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President Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D.

At UNE we believe that we should educate our students for the future and that their future—whatever their vocation—will be as part of a global society. This prompted us to ask: How do we educate global citizens without adding costs in the process? How do we offer our curriculum with its lab sciences outside the U.S.? How do we offer new learning opportunities and provide a secure environment for that learning? These were the questions we struggled with and we believe we have found ways to address these concerns.

Our Global Education Program develops and promotes global education and research and fosters global citizenship by providing the opportunity for all UNE students to study abroad for a semester at no additional cost.

For example, for the cost of a semester in Maine, students can enroll in the UNE Semester in Seville, Spain (which spawned our slogan, “Spain for the price of Maine”). While in Spain, students take courses in Spanish and intercultural communication and can choose from a variety of courses in the sciences, humanities, social sciences, business, and the arts.

As an added point of practicality, and pride, UNE offers lab science courses needed by many students, enabling them to participate in this global curriculum while fulfilling their course requirements.

As you will see in this issue, UNE is building a campus in Tangier, Morocco. This new campus will be located within walking distance of downtown Tangier and the Mediterranean Sea. Again, at no additional cost, UNE students can spend a semester, or a year, on UNE’s Tangier campus and learn about various cultures and languages while taking their college courses in English.

UNE Tangier is located on the leafy campus of the American School of Tangier with easy access to the city’s major cultural activities. Spain is a mere 40 minutes away by high-speed ferry and only a short bus ride after that to our program in Seville. Students also will have access to the storied Moroccan cities of Casablanca, Fez, and Marrakesh, and to the natural wonders of the Atlas Mountains and the desert.

Morocco is a well-known crossroads of civilizations and languages. The main cultures of the Mediterranean Basin — from the Phoenicians to the Muslims to the Arabs and the Berber — have blended with European and African cultures to create a profoundly colorful and rich society famous for its world-class cuisine, legendary hospitality and beautiful architecture. A stable and mature nation, Morocco has deep ties to the U.S. — Morocco was the first country to recognize the newly formed United States in 1777.

UNE Tangier will reflect our strong belief that education and culture can and should play a major role in improving international relations. UNE Tangier offers an optimal setting for students to explore major problems facing the world today, such as water scarcity, the future of energy, immigration, and relations between the Muslim world and the West, while drawing on the sturdy foundation of education and values they gained here in Maine.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Ripich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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ON THE COVER: In Morocco, UNE students Joselle O'Brien and Ryan Warren are headed east from Marrakesh to The Ourika Valley, a string of villages along the Qurika River at the base of the western part of the High Atlas Mountains. Its highest point is Jbel Toubkal, which at 13,671 feet can be seen in the background.



Morocco

by way of UNE

By Susan Pierter

When a recruiter visited her high school's college fair, student Joselle O'Brien '13 was moved to attend UNE, not because of the beautiful coastal location – growing up in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, islands in the Caribbean, she was accustomed to the nearby sea.

Instead, the draw for her was the opportunity to conduct undergraduate research and eventually pursue studies that would lead to a career as an OB-GYN physician. Now in her senior year at UNE, she will graduate in May with a double major in medical biology and math, and as planned, has spent the past couple of summers doing research in neurogenetics alongside Associate Professor Geoffrey Ganter.

But her studies took her on an unexpected journey in her junior year when she learned that unlike where she was raised, UNE is not an island, but a bridge to global explorations.

O'Brien was one of five undergraduate students given the opportunity to experience the Kingdom of Morocco for nine days during spring break in 2011. They, along with their two guides, UNE staff members Zachary Schmesser and Nicole Connolly, were an advance team of sorts sent to explore and report back how the setting would work for study away programs.



Back row, left to right: Nicole Connolly, Amanda Foster, Ryan Warren, Bailey Booras and Zach Schmesser. Front row, left to right: Erika Newman and Joselle O'Brien with their tour guide, Jamal.

Students reported that their experience in Morocco provided them a valuable perspective on their lives and their impact on others.

“You realize things about yourself in the context of someone else’s lifestyle,” said O’Brien. She said the Moroccan tour guides made her comfortable in unfamiliar territory. The trip also taught her respect for another culture – she learned to barter with shop owners to get the best price, something she was not comfortable with at first but learned it was their way of getting to know their customers and learning the value of their products.

She said on one part of the trip, a tour guide presented the female students with colorful headscarves, or “hijabs,” worn by Muslim women in some areas of Morocco. Although in rural areas it is more prevalent, all women have the legal freedom of choice whether or not to wear them in Morocco.

Raised in Nashua, New Hampshire, Ryan Warren was an undergraduate student in UNE’s pre-pharmacy/bio-chemistry area when he heard about the opportunity to go to Morocco. With the intensity of his undergraduate studies, he didn’t think he would be able to take such a trip. He signed up after attending

an informational meeting hosted by UNE’s Associate Provost for Global Initiatives Anouar Majid, who explains why Morocco is a great place for students to visit and study:

“Take a look at the map and see where Morocco is. More than that, put your finger on the place where Tangier is. You can’t do that without touching Spain. It is that close. To your east is the expanse of North Africa and the rest of the Arab world; to your south is the rest of Africa; and to your west is the large Atlantic Ocean ending somewhere near South Carolina. There are no better

places on our globe to find such a crossroads of cultures and languages.”

Warren jumped at the opportunity to go and now he’s glad he did.

“The whole trip was an amazing experience,” said Warren. He particularly enjoyed the Ouirka Valley and the High Atlas Mountains, where they were invited into the traditional homes of Berber people, indigenous to Morocco. He recalled their hospitality to him and others who visited: “We were able to go inside and learn their way of life.”

While in Morocco, Warren received good news from home – he was accepted into the Pharm.D. program at UNE’s College of Pharmacy. Appropriately on his trip, he was able to learn something about his future profession in health care.

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Renderings of UNE's campus in Tangier, Morocco



GLOBAL EXPLORATIONS

“We were able to visit a typical Moroccan pharmacy where two pharmacists explained their jobs and what they do,” said Warren. “I learned that pharmacy (as taught in the U.S.) is not “universal” and that medicine can vary by culture, region and religion.”

Amanda Foster was another student on the trip who was later enrolled in the Pharm.D. program at the UNE College of Pharmacy. A native of New Hampshire, she had previously traveled abroad, including a trip to Ecuador where she volunteered in mobile clinics as part of a student club as an undergraduate at UNE. She said Morocco is now among her favorite places to travel.

“The best part about the trip to Morocco was the conversations I had with the people,” said Foster. “People there are extremely friendly. It was not uncommon for us to be invited into a house for some mint tea – the best tea, ever. In Essaouira, we met Hakima, a beautiful, loving, smart Moroccan woman. My favorite moment of the whole trip was when she came to our hotel after dinner and asked us to go out for coffee with her just to talk.

“I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life,” said Foster. “I would definitely recommend Morocco to UNE students.”



UNE's Associate Provost Anouar Majid (far left) and UNE Board Chair Mark Doiron (second from left) sign an agreement that formalizes UNE's plans to globalize the university with a campus in Tangier, Morocco.

UNE opens gateway to new global opportunities with Morocco campus

UNE Chair of the Board, Mark Doiron, and Associate Provost for Global Initiatives, Professor Anouar Majid, on June 22, 2012, signed an agreement that formalizes UNE's plans to globalize the university with a campus in Morocco.

The UNE delegation included President Danielle Ripich and Mike Morel, former chair of the UNE Board.

Doiron and Majid signed the papers on the leafy campus of the American School of Tangier (AST), the oldest American school in Morocco, where UNE's newest campus is slated to open a year from now.

President Ripich said: “UNE is preparing students to be innovators, leaders and problem-solvers in our increasingly global society. By establishing a presence in the Moroccan city of Tangier, we are creating the cultural and educational opportunities that make this possible.”

Associate Provost Majid said that UNE's presence in Tangier will add a new chapter to the historic friendship that unites the United States and Morocco, and that such a project will build the foundations of a much-needed dialogue between the West and the Muslim world.

“U.S. policymakers have been struggling to reach out to the Arab and Muslim worlds,” said Majid, “but we, at UNE, have decided to live up to our ideals and invest in friendship. Our presence in Tangier, the meeting point of Europe, Africa, and the Arab world, will build trust and allow our students to discover multiple cultures and languages at once.”

UNE's new campus is within walking distance to downtown Tangier, the Mediterranean Sea, and the city's beaches, hotels, soon-to-be built marina, and major cultural activities. The city of



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Tangier is the historic gateway to Morocco, home to an international contingent of painters and writers, and is now emerging as one of the major economic and cultural hubs in the country.

UNE’s Tangier campus will house academic programming as well as student and staff residences in buildings that reflect both Morocco’s traditional architecture and the high-quality standards of UNE’s facilities in Maine.

UNE’s unique program is offered at no additional cost to students. UNE students can choose to spend a semester or a full academic year in Morocco, living on campus or with host families while

taking courses in the sciences, humanities and languages.

Moreover, students can stay on track with their major’s curricular requirements by taking lab courses and other classes onsite or online. From Tangier, students can travel to other parts of Morocco, connect with UNE’s programs in Spain, and explore other European countries and cities.

To strengthen UNE’s presence in Morocco and the region, President Danielle Ripich and Professor Houdaifa Ameziane, the President of University Abdelmalek Essaadi, the main public university system in the province of

Tangier, also signed an agreement to explore faculty exchanges, research collaborations and common projects.

With its diverse geography, Morocco is at the crossroads of civilizations and languages. A stable and mature nation, Morocco offers an ideal setting to examine some of the major issues facing the world today, such as water scarcity, the future of energy, and the tensions between Islam and the West. ■

For more information, visit www.une.edu/global/morocco



Two Spanish universities to host UNE students

University Pablo de Olavide

UNE's agreement with the University Pablo de Olavide may be the first U.S. semester abroad program to establish lab-based science courses in English in a non-English speaking country. It will allow UNE students to take lab-based courses in organic chemistry, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology developed to meet the academic standards of UNE's biology, pre-health professions and undergraduate health professions programs.

While in Seville students will also have the opportunity to take UNE-approved courses in history, psychology, business, marketing, economics, political science and sociology – all offered in English. Most of these courses will have a focus on either the Spanish or global aspects of the academic discipline.

Students will also be required to take an intensive Spanish language course that will begin two weeks prior to the semester and continue throughout the term.

"Spain is a gateway to all of Europe because of the ease of travel and low-cost flights," said Anouar Majid, UNE associate provost for global initiatives. He noted that UNE students who have studied in Seville have spent weekends visiting most of the major cities of Europe as well as Morocco.

The University Pablo de Olavide agreement was signed April 20, 2012, by UNE President Dr. Danielle Ripich and UPO President Dr. Juan Jiménez Martínez.

President Ripich explained that "Our agreement with UPO is another step toward the globalization of UNE's undergraduate education. Globalization is a major strategic goal of the university. It will give UNE students a competitive edge in the future. It has become virtually impossible in this day and age to be educated and not have a degree of global awareness."

Associate Provost Majid noted, "This is likely a first-of-its-kind program. We know of no U.S. university that offers English-language, lab-based courses in its study-away programs located in non-English speaking countries."

Majid added, "UNE students will now be able to keep up with their science courses, learn Spanish in a native environment, and get cultural exposure to Europe and Morocco. They will live and eat with Spanish host families, and will participate in various cultural activities and field trips, including travel to Tangier, the site of UNE's future campus. All of this is provided at no additional cost to the students."

At least 17 students from UNE's Westbrook College of Health Professions and College of Arts and Sciences are scheduled to be in Seville in Fall 2012, and 14 have already signed up for Spring 2013.

UNE is slated to open a campus in the 2013/2014 school year.

University of Granada

On April 23, UNE's President Ripich visited the University of Granada (UG), one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Europe. She met with President Francisco González Lodeiro and signed a bilateral cooperation agreement between both universities. She also met with the dean and faculty of the College of Pharmacy and with members of the Modern Language Center. The visit ended with a meeting with Dr. Ignacio Molina Pineda de las Infantas, vice president of UG's world-class Health Science Technological Park and a tour of this state-of-the-art campus.

The initial focus of the agreement is to explore opportunities between the two universities' colleges of pharmacy.

UNE Associate Provost Majid explained that the goal is to allow UNE's doctor of pharmacy students to take some of their elective courses and clinical rotations in Granada and to foster research collaborations.

The University of Granada is an institution of 80,000 students that has top-notch programs in pharmacy, dentistry, medicine, social work, and sport sciences, as well as a great number of research programs.

Majid explained that UNE's evolving nexus of programs in Seville, Granada and Tangier "crosses borders, continents, and civilizations, providing connections simultaneously to European, Arabic, African and Mediterranean nations, cultures, and traditions."



Have a seat!

While nostalgia is comforting to alumni, current students celebrate new design

By Roberta (Bobby) Gray

When new easy-to-maneuver mesh chairs were wheeled onto the mezzanine and lower levels of the Abplanalp Library on UNE's Portland Campus last spring, students sighed in anticipation of the modern seating – just in time to study for final exams. And when new wooden chairs with padded seats were delivered to the Abplanalp Library reference area, students rejoiced!

While the arrival of comfortable new study chairs was cause for celebration, the old “spindle back” chairs were remembered fondly by alumni at the Westbrook Reunion Weekend in June.

Memento of an era

When the Westbrook Seminary began its centennial celebration in 1931, the library was located in Hersey Hall. Dr. Milton D. Proctor arrived in 1933 to serve as president of *Westbrook Seminary and Junior College*, and a short time later the library was expanded within Hersey. The “new college library” announced in the 1935–1936 Westbrook Junior College Catalogue introduced new oak tables and Bentwood “Duxbury” spindle back chairs made from ash.

In 1952, the chairs and tables were moved from the Hersey Hall Library to the newly constructed Proctor Hall Library, where they remained until 1971. From there they were moved to the newly renovated “Library-in-a-Church” (now the Eleanor DeWolfe Ludcke Auditorium), where they provided seating and

study space for the reference and circulating book collections areas on the lower level.

