarded with intellectual stimulation and many new concepts.

My earlier experience with OLLI was a little disappointing. At that time classes were only available on Fridays and were held in Payson Smith Hall. There weren’t nearly as many choices as we enjoy today, and being in the bright, modern Wishcamper facility is far more pleasant. Perhaps I chose the wrong classes; but for whatever reason, I failed to find the intellectual stimulation I’d been seeking.

This summer I took Tim Baehr’s “Practical Zen” class and found the lectures, discus-
OLLI Advisory Board

The Fall term has begun in grand style, with our largest number yet of course offerings and OLLI members in classes.

OLLI remains the best education “deal” in town, but it is no longer a best-kept secret. We keep getting discovered by new members!

I encourage you to take advantage of the other OLLI learning opportunities such as SAGE, the late afternoon Muskie/OLLI series on “Politics Then and Now...”, and the new Special Interest Groups — Wine Tasting and Bridge — as well as the many other ongoing SIGs.

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OLLI members are invited to attend Advisory Board meetings. Check with the OLLI office for date, time, and place. Please contact the Chair if you wish to address the Board.

Our New Look

With input from readers and our dedicated Newsletter Committee, we’ve changed the Newsletter’s design to make it easier to scroll through.

Many thanks to (in alphabetical order) the folks who proof, edit, contribute to, and lay out the Newsletter: Judith Harris, Laurie Jensen, Don King, Joan Kushner, Ann Landsberg, Jo Morris, Janet Stebbins, John Sutherland, and Pat Walsh.

Let us know what you would like to see in the Newsletter.

—Tim Baehr, Communications Chair

Foreign students at USM want to talk with you

You are invited to join USM undergrad English language learners in International Conversations on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Oct. 17 to Nov. 21, in Wishcamper room 133.

This is an opportunity to engage in fascinating conversations with students from, for example, Japan, Brazil, Korea, Colombia, Thailand, Congo, and Saudi Arabia.

Classroom instructors will suggest topics and offer interactive activities to keep the classroom lively. There is no charge.

Please contact Jessamyn Schmidt (jessamyn_schmidt@yahoo.com or 780-4586) to join the conversations.

— Tim Baehr, Communications Chair
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OLLI Book Sale coming up

The third annual OLLI Book Sale will take place November 8 and 9 on Friday and Saturday of the week following the end of fall classes.

The Marketing and Resource Development Committee will begin accepting your donated books on Oct. 7. Please drop them off in the second floor workroom by the OLLI office.

Books of all types (except college textbooks, please) are welcome, as well as CDs, books on tape, DVDs, and VHS tapes.

This is a great chance to recycle some books from your shelves, find new ones to read, and support the OLLI scholarship fund.

OLLI library is now a lending library

The OLLI library has always been a beautiful, quiet place for reading or studying. Now it is also a lending library!

This past summer OLLI volunteers dusted and sorted books in the current library collection and classified and shelved new donations. Now you are invited to drop in, browse, and if you find a book that interests you, check it out!

OLLI members may check out up to two books at a time and keep them for one month. There is a check-out sheet on a clipboard in the library where borrowers should record their name, phone number, book title, call number, and the date.

Books should be returned to the designated box provided at the back right-hand corner of the room. (This is true even if you’ve taken a book off the shelf to browse or read in the library.) Library volunteers will put the books back on the shelves, noting on the clipboard the date that this has been done. Volunteers will call borrowers if a book has not been returned after one month.
Announcements / Calendar / Special Events

Walking Club heads for the hills...and the beach

After successful August and September walks, members will try two familiar destinations for October.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9:** We will head to Popham Beach to see the changes in the landscape after recent storms have dramatically altered that beach.

**Tuesday, Oct 22:** We will enjoy the fall foliage from nearby Bradbury Mountain in Pownal.

Meet for carpooling at 10 a.m. in the Back Cove parking lot at the Marginal Way end across from Hannaford. Bring your lunch and water, and wear footwear appropriate for the weather.

For more information, or to join the group, Call Rae Garcelon at 846-3304.

Walking Club members enjoyed a summer outing at the Great Diamond Island home of Edith Yonan. Some 25 walkers were there.

Foreside Tavern next for OLLI Night Out

We are returning to one of our favorites in October — the Foreside Tavern in Falmouth. We will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at the Foreside. This restaurant features sandwiches and full meals... many folks recommend the sweet potato fries and the hanger steak salad.

The Foreside Tavern is on Route 1 in Falmouth. Coming from the north or the south on Rte. 295, take exit 10. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto Bucknam Road. At the light (Route 1) turn left again. Foreside is the first building on the left.

Please call or e-mail by Oct. 18 so I can let the restaurant know how many will attend.

Looking forward to another delightful evening with you all!

—Barbara Bardack
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