In 1986, the very same chairs and tables were moved to the newly constructed Josephine S. Abplanalp '45 Library. Additional, wider and slightly more modern Bentwood chairs joined the original 1933 collection.

Photographs discovered within the Westbrook College History Collection brought to mind all the alumni who had researched and studied in those same library chairs over the past 80 years. At the 2012 Westbrook Reunion Weekend, the vintage library study chairs were offered to alumni by way of a label on each chair: “Westbrook alum, if you would like this chair as a memento of your college library study days, you are invited to take it with you!”

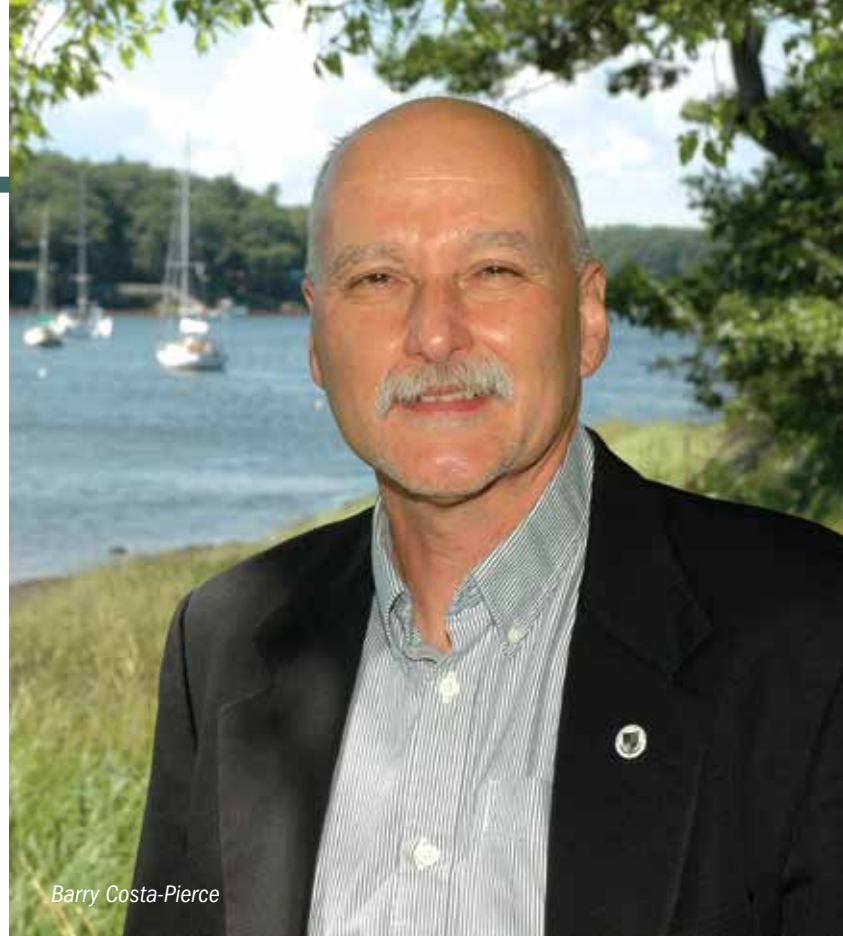
There were many takers, and the chairs exited the Abplanalp Library for a final time as a popular memento for alumni who remembered them from their school days. ■

These alumnae from the Dental Hygiene Class of 1977 remember studying for board exams while seated in the spindle back chairs so they took one home to share, calling their arrangement “the DH sisterhood of the traveling chair.”



A Sea Change at UNE

NEW MARINE SCIENCES LEADER
BARRY COSTA-PIERCE AIMS TO
EDUCATE UNE STUDENTS TO
CREATE THE NEXT GENERATION
OF JOBS ... NOT JUST FILL THEM



Barry Costa-Pierce

By Kathleen Taggersell

Barry Costa-Pierce's eyes light up when he talks about the future of marine sciences at UNE. As the new Henry L. & Grace Doherty Endowed Chair of Marine Sciences, director of the Marine Science Education and Research Center, and director of the Center for Land-Sea Interactions, Costa-Pierce has the energy, vision and experience to lead UNE into the exciting opportunities unfolding in this evolving field.

Costa-Pierce, who has a Ph.D. in oceanography from the University of Hawaii and an M.Sc. in zoology from the University of Vermont, is an internationally recognized marine sciences educator and researcher. He joined UNE in June 2012 after serving for 10 years as director of the Rhode Island Sea Grant College Program, where he led a diverse team of research, education and outreach professionals and managed over \$40 million of research funds. He also served concurrently as professor of fisheries and aquaculture at the University of Rhode Island.

In his role at UNE, Costa-Pierce plans to forge strategic partnerships with the coastal "innovation economy" while developing UNE's acclaimed undergraduate and graduate programs in marine coastal ecosystems. He enthusiastically believes an interdisciplinary approach to education

will create coastal leaders who will develop new coastal economies, contribute to marine environmental stewardship, social-ecological wisdom, global community and diversity, and human health and wellness.

He says, "We will educate and position UNE's marine science graduates for the next generation of opportunities in this burgeoning field, so they will not be simply looking for jobs, but rather creating them."

Costa-Pierce has lived and worked in over 20 nations in Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin and South America on a wide range of ecological and social issues in marine and freshwater ecosystems, and in both industrial and community-based aquaculture and fisheries. He is the author of more than 150 publications in aquaculture, fisheries and aquatic ecosystems, and sustainability science, and is the international editor of *Aquaculture*, the top science journal in the field.

He is a fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists. Costa-Pierce is also chair-elect of the board of directors for the international charity, Aquaculture without Frontiers.

We recently spoke with Costa-Pierce to learn a little more about his background and vision.

“Our students will be working in the field from the beginning, so by the time they graduate they won’t just see what it takes to run a business, they will be able to think in an entrepreneurial manner and envision how they will create the next generation of jobs and services.” — Barry Costa-Pierce

You have lived all over the world. What drew you to Maine and to UNE and its marine sciences program?

Maine has the second-largest coastline in the United States after California. At this stage of my life, I wanted to work with a marine team and a university where we can make a real impact. Maine and UNE have all of the elements in place to do globally important work – not just in research, but in training the next generation of students and scholars to attack some of the daunting ocean problems we’re facing.

Maine is a microcosm of the planet. We’re not just a northern place. We have a southern coast, where UNE is based, that is undergoing massive change. We are in a transition zone from the Gulf of Maine to the Labrador Sea. Our Midcoast region has issues with the future of fisheries and the future of working waterfronts. The Downeast region has alarming economic issues; for that region, we need to create a vision for what a vibrant rural economy in the 21st century can look like.

We’re also close to the mountains and lakes, and with climate change, the land-sea interactions between watersheds, estuaries, and coastal oceans will be extremely important to understand and to communicate.

I have lived all over the world, yes, but I adore where I’m from – New England. And at the University of New England, I look forward to developing programs that are exciting and innovative, from Burlington to Bridgeport, from Lubec down to Narragansett.

One of the priorities you have identified will be forging strategic partnerships with the coastal innovation economy. What do you mean by that?

In most of America’s coastal states, including Maine, most of the economy resides in coastal counties. We spend a lot of time talking about the larger

issues of the marine economy and climate change, but often don’t dig in deep enough to look at the opportunities that are right in our midst.

For example, tourism is one of the largest contributors to our coastal economy. That presents many opportunities for UNE’s marine science research and outreach programs to engage with the tourist economy. A student graduating from UNE won’t just be studying dunes, beaches, marshes, but will also be interacting with the transportation officials and planners – who are deeply concerned about sea level rise and the threatened infrastructure up and down the coast – regarding what they can or cannot do, what they need to plan for, and how can they restore environments and preserve tourism while adding to our quality of life. We can use science-based knowledge to plan for the economic future of the coast.

You’ve said UNE is positioning marine science graduates so they will not be simply looking for jobs, but rather creating them. Tell us about that.

We have to consider first what skill sets our students must have. A marine science student must possess all of the traditional liberal arts skills needed for a job. They have to be really good communicators – to be able to write well, to know history, to deal with numbers. But we need to turn the marine science curriculum on its head. We will engage a range of institutions, people, entrepreneurs and philanthropists who want to take on UNE marine science students as interns from the start of their time here. Our students will be working in the field from the beginning, so by the time they graduate they won’t just have a knowledge base, they will also know what it takes to run a business, and they will be able to think in an entrepreneurial manner. I can envision UNE students studying marine animals, interacting with the whale watching and the fishing and

marine tourism industry, considering not just the animals but also the business challenges and the many legal, regulatory and other social issues

What are some of the most pressing issues facing marine and freshwater ecosystems?

Many people might expect a really dark response to this question, but I’m going to talk about some of the positive things. There is a lot to be incredibly proud of with recovery of some species. For example, the opening of the Penobscot River is a huge accomplishment, and in northern Maine there are active discussions about opening up the St. Croix River, which could recover vast alewife and herring resources, and help restore fisheries in the Gulf of Maine.

We have a local iteration of good news in the Saco River. Sturgeon – remarkable, charismatic prehistoric creatures that we thought were going to disappear from the planet – have come roaring back. The Saco River is the most biodiverse of any estuary in Maine. What’s going on here? Is it the management regime...is it the water quality...is it the protection of various habitats? UNE is in the midst of these issues right outside our door, so there are an incredible number of opportunities for us to pull together in a multidisciplinary way to create an understanding of why this is happening, and to translate that knowledge to others.

I call this “we can have our cake and eat it, too” planning for science. For example, by restoring fisheries, we can harvest the interest of natural capital rather than dig into our core investment; if we get the science right, we can begin to recover the natural bounty out there. In Maine, we have a chance show the rest of the world that we can do this in a more sustainable manner, and especially so if we can find alliances between universities, tourism and other marine industries. ■

UNE holds 177th Commencement Ceremony

UNE held its 2012 Commencement Ceremony on May 19, 2012 at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland, Maine. The University awarded 1,183 associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in osteopathic medicine, health sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, human services, education, management and the liberal arts during the Commencement Ceremony. U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree served as the keynote speaker and also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.



Read more about the Commencement Ceremony and view more pictures at www.une.edu/studentlife/graduation



The Mysteries of the Bobolink



NOAH PERLUT HAS SPENT 11 YEARS STUDYING THE YELLOW-CAPPED SINGERS THAT GRACE VERMONT HAYFIELDS. WHAT HE HAS LEARNED HAS CHANGED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIRDS AND WHAT MUST BE DONE TO ENSURE THEIR SURVIVAL.

By Candace Page

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Everything about Noah Perlut's research appears designed to inspire wonder. We crouch in the long grass of a lakeside hayfield at dawn. The field unrolls under a cool breeze that stirs the grass, each blade painted with opalescent light. The scent of clover fills the air, a dozen bobolinks trill and burble and swoop in long curves above us.

"Look at this — it's heaven," Perlut exclaims. His hand holds a tiny bird, its head between his index and middle fingers. He sweeps his arm in a gesture broad as the field. "How can you not love it?"

The brown-and-yellow bird is a wonder, too.

To hold a bobolink is to hold a puff of air, so soft and light it is almost not there. The female's bright black eye blinks. When Perlut blows on her belly, parting the down, we see the veins beneath her translucent skin. I feel her heart thud.

She seems impossibly fragile, less than an ounce of feather and muscle, yet able to fly 6,000 miles or more to her winter home in South America, and then to return unerringly each spring to this field or one nearby.

It's the wonder of science, the unraveling of bobolink mysteries, that has brought me here to this field just south of Shelburne Farms where wildlife biologist Perlut has studied bobolinks and savannah sparrows for 11 springs.

Already his work has produced real-world results. His doctoral research under ornithologist Allan Strong of the University of Vermont produced data that prompted a federal program in which farmers are reimbursed for altering their hay-cutting schedule so bobolinks and savannah sparrows have time to raise their young.

But I'm just as fascinated by Perlut's new research into unanswered questions about bobolink biology and behavior: Why do so many one-year-old birds return, unlike other migratory songbirds, to the fields where they were born? Is there a consequence in the mating game as the cap of yellow feathers on a male's black head shrinks as he ages? Do bobolinks divorce?

A scientist would say the answers are important because they add to our store of knowledge of the natural world. All I can think on this morning is — how wonderful to acquire even the smallest insight into the world of these tiny creatures, so beautiful, so different from ourselves.

Something of that sentiment seems to infect Perlut as well. He has moved from UVM to an assistant professorship at the

University of New England in Biddeford, Maine, but returns to Shelburne every summer to continue his research on grassland birds.

"I love this job," Perlut says as he bends to his work. "It is everything I hoped it would be. You work hard, teach, research, learn, and get to ask cool questions every day."

Inside the magical shell of the morning lies the prosaic meat of research: long hours of repetitive work that must be performed meticulously.

The answers to Perlut's research questions lie in data, the reams of bobolink and sparrow measurements and observations he has collected over more than a decade. Insights lie buried in the numbers. Some he has ferreted out, others will emerge only months or years later as he analyzes the data.

Two student researchers, UVM senior Megan Yanney of Fairfield and Universi-

wife, a federal prosecutor, is expecting their third in late October. His research days begin at 4 a.m. In Maine, after an evening with the children, he returns to his work.

If he is perpetually exhausted, it doesn't show. "Honestly, the way we get it all done, we basically don't sleep," he says as he weighs a bobolink inside its bag.

He lifts her out and puts the empty bag on the scale so the bird's weight can be accurately computed. She is an unbanded female with a slightly swollen abdomen, a sign she has begun mating, he says.

Perlut measures the length of a wing and a leg. He uses calipers to find the depth of her bill. He pricks her skin and draws a thin pipette of deep red blood. He writes everything down.

He has never caught this bird before, so he slips one metal band and three colored ones on her legs. Onto a data sheet

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ty of New England graduate Cory French, have set up a series of what look like volleyball nets in the field. They walk through the thigh-high grass, flushing bobolinks into the mesh, then disentangling them and putting them carefully into soft draw-string bags.

Perlut sits midfield, nearly hidden by the grass, with a loose-leaf binder of data sheets and two fishing tackle boxes of equipment. He wears a fleece jacket and waterproof pants, protection against the 48-degree temperature and daybreak dew. A Lake Monsters hat covers his balding head ("part nature, part choice," he says).

He is 37, with a wife and two children under the age of 4 at home in Maine. His

goes the identification number stamped on the silver band, as well as the unique pattern of her colored bands. She is now bobolink RRMB, red-red-metal-blue.

"No other female bobolink has that combination, so I never need to catch her again — we can identify her with binoculars as she flies," he says. "We'll always be able to track her and her nesting over time."

In earlier studies, Perlut tracked banded females when their nests were destroyed by hay-baling machines. Bobolinks and savannah sparrows build nests deep in the grass. When farmers cut hay in June, then again in July or early August, no nestlings survive. If the birds

“I love this job,” Perlut says as he bends to his work. “It is everything I hoped it would be. You work hard, teach, research, learn, and get to ask cool questions every day. — Noah Perlut

re-nest, their second brood also is likely to fall victim to the mowing.

Perlut and Strong determined that if farmers take their first cut early — before June 2 — then delay their second cut for at least 65 days, the birds have time to mate a second time, lay their eggs and fledge their young.

That conclusion led to an experimental U.S. Agriculture Department program that paid Champlain Valley farmers to delay their second cut, a program that enrolled 1,300 acres before it was suspended, at least temporarily, this year.

Perlut’s research focus has turned recently to year-old males and females returning from their first South American winter.

One of those birds turns up in the next calico bag he opens. “A birthday bird,” he says, noting the single metal band on one leg.

Banded as nestlings, they are “birthday” birds because Perlut recaptures them roughly on their first birthday and, Perlut adds, “for a silly reason.”

“When we find one, it’s like unwrapping a present,” he says, because he feels a similar shiver of anticipation. “We know it is one of ours, but we don’t know where we banded it.”

Will this birthday bird prove to have been born at Shelburne Farms?

That’s a key question, because among most migratory songbirds, nestlings do not return to the fields where they were born. They disperse widely, perhaps because that reduces the likelihood they will inbreed with near relatives.

As a result, researchers rarely recapture returning nestlings because they have not returned to the study site.

Without those recaptures, it is difficult to determine the survival rate of first-year birds, a critical piece of information for understanding the overall population dynamics of a species.

Bobolinks and savannah sparrows, Perlut has learned, behave differently, at least at this spot in the Champlain Valley.

They do return to their natal fields, or very nearby. He has recaptured more than 200 of them — has even found one bobolink daughter nesting within a dozen yards of her mother’s nest.

“Think of how many hayfields the birds could go to. They don’t need to be here. There are 320,000 acres of grassland in the Champlain Valley. Why here? There have got to be some benefits to returning to this field,” he says.

Later, Eric Bollinger, a professor who wrote his doctoral thesis on bobolinks and teaches at Eastern Illinois University, will tell me how surprised he is by Perlut’s findings.

“That’s crazy,” he says on the telephone. His own study in central New York in the 1980s found almost no return of last year’s nestlings, perhaps because his research focused on a few specific fields.

Because Perlut has recaptured so many birthday birds, he has been able to calculate an apparent survival rate for his first-year bobolinks and savannah sparrows of 40 percent to 60 percent, a far higher survival than the 25 percent estimate produced by some population models.

He finishes taking a blood sample from the birthday bird — its band identifies him as 230199718 — and says, “OK, so let’s find out where this guy is from.”

Sure enough, 99718 was born just a few fields north, on the hayland across from the Inn at Shelburne Farms. It’s not the bird’s first birthday, though, but his second. He was banded in 2010 and not recaptured until this morning.

“Equally cool, that is a field that is explicitly managed for birds and plants,” Perlut says. Shelburne Farms cuts hay for its dairy herd from the field, but leaves enough time between cuts for bobolinks and savannah sparrows to reproduce.

“Here’s clear evidence that system works,” Perlut says. “This bird would never have been alive otherwise. This is the ultimate sign of success. The bird was not only born, but survived to return and breed. That is fantastic.”

A song like sparkling wine

The sun is fully up now, and it’s easier to spot male bobolinks as they chase across the field. They are showier than their consorts, a bright lemon cap of feathers shining on their black heads. They sing a bubbly song described long ago by ornithologist Arthur Cleveland Bent as “a bubbling delirium of ecstatic music that flows ... like sparkling champagne.”

They are gregarious birds. Males will fight over a fertile female in the air, but then settle together on a bush or tuft of grass like sports rivals sharing an end-of-day beer. As nestlings totter from the grass cups where they were born, a flock of adults will keep watch from the air.

“There’s a real affinity people have for bobolinks,” Perlut says. “They’re easy to see, they are boisterous, they have a fantastic migration. It’s easy for people to become excited about them.”



Upon Reflection by Judith Ellis Glickman

Upon Reflection

UNE ART GALLERY'S SUMMER

EXHIBITION *Upon Reflection* offered a retrospective of photographer Judy Ellis Glickman. Curated by Stephen Halpert HA '00, the exhibition spanned 35 years of the artist's signature infrared and black and white photographs, and new work in digital color. Subjects ranged from the landscape of Great Diamond Island to the artist's humanitarian interests and international travel, to selections from her landmark series "Holocaust, the Presence of the Past." Glickman shoots only with natural or available light, and does not alter her images digitally.

Daughter of California pictorialist photographer Irving Bennett Ellis, Glickman "grew up in front of the camera," but came into her own as an artist when she arrived in Maine with her husband in the 1970s. She studied for many years at the Maine Photographic Workshop.

A 1996 Deborah Morton Award recipient, Glickman has been honored by the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, and her work is in national and international collections including the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Jewish Museum, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Israel Museum, Bowdoin College Museum of Art, and the Portland Museum of Art. A full exhibition catalog is available for purchase at the Gallery.

— By Dorothy Royle

He has spent so much time among them, he can sometimes tell individuals apart by their trills. He has located 2,200 nests of the two species and banded 7,000 birds.

"Knowing a species means spending time with it, and Noah has logged more time with bobolinks than anyone else in the world," Rosalind Renfrew, a conservation biologist at the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, will tell me later.

Perlut helped Renfrew attach tiny location devices to some of his bobolinks in 2009 and 2010, allowing her to track their migration route to South America, where she has studied them on their wintering grounds. Some of her findings were astounding. One little windblown bird traveled 1,100 miles in 24 hours.

"The most valuable aspect of Noah's work is the way it covers so many years. It looks at the same system year after year," Renfrew says. "Tracking every single individual in the population, he can get at a lot of questions that short-term studies or studies that only look at one or two aspects of population and ecology cannot address."

Mating, divorce and survival

Perlut may know bobolinks as well as any scientist on the planet, but there are still an infinite number of questions to explore, he says.

This year he is concentrating on finding as many birthday birds as long days in the field will allow. He and Strong are seeking a National Science Foundation grant to extend their grassland bird study for another five years, focusing now on birthday birds.

"We're trying to understand the causes and consequences of returning as a breeder back so closely to where one was born," he says. Such studies have

been done of island populations, but not of mainland songbirds.

"We need to know everything about them," he adds. "How far they move, what is the quality of the habitat they chose, who they mate with, who they don't mate with, what kind of traits are inherited through the population."

Some day, he says, he'd like to look at divorce among bobolinks. How often do the birds choose the same mates from year to year? What factors influence those choices? Does fidelity or divorce affect reproductive success?

And then there is the question of the male's yellow head patch. After noticing how the size of the patch differs from bird to bird, Perlut began taking measurements of the odd-shaped cap. It appears the yellow area shrinks as the birds age. Does that affect a male's success in mating?

"This is a declining species," Perlut says. "We need to understand all their process in order to understand their future" and the role that habitat conservation and hayfield management could play in that future.

"Second, we're asking fundamental questions in ecology and evolution. We hope this work contributes to science," he says. "There's not one project, or one paper, where I would finish and say, 'We're done.'"

"That is the whole beauty of this. There are so many cool questions to ask."

Perlut releases his sixth bobolink of the morning. It darts away with an angry squawk and the biologist rises, picks up the string bags and heads across the sunny field in search of more birds.

"In an ideal world, I'd keep on this project forever," he says. ■



From left to right, U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Former First Lady Barbara Bush, UNE President Danielle Ripich and First Lady of Maine Ann LePage

Barbara Bush Visits UNE to Award Family Literacy Support

UNE'S BIDDEFORD CAMPUS was the site for a ceremony held in May at the George and Barbara Bush Center where Former First Lady Barbara Bush announced awards totaling \$310,000 to 14 communities in Maine to support her passion for parents and children reading and learning together through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

“The ability to read, write and comprehend empowers people to create brighter and more prosperous futures for themselves, their families and their communities,” said Mrs. Bush.

Applications were submitted by libraries, adult education programs and public schools across the state. Representatives from each program accepted grant awards from Mrs. Bush and Doro Bush Koch, co-chair of the Barbara Bush Foundation.

In addition, in a surprise announcement, Doro Bush Koch awarded the first Barbara Bush Foundation College Scholarship Fund award to Michelle and Tony Lucas of Bath, noting their hard work “in the classroom, at jobs, and at home raising two daughters.” This new scholarship is awarded to some of the state’s most deserving family literacy students.

Since 1996, when the foundation began awarding grants, 257 grants totaling more than \$4.6 million have been awarded to family literacy programs in Maine.

Medical Students Awarded Aging Research Fellowships

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE students Heather Hassett, MS I, and Shayna Shackford, MS II, were awarded the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) Fellowships.

Both medical students conducted research at Johns Hopkins Medical School during the summer — Hassett in the field of physical medicine and older adult function, and Shackford in the area of dementia and delirium. Marilyn R. Gugliucci, Ph.D., UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine director of geriatric education and research, is the research mentor for the medical school, which has been successful in attaining this competitive and prestigious AFAR MSTAR Fellowship with 18 awardees since 2003.



Heather Hassett



Shayna Shackford

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2012 Undergraduate Arts and Sciences Symposium

THE ANNUAL Undergraduate Arts and Sciences Research and Scholarship Symposium held each spring gives students the opportunity to present their research, classroom projects, art work or other work completed at UNE as an oral presentation, poster presentation or artistic display.

Forty-four oral presentations were made at the end of the last school year ranging from “Desertion in the Seventeenth Maine Regiment during the Civil War” to “Recurrence of Punishment-as-Spectacle: Foucault and the UC Davis Pepper-Spraying,” from “Targeting Novel FAAH Inhibitors for the Treatment of Chronic Pain” to “Steller Sea Lions, Will We Ever Know?”

There were also 70 poster sessions and art work displays ranging from “Effects of Music Styles on Task Performance and Frustration Levels” to “Food Preference and Foraging Behavior of Grey Squirrels.”

Oral presentations included honors thesis presentations by:

Tyler Brown (Aquaculture - Marine Science), “The Breeding and Microhabitat of Sandlance (*Ammodytes americanus*)”

Joseph Gousse (Political Science), “Institutionalized Racism and the Politics of Justice: Disproportional Incarceration of Native Americans in the State of Maine”

Vernon Chan (Chemistry & Physics), “Computational Investigation and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy Analysis of 6β -Naltrexol Derivatives”

Margaret Hutton (Marine Science), “Substrate Analysis, Juvenile Lake Sturgeon, and the Taxonomic Identification of Macroinvertebrates in the Detroit River - East of Fighting Island”

Briana Chu (Education), “The Value of Cursive Writing: Teachers’ Thoughts on its Current Usefulness”

Ryan Knotek (Marine Science), “Investigating Potential Reproductive Anomalies in the Spiny Dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) along the United States East Coast”

Karson Couture (Marine Science), “Age and Size at Sexual Maturity of the Barndoor Skate, *Dipturus laevis*, based on Morphological Analyses”

Brittany Morley (Psychology), “The ‘Go Grrrls’ Program: A Look at Findings from a Local Female Empowerment Group”

Daniel Crear (Marine Science), “Age Distribution of Six Shark Species within the Mississippi Sound Nursery Ground”

Casey Toombs (Marine Science), “Differential Stress Tolerance of the Color Morphs in the Green Crab (*Carcinus maenas*)”

Each award winner received a certificate and monetary award from the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Oral Presentation for Original Research:

First Prize: Caitlin Tetreau – Pecan Pies and Passion: 1940s Sexuality through the WWII Letters of Ruth Banfield Lowderback

Runners-up (tie): Brittany Morley – The Importance of Best Practices in Mentoring Relationships; and Matthew Anderson – The Supreme Court’s Resolution on Citizens United: Corporate Power and the Politics of Representation

Oral Presentation of Literature Review of a Topic:

First Prize: Kelsey Thompson – Steller Sea Lions, Will We Ever Know?

Artistic Exhibit:

First Prize: Michael D’Apice – Stakeholders of the Saco River

Runners-up: Kevin Connell and Stephen Barton – 3D Printing and Design

Poster Presentation:

First Prize (tie): Julia Rich and Hadleigh Smith – The Effects of Text Distracters on Comprehension in Skilled- and Less-skilled Readers; and Michael Huber – The Effect of Solute Polarity on Solubility in Polyethylene Glycol with Varying Concentrations of Supercritical Carbon





College of Pharmacy on track for accreditation

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR PHARMACY EDUCATION (ACPE), the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy, announced on June 28 that UNE's College of Pharmacy candidate status has been successfully extended to June 30, 2013.

The report results were shared with UNE following ACPE's Board of Directors meeting held June 20-24 in Chicago. Dean Gayle Brazeau, Ph.D., says, "I am pleased to announce that the UNE College of Pharmacy has met all 30 stan-

dards in the 2012 ACPE report, and by attaining candidate status, is on track toward full accreditation in 2013 and our mission of educating pharmacists for your team."

A critical component of opening a new college of pharmacy is attaining the various levels of accreditation necessary at the appropriate time in the college's academic program development. The first step in the three-step process, pre-candidate status, was granted to the UNE College of Pharmacy by the ACPE Board of Directors in June 2009, and permitted

UNE to admit its inaugural class to the Doctor of Pharmacy program in September 2009.

The College's application for candidate status was acted upon favorably by the ACPE Board of Directors in June 2010 and 2011, and the 2012 evaluation reaffirms that the UNE College of Pharmacy continues to make successful progress.

The final step in the accreditation process is the granting of full ACPE accreditation for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program after UNE's inaugural class graduates in May 2013.

In addition, the Office of Continuing Education within UNE's College of Pharmacy was granted provider status from ACPE in 2011, making it the first accredited provider of continuing pharmacy education in Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

"We are fortunate to continue to attract exceptional faculty members in the pharmaceutical, clinical and social-administrative sciences to our program from throughout the United States," says Brazeau. "Their expertise benefits our students, the next generation of Maine's – and our region's – leading scientists, practitioners, and educators."

PT Accredited to the Max!

UNE'S PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM received official notification in May from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that it has been re-accredited for the maximum 10-year period. The program has grown from 100 students only three years ago to 160 enrolled in fall 2012. To achieve this level of re-accreditation during such an extraordinary period of growth is remarkable and a reflection of the quality of the faculty, staff and leadership of the program.

Program Director Mike Sheldon and Associate Professor Mike Fillyaw coordinated and led the re-accreditation process.





Research takes students to new heights to study altitude and exercise

Front Row, left to right: Kaitlin Murray, Cory Kymalainen, Rachel Harris, Sarah Medwar, Stacie Lee, Kimberly Martins, and Michelle Williams; Back Row L-R: Matthew Marcoux, Orlando Gomes, Jonathon Lyon, Patrick Hillman, Zachary Chase, Taylor Feuti and Dr. Paul Visich.

Thirteen UNE Applied Exercise Science (AES) and Athletic Training students spent five days last spring living and conducting research at 11,000 feet above sea level in the 10th Infantry Cabins at Vail Pass, Colorado.

“Within the first day of living at 11,000 feet, I already started feeling short of breath and constantly thirsty,” Caitlin Murray ‘13, an AES major, explains. “I noticed myself taking deeper breaths than normal and waking up almost every hour during the night possibly to regulate my breathing a little better. It took a couple days for the minor headaches to subside and before I slept through most of the night, but I felt constantly thirsty all week.”

The students also hiked up to the summit of nearby Mount Quandary. “The day of the climb where we reached 14,265 feet was where most of us felt the greatest effects of altitude,” according to AT major Stacie Lee ‘12. “It never did feel like we caught our breath and as we neared the summit we had to stop to take deeper breaths every few steps.”

The trip was the idea of Paul Visich, professor and chair of the Department of Exercise and Sport Performance. The students were from an Environmental Physiology class taught by Lara Carlson, assistant professor of applied exercise science. The research was led by students from Carlson’s class who were also taking Visich’s Research Methods class.

Most of the students had never experienced high elevations, but altitude is an excellent example of how the body can physiologically adjust to lower partial pressures of oxygen. Professor Visich explains that “having experienced what it feels like to be at high elevations gives exercise science and athletic training students a better understanding of what it means to be short of breath when they are working with athletes and patients.”

Initial adjustment to altitude takes a couple days at 11,000 feet. The term acute mountain sickness (AMS) is used to describe the symptoms people sometimes experience. Symptoms vary and have no relation to an individual’s current fitness level.

The students and faculty members experienced different degrees of acute mountain sickness, which included headache, fatigue, stomach illness, dizziness, and sleep disturbances.

The experience also provided some insights into the phenomenon of altitude training. Living at high altitude has become a common practice for elite athletes because it causes the body to produce more oxygen-carrying red blood cells, which deliver more oxygen to working muscles. Ultimately it is a way to increase one’s level of exercise performance — in other words, go at a faster pace.

Because living at altitude is not practical for many people,

some athletes sleep in devices referred to as altitude tents, which simulate the conditions of high elevations.

The trip had a research component. Professor Visich, who came to UNE in 2011, had taught altitude physiology at Central Michigan University and had conducted similar trips in the past.

Visich explained that “the purpose of the UNE research project was to see if one’s perception of exertion while exercising remains a valid tool to recognize the intensity of exercise while being at altitude. One’s ‘rating of perceived exertion’ or RPE is a common way to recognize one’s level of exercise intensity, but we are not sure if this remains a valid tool at altitude.”

Perceived exertion is based on the physical sensations a person experiences during physical activity, including increased heart rate, increased respiration or breathing rate, increased sweating, and muscle fatigue.

During the semester, the students in Visich’s class conducted a literature review and developed a written description of the research project. They also worked with Professor Carlson to complete the baseline testing of the 13 students’ RPEs on a stationary bike in a UNE lab, which is at sea level.

A similar bike was available at the 10th Infantry Cabins in Vail Pass to

conduct the same tests, and the students analyzed that data over the summer.

AES major Murray, the student research team’s primary investigator, said “This project was really exciting, and it was really a privilege to get to do research in two separate environments. We learn in a classroom about all the changes we expect to see, but to actually research and observe what we learned about makes learning so much more interesting.”

Rachel Harris ‘13, an AES major, agreed: “There’s such a difference between learning about AMS and actually feeling it when you find yourself winded just by walking around a grocery store. . . . Research definitely is time committing, but it allows for growth not always achieved in a classroom setting.”

The students also concurred that during the trip they learned a lot about the importance of working as a team.

“All throughout our trip everybody was trying to help others with tasks,” AES major Taylor Feuti explained, “like cooking and cleaning, to even bigger things like carrying their packs up the mountain so they had a better chance of making it to the top. I was really impressed with how well we all came together, worked together to get everybody to the summit.”



UNE’s Transdisciplinary Playgroup featured as cover story for *OT Practice* magazine

THE TRANSDISCIPLINARY

PLAYGROUP, a hands-on Interprofessional Education program of the Westbrook College of Health Professions, was recently the topic of the cover story of *OT Practice* magazine. The Transdisciplinary Playgroup is currently in its third year of programming, and it services children ages 18 months to three years and their families, while providing valuable real world education for occupational therapy, physical therapy, social work, and a few nursing students.

The program was the brainchild of Eileen Ricci, assistant clinical professor of physical therapy, who worked with Kathryn Loukas, associate clinical professor of occupational therapy, and Shelley Cohen-Konrad, associate professor of social work and director of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative, to make the idea a reality.

The cover article in *OT Practice* magazine was written by primary faculty members Loukas, Ricci, and Cohen Konrad along with alumnus Amanda Whiting (MS, OT, 2011) and features many of the students and practitioners who have provided services to the community through this program.

The innovative Transdisciplinary Playgroup program was presented at the American Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Education Leadership Conference of the American Physical Therapy Association, The Ontario Interprofessional Health Collaborative, and the Collaborating Across Borders Interprofessional Conference.

UNE BOOKSHELF



Historian Paul Burlin co-edits new book on America's largest 19th-century missionary organization

By Dick Buhr

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) was the country's first creator of overseas Christian missions.

Founded in 1810 and supported by a coalition of Calvinist denominations, the ABCFM established the first American missions in India, China, Africa, Oceania, the Middle East, and many other places.

It was America's largest missionary organization in the nineteenth century, and its influence was immense. Its missionaries established the first Western schools and hospitals in many parts of the world, and they successfully promoted women's rights and other ideals from the Enlightenment.

In their new book, *The Role of the American Board in the World: Bicentennial Reflections on the Organization's Missionary Work, 1810-2010* (Wipf and Stock, 2012), Paul T. Burlin, Ph.D., UNE professor of history and Clifford Putney, Ph.D, Bentley University assistant professor of history, have co-edited a new book of essays providing valuable insights on the work of the ABCFM.

"The essays in the book articulate a variety of perspectives," Burlin explains, "from critical chapters (like my own) to others that have a more positive assessment of the impact of the American missionaries sent forth by the Board."

Some of the contributors profile the lives of notable ABCFM missionaries, others focus on ideological shifts within the Board, and still others chronicle the Board's role in historic events, including the Opium Wars, the colonization of Hawai'i, and the Armenian Genocide.

Burlin came to work on the book through his earlier scholarship on the American colonization of Hawai'i. As a result of that work, he became interested in the beliefs of Protestants caught up in the evangelical fervor of the Second Great Awakening, a phenomenon which many scholars have credited with inspiring myriad antebellum reform movements such as abolitionism, prison and education reform as well as women's rights.

"While I share little or nothing of the worldview of the missionaries I have researched," Burlin says, "I must say that I have been impressed by the rigorous demands of their faith, a faith which demanded much of them and promised little in return about which they could be certain. This stands in stark contrast (in my mind) to the often blithe and sanctimonious religiosity of contemporary America which seems to have reversed the equation, and now promises much, and demands next to nothing of significance from its adherents."

He adds that "for one such as me who is not at all enamored by a liberal, progressive reading of American history, the contrast between the early 19th century missionaries and the evangelicals of today is not only ironic, but provides much grit for further reflection and thought."



NCAA Infraction Notice

In June 2012, the NCAA announced the conclusion of a case involving unintentional violations of NCAA rules by the University of New England during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years. The findings in the case were the result of a cooperative review of the intercollegiate athletics program by the University and the NCAA enforcement staff.

The violations found were limited and involved mistakes in the administration of financial aid that resulted in student-athletes, primarily in men's basketball and ice hockey, receiving disproportionate amounts of financial assistance compared to students generally at the University.

The University also agreed with the NCAA that it had not adequately educated administrators involved in the financial aid process about NCAA rules and had not adequately monitored the awarding of financial aid.

The NCAA accepted the corrective actions and penalties that the University self-imposed when it identified the infractions. Those penalties do not include any restrictions on regular or post-season competition in any sport at the University.

The University will be on probation with the NCAA for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons, which means that it will file regular reports with the NCAA to affirm its compliance with all applicable regulations. During the period of probation (and continuing into the future) the University is expected to and will give greater attention to NCAA rules education for all of its coaches, athletics administrators, student-athletes and other University administrators who may play in a role in supporting the intercollegiate athletics program.



CORRECTION: In the last issue of the *UNE Magazine*, there was an error in the photo identification of two coaches. Sue Frost, far left, is the women's lacrosse coach, and Heather Davis, right, is the women's soccer coach.



The Eye of the Storm:

A look back at an outstanding year

By Tristan Durgin

The 2011–12 academic year was, once again, a highly successful one for the University of New England Nor'easters. While numerous programs reached new heights in regards to school history, the softball and women's basketball teams made trips to the NCAA Championship in their respective sports – making it four consecutive years where a Big Blue squad has qualified for NCAA competition. While each went about getting there in their own way, both left a unique stamp on the rapidly-changing UNE record books.

Coming off a season with more wins (29) than ever before, and the Co-Runner-Up distinction in the program's first ECAC Championship experience, the UNE softball team began the 2012 campaign primed to build on the previous year's accomplishments. Third-year head coach Dan Letellier and his veteran group opened the season with a 6-4 mark on Spring Break in Florida, and were encouraged to return to New England with the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) portion of their schedule on the horizon.

The Nor'easters took care of business in their opening doubleheader, setting the stage for an early-season clash of unbeaten as Endicott College came into town for a weekend twinbill. Backed in the opener by four timely extra-base hits on offense and a nine-strikeout effort in the circle from rookie pitcher Kelly Reid, Big Blue notched just its third win against the Gulls in the last 26 meetings between the teams. Though Endicott rallied to earn a split on the day, the game one result proved that the nine-time defending league champions were not untouchable.

UNE hit a rough patch in April with a pair of losses to non-conference foe Husson University and then two tough, one-run, setbacks at Salve Regina University, and saw its fast start turn into a 6-4 CCC ledger. But the bats seemed to be shocked to life with the slide, averaging more than seven runs per contest as the Nor'easters closed the conference slate with seven wins in eight outings to finish 13-5. The regular-season came to an end with a non-league doubleheader against regionally-ranked Bowdoin College,

2011-2012 Highlights

WOMEN

BASKETBALL

16-2 CCC Record
NCAA Tournament First Round

CROSS COUNTRY

2nd-Place CCC

FIELD HOCKEY

Reached #19 National Ranking
18 Season Wins

LACROSSE

12-win season,
Longest Win Streak in
UNE History

SOCCER

8-0-1 CCC Record

SOFTBALL

CCC Champions
NCAA Tournament

SWIMMING

10-2 Season Record
Highest Winning % in
UNE history

MEN

CROSS COUNTRY

2nd-Place CCC

GOLF

2nd-Place CCC

LACROSSE

School-Record 10 wins
ECAC Runners-Up

and although the Polar Bears easily took game one with an impressive display of power and speed, Reid chalked up another nine-strikeout performance as Big Blue recorded a 4-0 shutout in the nightcap.

It was a sign of things to come for the right-hander, who then limited Western New England University and Endicott



to seven combined hits as the third-seeded Nor'easters got through their first day of play in the CCC Championship with a pair of wins. The results made for a showdown with top-seeded Salve Regina – the only other unbeaten team to that point in the double elimination tournament. Reid did her part to prevent a third loss on the year to the Seahawks, holding SRU to just three hits and no runs. The offense, led by senior catcher Ashley Gott and first-year outfielder Adrienne Chase with a combined seven hits, powered UNE to 11 runs and a spot in the finals.

Following Salve Regina's elimination-

game win over Endicott, the Seahawks got a second shot at Big Blue and a chance to force one more game. However, they could not change the outcome, as the Nor'easters won the CCC crown for the first time since 2000 with a 3-2 decision over the tournament hosts, and with it, earned a berth in the NCAA field.

"We received some great individual performances during the tournament, and I was really pleased with our ability to do all the little things and work as one out there," said Letellier. "We played very smart softball, and all on the road, no less." Reid went all 28 innings in the circle for Big Blue, allowing opponents over the four-game stretch to attain a batting average of merely .160 against her pitching. Meanwhile, Chase and Gott batted .556 and .533 at the plate, respectively, accounting for nearly two-thirds of the team's run production – either by driving others in or scoring themselves.

Though the ensuing NCAA opener against a nationally-ranked SUNY Plattsburgh did not go as hoped, UNE did rebound to become the second team from Biddeford to ever win a contest at the NCAA level (following the 2000 softball squad). After two losses to Husson in the middle of the year, the Nor'easters matched season highs in runs and hits to defeat and eliminate Eagles from the event. Big Blue continued on to another elimination game against the top

seed in the 8-team regional, nationally-ranked SUNY Cortland, but fell just short in a 1-0 defensive battle with the Red Dragons. While all losses have some sting to them, the degree of this one did not overshadow the accomplishments of the season.

"This was an exciting season, and it was because we gave a true 'team' effort," said Letellier. "The best part was seeing every player contribute something to the cause, and then it all came together perfectly in the end with the conference title and a solid showing against the tough NCAA field. I'm proud of their hard work in the fall practices, throughout the winter, and into the game season this spring. I'm honored to have been a part of this great year."

Another program with high goals entering the year was the women's basketball team, having collected both a conference championship and an ECAC title over the last two seasons. However, the Nor'easters were facing a brutally tough first half to their schedule, featuring the initial nine teams (all 7 non-conference opponents) who averaged more than 19 wins each in 2010-11.

To kick things off, Big Blue swept home matches against regional powers the University of Southern Maine and Rhode Island College. Both came down to the final seconds, but each time UNE found the resolve to pull them out. The win over the Huskies a fourth straight in the all-time series with UNE's closest



neighbor, after coming out victorious just once in the previous 33 meetings prior.

The Nor'easters took their first loss the next time out, but were soon 4-1 with a solid triumph over defending CCC champion Salve Regina. Ahead was a road test at No. 14 Colby College, and UNE continued its fine play. Big Blue led for much of the contest, which the Mules then tied in the waning seconds of regulation for force overtime. It was all Nor'easters in the extra session, though, holding Colby scoreless for the initial 3:21 on their way to a 70-63 win – the first versus a nationally-ranked foe in recent history. Senior guard Kelley Paradis poured in a season-high 26 points in the game.

UNE wrapped up its non-league slate at 5-2 by edging Bates College in early January, and stood at 7-2 overall – with both setbacks coming to teams ranked in the nation's top 15 squads at the time (No. 14 Bowdoin and No. 13 Williams). "We had talked in the preseason about doing well enough against our toughest opponents to be in a position to receive an at-large bid to NCAA tournament in case we needed it," said head coach Anthony Ewing. "Turns out we would."

Despite a slip-up in their next outing as CCC play resumed, the Nor'easters owned much of the remainder of the conference campaign. Twice Big Blue reeled off winning streaks of seven games in the last 15 outings to earn the regular-

The 2011–2012 academic year saw an unprecedented number of individual and team accolades at the conference, state, regional, and national levels!

season crown by a three games at 16-2 – a rare feat, by CCC standards. No time, in the 13 years since UNE had joined the conference, had a team ended with more separation at the top. "To finish with such a margin was special. It was truly a testament to our consistency and executing our game plan every time we stepped out on the floor," Ewing added.

Over the last few weeks of the season, Big Blue's winning ways earned a spot in all three releases of the NCAA regional rankings, which aid in determining the NCAA tourney field. Twice UNE held the No. 2 rank in the Northeast – a position that would prove valuable when Endicott squeaked out a 53-49 win over the Nor'easters in the CCC semifinals. Four days later, the 22-5 Nor'easters got what they had worked for, as the Division III selection committee picked them for participation in the NCAA Championship. It marked the first at-large selection for any team in the University's history.

UNE battled back late from a double digit deficit against first round challenger Johns Hopkins University, only to fall just short in a 53-51 defeat. Still, Ewing took a lot of positives from the effort, and the season. "I was proud of the way we competed. Although we didn't pull out the win in an exceptionally tight contest, we represented ourselves very well."

"This season was the culmination of our goal to achieve regional respect for our program," Ewing concluded. "We logged a fourth consecutive season with over 20 wins, and the success achieved by this graduating class of seniors had never been done before at UNE. They provided us with great leadership, and allowed for every other player on our

roster to give timely contributions throughout the year."

Add in the storylines what happened with the UNE field hockey team, which became the first in University history to garner a national ranking (two weeks; as high as No. 19 in the Top 20 Coaches Poll), setting a program-record 13-game winning streak to begin the season, and a record 18 wins overall. In addition, the Nor'easters' women's soccer squad completed the CCC schedule with a perfect 8-0-1 record (the first time since 1999). The men's lacrosse team exceeded its previous single-season win total by two (10 wins) and finished as runners-up in the ECAC tournament.

The men's and women's cross country programs continue to inch closer to running away with the CCC crowns (both 2nd in 2011, for the second straight year), won two events apiece, and consistently placed in the top quarter of every meet in which they competed? The same can be said for the men's golf team, which saw a similar success rate, while taking 2nd in the CCC event. The women's swimming squad posted its highest winning percentage in program history (83%; 10-2 record), and the women's lacrosse team matched its school-record win total (12 wins) while establishing the longest win streak ever (nine games).

UNE garnered an unprecedented amount of individual and team accolades at the conference, state, regional, and national level, and more academic recognition by the Big Blue student-athletes than ever before. All-in-all, the 2011-12 year was an outstanding one for UNE Athletics!



REUNION CORNER

Westbrook College Reunion 2012

We welcomed over 140 alumni and guests back to campus for Westbrook College's Reunion 2012. The Class of 1962 celebrated their 50th Reunion in their own style – with a pizza party! On Friday evening, alumna and current Dental Hygiene Program Director Bunny Marcinkewicz Mills '76, shared her unique insights and perspective on Westbrook and UNE. On Saturday, alumnae gathered for class meetings, the Parade of Classes – with the Class of 1947 standing out in their tiaras – and the Annual Alumni Meeting and Awards Assembly. This year, Beverley Cyr Litchfield '77 was honored with the Tower Award for Alumni Achievement, Fern Wilson Orr '47 was awarded the Heloise E. Withee '40 Alumni Service Award, and Amy Haile received the Honorary Alumni Award. After lunch, alumni could relax with massages, reflexology, and manicures as well as enjoy a tour of the Portland Campus and a presentation by College of Pharmacy Assistant Professor Matt LaCroix. Dr. James Koelbl shared plans of the new College of Dental Medicine before a reception in the newly renovated Goddard Hall. The evening culminated with the traditional lobster dinner, music and dancing.



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So that we may include all your news, please limit submissions to 75 words or less. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

1939

Bernice Lord Peterson writes, "I have been an independent resident at Wheatland Hills for 5+ years. My daughter, Gail, is a school librarian in this county. My son, Jack, lives near Annapolis MD and son Brian near Charleston, WV. They all visit me often. I read, do Sudoku and Jumble every day, have and take care of plants in hanging baskets outside my large window, play rummy and enjoy living here. I am 92 years old. Have 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren."

1942

Nancy Wiswall Erne writes, "After graduation from Westbrook I went on to graduate from Boston School of Occupational Therapy and worked at Walter Reed Hospital. I married Ned A. Erne and had 3 children in 3 years – 2 girls and 1 boy. I went to work at Robert B. Brigham hospital and then changed jobs and managed my father's real estate office."



Painting by Nancy Erne '42 displayed at Westbrook College Reunion

We camped a lot, took a 4 month trip camping in Europe. The girls got married, Ned got Parkinson's and died, I served on many town committees, played golf, biked many times in Europe, painted a lot, was nominated to Who's Who of American Women, and I'm still doing about the same – and having a ball."

1948

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Gracia Reynolds Benoit writes, "I am still in Candia, NH and keeping very busy with gardening, animals and many small town activities. My son Gary and his family live in Standish, Maine. They have two sons, one is in California and the other is in Colorado. After my daughter's death in 2003, I am now the proud parent of Shalia, now 20, and Eliot, now 27. Shalia will finish college this year and Eliot enlisted in the Army, so proud of them both."

Joyce Pray Borkowski writes, "Recently I enjoyed a wonderful phone conversation with classmate and long-time friend **Pat Gilley Linscott**. She's well, enjoying her choral groups, daughters and grandchildren, much like I do. I am enjoying my grandchildren who are in elementary school and are involved with music. Also, my older grandchildren: a granddaughter involved

in healthy food growing and a grandson living in Boston, employed in filmmaking and business at Berklee College. All a joy to me and to my daughter, son and spouses. Life is good at 82 years."

Lesley Jubinville Crouse writes, "Best wishes to all- 2012 will be better than '11. Had a great time in Bowlingbrook - outside of Chicago. My youngest son William is there. I left at the end of April from Amherst only to arrive at Bradley, CT June 1st in the tornado. Does not happen in Western Massachusetts! Home ten days only to hurt my back - still on the mend. I'm lucky to still have two sons and family here in Amherst. I have seven grandchildren, one great and another on the way. By the way, I talked to **Doris Lemlein Klemm '47**, she lives in Miami. She came north for her brother's funeral. Blessings to all for 2012. PS. Does anyone come to Amherst?"

Barbara Fox Dixon writes, "Jim and I are okay - just stiff joints. Busy working at Habitat for Humanity and church activities. Jim volunteers in the ER and the state hospital - 5000 hours. Cruising to Europe ending up in Ireland in the spring. Then to explore more of North Carolina. Children David and Suzanne and grandchildren Patrick, 15, and Jessica, 12, all well. Enjoyed Christmas together. Love NC. Don't miss the snow in NY and Maine. Y'all come for a visit."

CLASS NOTES

Mary Jane Crabtree Dow writes, "I miss receiving the envelopes and reading the notes from each classmate. Right now I know a lot of you in New England are 'enjoying' the first snowfall while I am doing my 'thing' with jeans and a light jacket on...oh, sorry! Didn't mean to sound like I'm bragging here in the South! To be honest, I thoroughly miss all that is Maine and Massachusetts. We have relatives and friends (like y'all) up there but try to keep in touch. I am now a great-grandma with the baby living in Chile of all places! My freshman year roommate, **Marge Dow Bolen**, is now is now in a nursing home but doing very well now that someone is assisting her. I read a little news of our class in the UNE news but hope the Spring edition will bring lots and lots of 'stuff' from our class. Take care and keep in touch."

Ann Silver Fain writes, "Would love to hear from members of the class. Have lived in Weston since 1968 and am active in many local and community organizations. Have worked in city and local newspapers and TV channels. Have been in business with my brother in Manchester, NH. Alan, husband, died in 2002. Our three offspring are all working: Our son Scott lives in LA with his wife, Marla. He is a television news and celebrity photographer. His wife works at FOX TV as an Assignment Editor. Our daughter Lauren is a Director of Special Education in North Andover. Our daughter Susan is Project Manager for PUMA located at the Design Center in Boston."

Priscilla Powers Goff writes, "Too late, I realize, for this to be included in the spring issue, but I thought it noteworthy enough to mention in a later edition. If all goes well, my husband Dick and I are planning to be on a trans Atlantic crossing in April and will be spending the month on board our cruise ship visiting various European ports and flying back to Ft. Lauderdale from Venice. This was to have 'happened' in 2011 to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary."

Lillian Meyer Haning writes, "I've been a Californian for 55 years now, so Westbrook is not only long ago, but pretty far away. These days my travels are more likely to take me to that other

Portland, since my two sons and two of my grandchildren live there. Retired from Sunset, where I wrote marketing copy for 20 years, my life has a different pace now. Continuing good health allows for gardening, walking in our baylands and open spaces, and trips as far afield as China. Maybe a revisit of Maine should be next!"

Thelma Hubbard Libby writes, "The spring found me in PT recovering from a knee replacement. My love of quilting, along with kayaking and yoga keep me mentally and physically alert. I still spend summers in Maine where the sun warms my back and visits with family and friends warm my soul. A trip to the Kingsbrae Garden in New Brunswick was a delight."

Pauline Davis Lorfano writes, "I continue to keep busy. This past year I have had three paintings juried in the International Miniature Society Exhibition at the Strathmore, N. Bethesda, MD, sponsored by the Miniature Painters, Sculptors, and Engravers of Washington. In November I was a featured artist on www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org. My 'Maine Attraction' can be seen on the American Society of Marine Artists web site in their Anniversary Catalog. I continue to exhibit paintings at the Arlington Arts Gallery and Vienna Art Center Galley and serve on the Executive Boards of four area art organizations and paint. Whew! Yes, I keep busy. My best to all."



Maine Attraction

Marcia Stanley Milne writes, "It's 'Memory Music' time! We have a new CD with Vaughn Monroe signing 'When the Lights Go on Again, All Over the World', left me wondering if we had missed out on it! We are still in our home, have a lovely new great-grandson in John's family. Keep well everybody!"

Miriam Lamb Warwick writes, "My husband and I are doing fine - the best of both worlds, wintering in Florida and summering in New Hampshire. Our 10 grandchildren now in age range from 17-30. Kim is getting married June 3rd, our first wedding in that group. They are a blessing and we love watching them grow and achieve. Four are in college- Garren is heavily into finance, Kate is doing chemistry, Kyle is at Mass Maritime and Grace is the actress. The three great grandsons are growing like weeds. The oldest will visit us in January. We look forward to that. I am still Treasurer at our park in Florida. That job fills part of my time."

1949

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Janet Goss Conti writes, "Another lovely year in the mountains of western NC. We didn't travel far this year - too much to see in western NC and the adjoining southern states. Explored the Civil War activities and local history of the area. No more tobacco or cotton but apple and wine products increasing. We are patrons of Biltmore Estate in Ashville and that is a lifetime study in itself. Both John and I are fairly well. Arthritis goes on. Bob is doing well in his law practice in California....Best to all the 49ers."

Beverly Holgate Dugan writes "Sad news from the Dugans. Martin had pulmonary fibrosis and passed away in July. We talked a lot and he told me who to call and what to do and made everything so easy for me. Our 2nd great grandson was born the day after Martin died and we expect our 3rd great grand in December. Our kids are wonderful and everything is going along very well. I hope all is well with our '49ers and I do hope to get up there soon; if not before, at least for our reunion. Regards to all."

Jane Lewis Gleason writes, "Hope all is well out there! We had a fun mini reunion at DiMillo's in Portland in June. There were 13 of us and we helped celebrate Bev Young Brisson's 80-something birthday. Try to plan on joining us at our next 'mini' in May/June 2012. Watch

for more details in the spring. In two years we will be returning for our 65th. Hard to believe!!! Goddard Hall has been renovated for the new Dental School to open in 2013. Amazing changes and campus looks wonderful.....My family is great. All 6 grands out on their own - proud of them all. I keep busy with volunteer work and doing crafts. Stay well and be in touch."

Margaret "Peggy" Smith Goode writes, "I am sorry to report the recent deaths of 1949 classmates Pat Grote Guild and Marilyn Henderson Richey. Over the years Pat had been an active alumni participant and for 10 years she served as class secretary. Marilyn who had been living in Florida for several years joined us for our 50th reunion. Our thoughts go out to their families.

This has been a year of transition. Retired in August, I'm now trying to focus on my house and sorting through years of accumulation in preparation for downsizing. All was going well and I was beginning to enjoy retirement until in November when I fell down a flight of stairs resulting in an injured collarbone. Still in a splint but pain level improves every day. Looking forward to 2012 and a return to normal activities. Grandchildren continue to grow. Oldest entered college and youngest started first grade. Time moves along and all seem happy. Take care everyone and please watch where you walk...Happy New Year to all. "

Marjorie Gaskell Goodwin writes, "Not much has changed for me except taking on the responsibility of Worship Assistant at my church, Henderson Memorial Baptist in Farmington which I really enjoy. It involves one Sunday every other month and also on an as needed basis. Also continuing my involvement with our local animal shelter. Once a month I look forward to getting together with high school classmates for lunch at area restaurants. Unfortunately we lost one of our group during the past year..... As I write in mid-December we are still seeing green outside. Hoping for a white scene by Christmas. Also hoping I will be able to make one of the mini-reunions in southern Maine sometime in the future."

Norma Sorli Gormley writes, "My children and oldest grandchildren are busy with their jobs. My youngest grandchild, Abby, is a high school freshman and a member of the drama club and glee club. Recently I saw her perform in a play and also attended a concert. I still enjoy spending the summer in NH. In October **Phyllis Galanto Hawkes** and I had a pleasant visit over lunch at Legal Seafood restaurant in Burlington. My best to everyone."

Jo Anne Vaughan Thomas-Hall writes, "Took my yearly trip to California in August to visit daughter, Susan, in Sacramento and son, Stephen, in Reno, NV. Highlight, of course, was spending a few days with great-granddaughter and her parents in San Francisco."

Ardeth "Sunny" Meserve Harmon writes, "My life is full with my 4 children, 10 grandchildren and at long last a great-grandchild on the way. My kids have been so busy getting graduate degrees that they haven't been able to produce the "great grandchildren" for me. Only 2 of my granddaughters are married and another received her diamond recently. I love weddings!! This Thanksgiving I am very pleased to have such a wonderful family who are attentive and caring. We are also fortunate to have such great friends and family at this age."

Caroline "Curly" Chapman Hills writes, "I'm hanging in there, staying busy, volunteering at a nearby hospital 2 days a week. In October my oldest grandson and wife had their 2nd daughter making it 2 great granddaughters for me. In early January my middle grandson and wife are expecting my 3rd great grand (don't know which sex yet). I will be in Pittsburgh, PA from December 21 to January 19 so will be able to hold these 2 new great-grands, get acquainted and then hate to leave them. They all live near Pittsburgh.... Hope this finds you all doing well."

Carol Evans Jaffe writes, "After a great summer in VT, I packed up and went on a 35 day cruise around South America. What an experience!! Going through the Canal and day trips off the ship were particularly great! Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Patagonia, going around the Horn, visit to

the Falkland Islands, and on up to Rio de Janeiro were some of the highlights. We got back the day before Thanksgiving and now Christmas is upon us.....Kids and grandkids are all well and I feel lucky to say so am I. Hope you are the same."

Elaine McFarland Johnson writes, "Not much news this year except to report that knees have been keeping me from doing things that I like to do so plan now is to have 2 knee replacements in February. Will be looking forward to our annual mini-reunion in the spring."

Julia Bean Lundwall writes, "I stay well and enjoy the 'sunset' years. Life is good, birthdays piling up. Busy with volunteer work. Went to Ed's 60th reunion at Bowdoin, guest of **Smokey Manning Morrell**. Wonderful affair!!! Spent summer in Stockton Springs ME (condo) – love my summers in Maine. Traveled to visit daughter Andre in Montana. Daughter Gay Dion lives in Maine and daughter Linnea in RI. All are all doing ok. Have 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Life moves on. Condo living working out ok but miss my house. Stay in touch."

Shirley Harkinson Morrison writes, "The time seems to fly by! My husband Mort and I have been splitting our time between Newbury, NH and Hobe Sound, FL. We have 5 terrific daughters, 14 beautiful grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren to keep us busy with family gatherings that are a true joy for us....I have remained active playing golf and doing volunteer work. Membership in Red Hat Society, Order of the Eastern Star and DAR also keeping me busy....Best regards to all my classmates. Hope to see you soon."

1951

Ruth Mears Mott writes of her visit with Meg Bragdon Shoemaker and Barbara McClintock Hill in FL in December 2010 "Great days to remember".

Margaret Bragdon Shoemaker writes, "I attended my 60th reunion. Had a great time. We're glad to be in FL year round now with the northern weather being so bad! Summers are hot, but bearable. No hurricanes this year – incredible!"

CLASS NOTES

1952

Janet L. Stover writes that she has retired from professional nursing and has been working part-time at the Windham Public Library for the past five years.

1954

Judith Weeks Harlow writes that while “70 is not fun” she has her cancer under control with new hips and both knees. She has four daughters – a nurse, a school counselor, a teacher and one who is mentally challenged. Of her nine grandchildren, one is at Montana State, another is a baseball catcher at USM, another a high school softball catcher, and her granddaughters are involved with junior high soccer and track.

1956

Cynthia Snow Simpson writes, “Sympathy is extended to **Lyn Pearson Bickford** on the passing of her husband, Erv, in May. The Class of ’56 also extends deepest sympathy to our Honorary Alum, **Myron Hager** on the loss of his wife, Gladys, this spring. **Sally McFarlin** writes that she has finally been able to go back to work at J.C.Penney after the severe flooding from the past summer in New Hampshire and Vermont. Sally also had a visit in October from her ‘roomie’, **Eunice Stanwood Geary**. Omitted from the last issue of our class notes was the passing of two day hops - **Judy Eldridge Carter** in July and **Sandra Rice Sternberg** in September. Does anyone have any ‘newsy’ notes you would like to pass along? If so, send them to **Cynthia Snow Simpson**, 90 Evergreen Dr., Gorham, Maine, 04038 or to csimpson7@maine.rr.com

1960

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Donna Allen writes, “Have finally moved back home to Maine. Downsizing from 2,800 square feet to 1,500 square feet has not been a picnic. Very glad to be back. Still have the family home near the college with a family living in it. The

daughter I never had and her two sons. A great new world.”

Annemarie Kenerson Chapman of Largo, FL passed away on December 24, 2011 after a 30 year battle with multiple sclerosis. Her family extends warm thanks to Annemarie’s friends, nurses and staff at the Tierra Pines for their constant and devout care over the years. Annemarie is survived by her mother Anne Kenerson, her sister Joan Wilbur, her brother William Kenerson, three nephews, and two great-nieces.

Beverly Christian Fischer writes, “I have finally officially retired from Real Estate. I now own a small antique and ‘stuff’ store with my sister. Don, my husband of 46 years, passed away suddenly in 2009. He is greatly missed. I still enjoy traveling and went on a riverboat cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, Russia last year. I also took a trip back to the Coast of Maine and enjoyed the beauty of that wonderful state. I also keep busy visiting my three children and five grandsons (no granddaughters). They are growing fast and are 6, 7, 9, 12 and 15 years old. For my oldest grandson’s 15th birthday, I took him to Mexico and we had a great time.”

Nancy Foster writes, “Still holding forth in the Rockies, but making not so muffled noises about escaping the cold during the winter. Where to? Who knows?? Last fall I visited Prague, Vienna and Budapest. My mission was to see these three Old World cities and attend some classical music concerts. Mission accomplished and it was a wonderful experience along with some other sightseeing and a train trip from Prague to Vienna and a hydrofoil trip on the Danube from Vienna to Budapest. It was an independent tour so had the opportunity to met lots of folks other than Americans. ‘Twas a very satisfactory adventure with plenty of good pastries!

Sheila Taylor Jones writes, “Memorial bench is still a ‘work in progress’. Donations as of December 12, 2011 total \$4,770. Bob and I have our season passes and are ready to ski. No other plans for 2012 (yet!)”

Joyce Bowden Leiker writes, “I have been working with children with special needs for years, specifically with a child who is deaf and has autism. Through working one on one, I have learned sign language. I have been married for 46 years and have two wonderful grown children. My son works as a graphic artist and my daughter works at the local sheriff’s department. Sorry I could not make the reunion, school is still in session. Hope to do it when I retire.”

Priscilla Morrison McGarry writes, “Rod and I continue to enjoy good health and manage to stay busier than ever. However, as much as I hate to admit it, I am slowing down a bit. He however, continues to go at a pretty fast pace still and enjoys being a Maine Flyfishing Guide and all that goes with it. Our grandsons are growing way too fast. They are now 4, 5, 6 and 7, and each of them brings such joy into our lives. What a blessing! We are very involved with each of them and their activities and that in itself keeps us hopping! I spent a fun afternoon at Westbrook recently. The staff that works with the Maine Women Writers Collection had a 200th birthday silver tea celebration for Fanny Fern. Fanny was born 1811 in Portland, Maine and was the 1st woman newspaper columnist and most highly paid newspaper writer. The MWWC is very dear to me as it was **Grace Dow** my English teacher, who was just getting the collection started (along with **Dorothy Healy**) way back in 1958. How happy they both would be if they could see the collection now. That’s it for me. Stay well dear classmates and do keep in touch with Judy and me. We look forward to hearing from you and all your news. Warmly, Priscilla”

Cinnie Janis Northgraves writes “2011 brought visits with son Peter, his wife Stacey and 2 year old Katie in Georgia, followed almost immediately with 2 weeks in Orlando. Debbie graciously offered us her condo which we welcomed. It was rather cold, but if you recall, there was a brutal snow storm from N. Carolina up through Atlanta into New England that week and we were glad to be south. The second week, Bill went

home to stay with grandson Jack while Debbie/John and 8 year old Molly came down to do Disney. Molly had never been. We only got one day, then we were rained out. Back to Disney in April. Debbie, Molly and I and Billy's daughter Abby! And back again to Disney in September to finish up our park tickets, Debbie, Molly and I and we did all the parks and everything there is to do at Disney. Summer was our usual fun-filled, company-filled couple of months at the lake. Brother Bob and all his family rented the cottage next door. Their Daughter, Amy, and her husband Tony stayed with them along with their 2 adorable girls – Izara and Olivia. Molly was with us and loved having them there. While they were there, cousins, brother Mike, nieces, nephews all came to join in the fun. Lots of swimming as the weather was perfect! It made a colorful picture with all the floats and water toys and so many people on them!! Our “kids” are doing well. Billy is National Sales Manager for Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics. Nancy works at several jobs – one being per diem for a small company. Debbie works for Flexitouch – demonstrates to patients how to use their new medical system. Captain John continues flying for Southwest Airlines. Peter is with Monster.com and Stacey with Turner Broadcasting. Three of our grandchildren are in college this year. Grace is at Gordon College in Wenham, MA, majoring in kinesiology. Drew (Economics) and Sean (Sciences) are both at the College of Charleston in SC. All seem to be very happy and doing well with their studies. Abby is a freshman in high school and was co-captain of the volleyball team, is class treasurer and an A student with AP courses. Jack is now a sophomore in high school and is our baseball player – a great catcher who will play varsity in the spring. Molly is in 3rd grade and loving it. She loves performing in school productions. Katie is going to pre-school 3x/week and seems to be growing awfully fast – or is that a sign of my age??!! AND –the night before Thanksgiving brought the birth of another grandchild. Peter and Stacey now have Kyle Gould Northgraves, who weighed in at 10lb 8oz and was 23” long. We had a truly thankful, happy day. I'll go see him and help out the week before Christmas!!”

Carol Vaughan Reams writes, “I made several trips to Houston to visit my daughter and family this year, then to Venice, Florida to enjoy my Mom’s company, she is 101. **Nancy Foster** came to Louisville for the Derby. It was wonderful seeing her and catching up with her life in Denver. Loved all the outdoor summer concerts, playing lots of bridge, 23 years now ushering theater, choir is going strong and I am social chairman where I live. The most enjoyable time is with my 5 terrific grandchildren.”

Margaret Gibson Read writes, “Daughter Amanda married September 2009 and is now living in Vienna, Austria- her husband’s home. Learning German and doing very well. We hope to go over in April- our very 1st European trip. We’ve been married for over 50 years now and still enjoy each other’s company. Took a 15 day cruise in October 2010 from Boston- stopping at several islands and ending up in New Orleans- fun! Son Chris is a paramedic with the Yarmouth, Mass Fire Department- has been doing this for 23 years- still single with 2 dogs! We’d love grandchildren and are hopeful but not holding our breath. My mom is 98 and is now in a local nursing home.”

Susan Wordell Santini writes, “Happy Holidays 2011! We hope you are doing great! We are so very grateful for life with excellent health, wonderful friends, and fun activities here at Lake of the Pines. The year was marred, however, by one very sad event. At the end of April my younger son, Steve, passed away unexpectedly. His heart gave up under the burden of too much weight due mostly to his disability from knees overdue for replacement. Life was a challenge for him, he is missed and we rest in the knowledge that he is now at peace. On a happier note: trips to Cabo, Palm Desert, Tahoe, Nevada, Connecticut and Massachusetts were in our travels this year. The October trip back east was on the CT coast and in the MA Berkshires. Quaint towns, beautiful colors! My cousin, Jan, who I hadn’t seen in over 50 years, came for a visit in August and we drove to Santa Barbara where I facilitated the renewal of vows for my brother Steve and wife

Maggie’s wedding anniversary. This took place aboard a whale-watching boat. A glorious day! Robert keeps busy as leader of a weekly hiking group, tennis and golf while I had a very busy year as Captain of our Women’s Golf Club, anchoring our local TV program, serving on Covenants Committee, enjoying book club, canasta and bunco. Even tried bocce ball this year and our gal’s team took 1st place! Son Mike’s 3 boys kept us cheering them on with sports as well as plays and musical events. Ahh, youth! Their family and ours was on an LA reality TV show, I Do Over, which aired in November. Fun! And, they have a new home thanks to my Mom’s generous gift left to me! Life is good!”

Joann Lindsay Skold writes, “2012 will be a great year - celebrating 50 years of marriage and becoming great grandparents. We are both well and thankfully healthy. Enjoying retirement! Children and grandchildren continue to prosper and age. We tease our children that they are catching up with us age wise! Happy and healthy 2012 to all!”

Judith Hogan Spurr writes, “Newt and I celebrated our 50th anniversary this year. I’ve been retired from teaching for five years, which has enabled me to spend time with my children and grandchildren who live nearby, as well as to travel to visit family in London and San Francisco. I’m currently president of the Friends of the Rockport Library, and I have begun a rewrites of a young-adult novel. So, happily, I stay busy.”

Patricia Howard Thompson writes, “In addition to my interior design and staging work (check out www.successfulstaging08.com), I now have my Florida real estate license. I seem to get busier every year. I am still going back to the Boston area in the summer and best of all, we see our two grandchildren in Georgetown (DC) at least once a month. Tyler is 5 and Olivia is 2. I love being a grandmother! I wish I saw more of the WJC friends but our good intentions of getting together seldom materialize.”

Judith Randall Whitney-Blake writes, “I am still a ‘Maineac’, in Belfast where I grew up. However, I do get out occasionally, this year a cruise to the

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Caribbean! I volunteer with Hospice and the hospital and visit/help my kids often - more news in the spring issue of the Magazine when I read your news!"

1961

Susan Spann Lane writes, "Thirty of our classmates returned to campus for the various events in celebration of our 50th reunion in 2011. It was so nice to see everyone looking so well and active and enjoying catching up with each other. The good turnout was due to the hard work of **Bobbi Marchant Jennings** who spent countless hours searching the internet and calling lost classmates. It seems many of our classmates are living full or part time in Florida. We now have a nearly complete list of names and addresses for use in future reunions or for classmates to contact one another. Assisting Bobbi with the search were **Lynne Sutherland Byron, Diane Gibbs Sullivan, Suzanne Robinson Anderson, Ronnie Chiulli Edell** and me. For all her hard work and efforts we elected Bobbi as our new class President. I agreed to serve as class secretary. We must also give a big thanks to **Suzanne Robinson Anderson** who served faithfully as our class agent for many years. The alumni office staff did a wonderful job organizing and serving during all events. They were very helpful and attentive throughout the weekend. I'd have to say the highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night dinner/dance; a terrific band played many of the oldies that had all of us dancing throughout the evening. We seemed to have many of the staff, other classes and the band amazed at our endurance on the dance floor. Not bad for 70 year olds who can still shake their booty. Keep in touch by forwarding any news to the alumni office."

1962

Sandie Stedman Moreland writes, "Greetings from Plymouth, Mass. I was thinking of everyone attending our fiftieth reunion! I was with you in spirit! My husband David had a total right shoulder replacement in May. He is doing great and I'm trying to be a good nurse!"

1964

Marthalia "Marty" Johnston Cardosi has been living in Palm Harbor, Florida for the past 20 years and working in the public school system with autistic children. She had to retire a couple of years ago to be the caregiver for her husband who has Alzheimer's disease. She recently had to put him in a nursing home. She is involved with the Y and enjoys Zumba. She also volunteers for Hospice. Her daughter lives in West Palm Beach and is Marketing Director for ESPN Radio. Her son lives in South Portland with his wife and her three grandsons. He was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. She got to see the Westbrook campus while visiting her son, his wife and Grandsons over Thanksgiving.

Rev. Susan Drury of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Mission, KS writes that she had a wonderful summer, spending July in Keystone, CO for a week and then on to Wyoming and South Dakota. She was very impressed with Mt. Rushmore and enjoyed a helicopter ride over Crazy Horse monument and the Black Hills. In August she drove to Stillwater, MN and on to Hayward, WI where she stayed with friends in a log cabin on a lake. Will be spending Thanksgiving in her condo in Branson, MO.

Sue Fletcher Ernst's life took a major twist of fate in September 2009 when her mom died peacefully after a good long life and 24 hours later her husband took a fall down a flight of stairs at night. The result was a partial spinal cord injury with 4 weeks in Maine Medical Center in Portland, 6 weeks in acute rehab, and 2 months at a nursing home. While he was getting better, Sue bought a newer home on one floor in Oakland, Maine, got their things moved, had a wheelchair ramp built and the bathroom refitted for him. Her new home is wonderful and they are nearer medical help. She also worked per diem at Thayer Hospital. However, her husband Walt is her full time job now. Her two golden retrievers and Maine coon cat are also good company.

Linda Coughlin Flint writes, "I'm finally a grandmother. My daughter, Dibby, and her husband, Mark Hooker, were blessed with

a baby girl on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Her name is Emerson Elizabeth and we're calling her Emmy. Grandmother is very very excited!"

Marlene Getz Golden her husband, Bob, are enjoying retired life. She retired from teaching more than 30 years as a nursery school/religious school teacher at a local synagogue and Bob as a clinical psychologist in Alameda, CA. They traveled to Europe, the East Coast, and Mexico and spent 3 months camping across country in their pop-up trailer. In December they are going to England and Spain, where they will meet up with their daughter, who is studying in Rome, and travel together for 3 weeks. They also enjoy gardening, hiking, biking, cooking and spending time with their two granddaughters.

Judy Segal Gross has been busy requesting news for her high school class as they just had their 50th class reunion.

Elizabeth Hausman wrote from Augusta, ME that she has been retired for many years.

Geraldine "Gerry" Powers Jervah's husband, David, had a couple of cancer scares over summer and fall 2011. He went through many tests for a spot on his lung. Thankfully, it turned out to be scar tissue from either a fungus or mold. He also had three larger than normal nodules on the bridge between the sides of his thyroid. Thankfully, the biopsy on these came back negative. One thing that kept them going through all of these scares was the arrival of their newest grandson, Jackson, born in July. They now have three grandsons, 17, 15 & 6 months.

Colette Styffe Lankau and Walt have four teenage grandchildren, Reed, 17, Payton, 15, Cameron, 15, and Kendall, 13. They spend weekends in the summer on Cape Cod and her grandchildren love being there. Walt is a golfer and Colette is playing more golf too. They ski at Loon Mountain in NH with family during the winter and may also spend a week skiing in the Colorado Mountains. She has hired an assistant at Stowe Acres Country Club and will therefore have more free time

next summer during the week to enjoy semi-retirement.

Jane Palmer writes, "I closed my home in Hope, ME in November, flew to Wichita, KS for a visit with my son and his family for three weeks. During my visit, my grandson Cory got married and I enjoyed being at the wedding. I am now at **Linda Bailey Scheve's** for the month and will be headed to Bradford, VT for the remainder of the winter."

Patricia "Cherie" Perkins became a great grandmother on October 11, 2011 at 11:00 to a little boy named Malachi. She continues to travel: In 2009, the Amazon and Machu Picchu, in 2010, South Africa and Victoria Falls. She's still active in hiking, alpine & cross country skiing, tennis, and boating. She has suffered some physical setbacks but is back to great health. She also enjoys bridge, card games, theater, and symphonies. She is fortunate enough to have her children nearby after their living in NY and VA. She would love to see current photos of classmates.

Martha Wentworth Sanborn just came back from four fun days in NYC with Sibyl Nye Erdman and her husband, Dick, who serves with the United Nations each fall while they are in session. In July several classmates spent a day at Linda Lundgren Orosky's summer lake home in NH. They were: Becky Spencer Svenson, Connie McCombe Keon, Linda, Debbie Schofield Reed, Joan Kinney Dole and Martha.

Linda Bailey Scheve writes, "I've recovered from having no heat, electricity, telephone, TV or Internet for a week following the Halloween Nor'easter that hit us. I've never appreciated having heat and those other household necessities that we take for granted so much. A tree and large branches fell on my garage and many trees came down in my back yard. I'm just lucky none fell directly on my home. Otherwise, things are about the same for me. The sale of my house fell through so I'm still in MA. My WJC roommate, **Jane Palmer**, is spending the month of January with me. We've been keeping very busy and having a great visit. Enjoyed some time in Ocean Park, ME

this past fall and in Dennis on the Cape this past summer. Spent the holidays in Wolcott, VT with my older daughter and grandchildren and enjoyed a white Christmas. My black Cocker Spaniel, Gracie Belle, is my constant companion."

1966

Jacqueline Gribbon writes, "I'm still working for an environmental engineering firm. Not ready to retire but I still do a lot of traveling."

1967

Neil Loew writes that he recently retired from Bishop Feehan HS in Attleboro MA after 44 years. He was Guidance Director since 1993 and varsity golf coach for 44 years with 3 state championships and 19 conference championships.



St. Francis basketball players and alumni gathered on the beach with Coach Beaudry this June. First row: Neil Thibodeau '68, Teddy Caouette '69, Ezzio Partesano '68, Jimmy Markowski '69, Tom Brazier Watson '67, Kevin Hoar '68. Second row: Billy Lyons '74, Jack Deering '67, Alan Mooney '68, Paul Ciochetti '68, Coach Beaudry, Wally Riordan '68, Ron Berube '67, Tom Seyfried '68, Joe Valenza '68. Third row: Mike McKinstry '68, Bob Dalton '68, Eddie Bodkin '68

1971

Robert Laverriere writes, "Still have very fond memories of SFC, especially Fall '67/Spring '68. If Donald Perron, Hank Ouelette or Pete Fleming see this, I'd love to hear from you."

1972

Brenda Martin Erickson is a watercolor artist who specializes in the illustration of recipes. Because of her love of still life

and cooking, Brenda began painting her own family recipes. She lives in Round Pond, Maine. www.recipepaintings.com



Brenda Martin Erickson '72 with her artwork, Westbrook College Reunion 2012

Tim Swift writes, "I am the Child Welfare Adoption Program Manager for the State of Maine DHHS. I love what I do – no thoughts of retirement yet – love to be outdoors and being physically fit. I work out, hike, bike and eat healthfully. Life is good but not always fair – but God is good and that never changes!"

1975

Editor's Note: These Class Notes were moved from the Spring issue to the Fall issue.

Crystal Sawyer Almasi writes that she is still selling real estate on the Maine coast, has two grandchildren and her son, who lives in San Diego just got married. She and Steve have kids in CA, CO, NH and ME. They enjoy hiking, golf, family, and friends, and manage to stay very busy.

Deb Blanchard is still the director of the Athol, MA library – 36 years with it! And after an exhausting process, they finally have the green light to renovate and expand the library. The plan is an \$8.5 million project to renovate the historic 1916 Carnegie building from 8,000 sq.ft. to 21,000 sq.ft. sporting additional land giving it impressive river frontage and will include a reading and concert park. The architect's rendition can be found at www.athollibrary.org. She laments the project has taken away her personal life, but reports husband Derek has now fully retired and is finally getting around to the many projects around the house that need completing. His most recent from the time of her letter was to cut up and chip lots of downed trees and limbs from the freaky Halloween snow storm that

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crippled her area. Derek's mom (who is 98 and still doing well) takes them to SD frequently. Sadly Derek's son Bradley passed away last January after a valiant struggle with cancer at the age of 43.

Debbie Shaw Correale always sends a delightful Christmas letter with all her family happenings and this year was no different. Written by her dog Luke, it is full of a dog's eye view of the family activity. Jen, her oldest is now living in Indianapolis and working as a financial analyst. Rachel moved to Conshehoken, PA to be closer to her job and is a top performer, winning a trip to Cancun in March. DJ is finishing his last year at St. Joseph's University with a double major as well as working in his chosen field. Rachel graduated from high school and is attending Temple University's Tyler School of Art, working toward a BFA and a teaching degree. Deb's husband Dave accepted a new position last March as VP of Sales with a privately owned dental company and is traveling quite a lot. Deb has been working very hard at running her design business www.redesignright.com and has expanded her training programs. (Sadly Luke the family chronicler passed away, but after months of no pets, I just learned that a new pup has joined the family).

Shelbie Driskell Dyer writes that she has been with LL Bean since 1987 and is celebrating 25 years with the famous family-owned Maine company. Her children are all adults, the oldest, Tim is a shop foreman at a local branch of Sullivan Tire and lives close by. Laura is studying to be a medical transcriptionist with an on-line school from home. She has finally found her niche after some slow starts. Ross, her youngest, is currently serving in the Army with the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, NY and recently returned from Afghanistan. They celebrate his safe return! Her husband Brian works for a mobile TV production company out of Saco, ME so he is traveling most every weekend up and down the eastern seaboard covering college sporting events. Living in Buxton, she is close enough, so has visited the Westbrook Campus occasionally and has seen first-hand all the improvements UNE has

made to the campus. She reminisces about her fond memories of running back and forth over the green to get to class and even the pleasant experience of holding class outside.

Judy Lally Kehoe writes fondly of the chaos the holidays brought having four grandsons under age six all underfoot! Her oldest daughter Bri, became a principal last fall and has two boys, Jake, 5 and Lucas, 3. Her middle daughter Laura, just blessed them with Logan, their 4th grandson, in October when he joined his 2 1/2 year old brother Jackson. The youngest daughter, Krissy, had her first book published last year and is now expecting their first granddaughter in the spring. Husband Michael is busy planning his next hunt. Last year took him to New Zealand and Alberta.

Donalee Blackstone Olsen writes, "After almost 4 years in Georgia, my husband and I have settled in nicely. I still call Maine home too and greatly look forward to my trips back north. Three children are happily married in Virginia, Kentucky and Florida. Our youngest attends college in Alabama. Live each day to the fullest. God is faithful always."

Amy Wandrisco Robinson writes, "Greetings to everyone. I hope you have fared winter well and are preparing for a busy spring ahead. I want to thank each of you who wrote me and encourage more classmates to write. Our lives seem ordinary to us as we live them but are great fun for our class to use as a window into our lives. Personally I have found Facebook as a stepping stone to reconnecting with several of you over this past year and have enjoyed learning of your children, grandchildren and activities in the small but pleasant posts. For me, I always have a busy life. I divide my time between Kansas where I am right now, and Maine where I built another stone wall in our yard, volunteered as a staff member at our church's outreach (a week of camp for abused local children), traveled to my parents several times in PA, weddings in MI and trade shows in OH and NV, and last summer I added lighthouse tours to the mix. And as always I am the support personnel for Calvin's guiding business. Throw in time

with our two Maine granddaughters and life is very full!"

Liza Russell writes that she is employed as a public health RDH for Sebecook Family doctors. Her son Jubal is a senior at Skowhegan HS and is getting ready for college next year. She has been a hospice volunteer since 2008 and became a board member of Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County last June. She enrolled at Chaplaincy Institute of Maine in September and is gardening organically and still making art. She's an 11 year breast cancer survivor and recently remarried to Skip Sorrento after her first husband Larry Horton died in 2003.

1978

Tony Esposito writes, "I have a wonderful wife, Dawna, we met 17 years ago. We live in Connecticut. Unfortunately, I did not work in my field of human services. I was in the sales area for 10 years or so, was a technical recruiter and now teach ARMY ROTC at the University of Connecticut. I have a background as reserve Army officer as well, hence the ROTC job. Life has been fine, although I find it difficult at times to age and often look back rather than forward."

1979

Sandra Berkner writes that she recently took a new position at the Hartford. Her family is healthy and happy – son Jason graduated from F.I.T in the spring of 2011 and son Ryan is attending Nazareth College.

Claire Dolbec Healey writes that she keeps busy as a hospice RN.

1980

Steven Morse writes, "Hi guys. I'm living in North Central Mass. with my wife Tere. Yes, I still have a large collection of pet reptiles. All 3 of my kids have moved out! I teach high school science in Fitchburg, MA. Class of '80, WAKE UP! Let's see some news."

1981

Joe Healey writes that he is always busy as a national business development manager for Garda Cash Logistics US, and that the 30th reunion was a great time - good to see all!

1986

Rob Danoff, DO, MS of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, recently received the 2012 Frederick J. Solomon D.O. Award of Merit. The award, presented by the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society (POFPS), was presented to Dr. Danoff in recognition of his significant contribution to osteopathic education in Pennsylvania.

1988

Mark Henschke, DO has been recognized for a national Patients' Choice Award for the 4th year in a row. Dr. Henschke is a board certified physician in both Internal Medicine and Medical Management. He maintains a solo practice in Newington, New Hampshire and is Assistant Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at UNE and an Adjunct Clinical Faculty in the Physician Assistant programs at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Manchester, New Hampshire and UNE.

1994

Richard Conron, Jr, DO has been appointed Chief of Surgery at St. Luke's Hospital, Anderson Campus in Bethlehem, PA.

2005

Jillian Morris, a videographer and ocean advocate, writes that she is the first female to film for Whale Wars, which airs on Animal Planet Season 5 in June. Follow Jillian's work at www.shark-girl.com

2010

Daniel Sheps serves on the advisory council of Waves of Health, an organization of primary care DOs, MDs, nurses and pharmacists who provide biannual medical care to rural communities in the Dominican Republic.

Albert (A.J.) Miltner, MS, OTR/L writes that he is currently practicing OT for Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation – Hanover Terrace, in Hanover, NH. He resides in Lebanon, New Hampshire with his fiancé, Dr. Kelly Hughes, and will be married this fall.

ALUMNI

1931

Ruth Pullen Ristich

Westbrook Junior College
May 7, 2012

1938

Rosalind R. Chapman

Westbrook Junior College
September 26, 2011

1940

Ruth Gilman Leadbetter

Westbrook Junior College
March 9, 2012

Jane Smith Piltz

Westbrook Junior College
July 2, 2011

1941

Shirley Cummings Garrison

Westbrook Junior College
February 20, 2012

1942

Barbara Pelton Daggett

Westbrook Junior College
February 18, 2012

Naomi Hall Lowe

Westbrook Junior College
October 31, 2003

1943

Lucille Ralph James

Westbrook Junior College
July 5, 2012

Dorothy Galli Peverada

Westbrook Junior College
February 23, 2012

1944

Jeannette Stanley Anderson

Westbrook Junior College
June 11, 2012

Marie Christine Zukunft Graves

Westbrook Junior College
June 20, 2012

Dorothy "Dossi" Thayer

Westbrook Junior College
March 22, 2012

1945

Muriel Mawhinney Berry

Westbrook Junior College
July 8, 2012

Georgia Powers Doughty

Westbrook Junior College
May 8, 2012

1946

Marie "Mamie" Salim Day

Westbrook Junior College
March 30, 2012

Priscilla Marston Odell

Westbrook Junior College
July 17, 2012

1947

Lurena Kelley Grondin

Westbrook Junior College
May 2, 2012

Gwendolyn Jones Perry

Westbrook Junior College
January 14, 2009

1948

Shirley Knowles Jewett

Westbrook Junior College
June 17, 2012

1951

Justina Smith Longstaff

Westbrook Junior College
March 24, 2012

1952

Dorothea Levey Hertz

Westbrook Junior College
May 19, 2012

1956

Sandra Rice Sternburg

Westbrook Junior College
September 11, 2011

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IN MEMORIAM

1954

Constance R. Strout-Wood
Westbrook Junior College
July 15, 2012

1957

Hattie Cutler Bickmore
Westbrook Junior College
March 16, 2012

Deborah Mallett Cressall

Westbrook Junior College
February 26, 2012

1958

Elizabeth Sarando Hamlin
Westbrook Junior College
June 6, 2012

1961

Bonnell "Terry" Jendras
Westbrook Junior College
July 5, 2012

1962

Constance Caron Belaire
Westbrook Junior College
November 9, 2009

1963

Sandra Ullian Holmes
Westbrook Junior College
January 15, 2011

1964

David J. Coleman, Sr., PhD
St. Francis College
April 8, 2011

1965

Peter Moran
St. Francis College
March 4, 2012

1967

Anthony A. Lalicata
St. Francis College
March 23, 2012

William J. Shannon

St. Francis College
April 14, 2012

1976

Louise Ann Sutton
St. Francis College
April 5, 2012

1979

Beverly J. Butler
Westbrook College
July 5, 2012

1993

Joseph R. Elechko, DO
University of New England
June 18, 2012

1997

Sheila Kaiser, MSNA
University of New England
June 24, 2010

Maureen Dunn Simeoni

University of New England
April 20, 2012

1999

Gudbjorn Karlsson, DO
University of New England
February 29, 2012

2004

Tina Marie Rice Browne, PA
University of New England
March 12, 2012

FRIENDS

Richard Fletcher Bond

Former Westbrook College Dean
August 2, 2012

Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., HON '94

July 2, 2012

Madeleine R. Freeman

1980 Deborah Morton Awardee
March 14, 2012

Gladys A. Hager, HA '86

May 1, 2012

Louis A. Hanson, DO

June 24, 2012

Carol L. Hills

Former Trustee
July 3, 2012

Douglas C. Leitch

Staff Member
April 10, 2012

Judith W. Sheehan

Faculty member
June 22, 2012



Connie Strout-Wood '54

A longtime friend of the University passed away on July 15 at her home at Winterberry Heights in Bangor, Maine. Connie Strout-Wood '54 attended Westbrook Junior College, continuing her family's legacy on the campus.

Her grandmother, Ruth Roberta Davis, was a star basketball player at the Westbrook Seminary and was known as one of the strongest guards on a girls' team in the state.

Her great-aunt Marion Belle Davis left her own mark on Westbrook Seminary. According to the Westbrook College archives, she was asked to perform "The Drama in Education at the school's 82nd Annual Commencement" – something offered only to accomplished students.

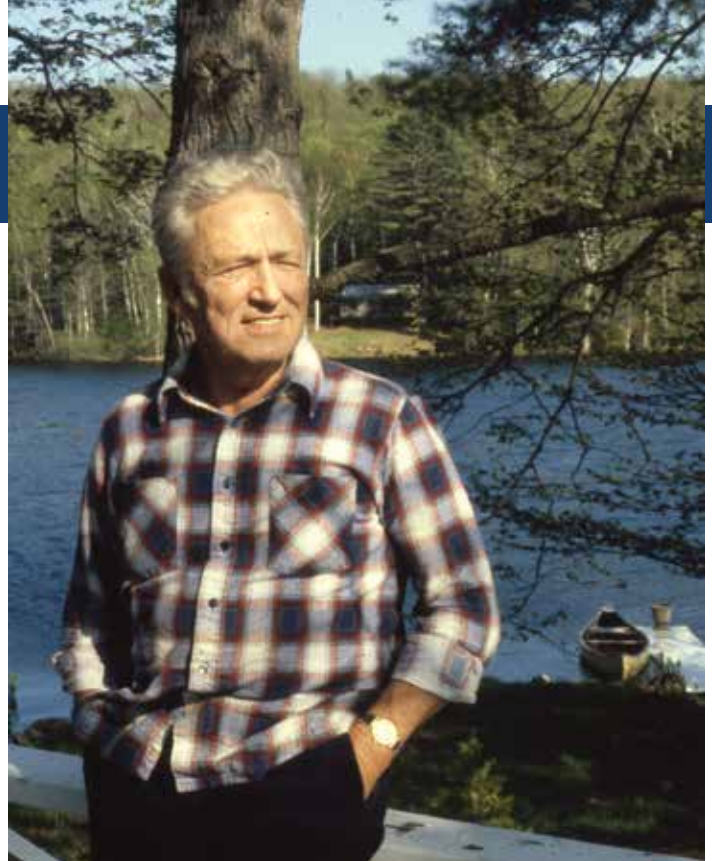
Connie was employed for 48 years by the City of Bangor, the last 37 years as the administrative assistant to the airport manager, retiring Feb. 28, 2005. She was once identified by the *Bangor Daily News* as the "Real Airport Manager." Gov. Baldacci proclaimed Feb. 23, 2005, to be "Connie Strout Day."

Connie served on the board of directors of the Alumni Association of Westbrook College and was recognized in 2002 with the Heloise E. Withee Alumni Service Award. Her legacy lives on – along with that of her grandmother and great-aunt – with a charitable remainder trust and charitable lead trust established by Connie and her husband to see "Westbrook live on forever." ■

Richard Fletcher Bond

1916 – 2012

Beloved Westbrook College Dean Will Be Missed



Richard Fletcher Bond grew up on Munjoy Hill in Portland, Maine. He left the state to serve his country in World War II, and later to earn a master's degree from Columbia University after completing undergraduate studies at Bowdoin College, where the famous poet Robert P.T. Coffin called him the most talented young poet of the time.

He returned to the state for good in 1953. And the students and faculty of Westbrook College benefited from his homecoming.

He had been looking for a position in higher education while working at a box factory on the Hudson River near Nyack, New York when Westbrook College President, the late Milton D. Proctor, offered him a position as Director of Admissions and professor of English Literature.

He jumped at the chance to return to Maine with his family: wife, Isobel, also a Portland native, and children, Leslie and Michael.

After three years as Director of Admissions, he was named Acting Dean in 1956, with a permanent appointment to the post confirmed the following year. It was a title he kept until his retirement in 1980.

It has been said that as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II, he never left a wounded man, often risking his life to save someone. In one battle near the town of Barenrode, Germany he received four bullet holes through his jacket while leading the attack and carrying a wounded man to safety. For his heroic actions, he earned two Silver Stars and an Oak-Leaf Cluster for courage under fire. He also earned the respect of his comrades.

As Dean, his wise mentorship of the curriculum and his compassionate guidance of countless undergraduates earned him

the respect and affection of both faculty and students. His door was always open to every student, and he was a tireless advocate and effective leader for faculty members. He was a wise advisor to everyone, always putting the well-being of others first.

His family said that until his last days he was still able to parse a Greek verb, remember a Latin phrase or a lost detail of history, quote poetry at length, and recall details of every person who had lived on Munjoy Hill, all the way back to the days when horses were the mode of transportation and a car was a rarity on the street.

He will always be remembered and loved by those who had the great fortune to know him. ■



how gently time will soften
these, our days
this sunlight's edge, the sharp
wind's rise and fall
young faces carved of morning,
bright with praise.
though memories whirl and fade,
let time recall
these hours, again in some
unhappened night
all glowing still, as if by
candlelight

By Dean Bond, reprinted from the 1973
Westbrook College student yearbook, *Tower*

COMING THIS FALL: A special publication outlining UNE's successes to date at the halfway point in our 10-year strategic plan, *Vision 2017*, will be mailed to you later this fall. Also, look for the Annual Philanthropy Report online in November at une.edu/giving.

Frances Kornbluth, *Distant Garden*

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