That's the spirit
UNE celebrates as construction on the Harold Alfond Athletics Complex gets under way
n December 2010, UNE was honored to receive the largest gift in our history – a $10 million commitment from the Harold Alfond Foundation in support of athletics and health care education. This gift is transformative in the life of our relatively young institution, but it’s not the first time the Harold Alfond legacy has impacted UNE.

During his lifetime, Harold Alfond built a successful business, Dexter Enterprises, and used the wealth he created from the work of Mainers to benefit the people of Maine. The Harold Alfond Foundation gift of $2.5 million 15 years ago was UNE’s largest at the time and enabled the university to expand our sciences and our College of Osteopathic Medicine and transform UNE from a small school into a growing university.

This recent gift is the same kind of game changer for UNE. The University will use $7 million from the donation to establish the Harold Alfond Athletics Complex, a state-of-the-art athletics facility and gathering space that is likely to become the heart of the university’s activities and events.

In addition, $3 million will support interdisciplinary health care workforce education to address a critical, societal, and educational need.

UNE’s Interprofessional Education model (IPE) was developed in our Westbrook College of Health Professions and expanded to include the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy – and in 2013, Dental Medicine. It is focused on a team-based approach to patient-centered care. The $3 million gift will enable UNE to partner with health care institutions using this innovative model to educate tomorrow’s health care workforce.

The Harold Alfond Foundation’s $10 million investment in the University of New England honors the Alfond legacy of hard work, dedication to quality, and service to the health of our community and state. We are profoundly grateful for this gift and the impact it will have not just on current and future generations of UNE students, but on the many lives they, in turn, will touch.

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THE HAROLD ALFOND FOUNDATION’S COMMITMENT OF $10 MILLION IS TRANSFORMATIONAL FOR CAMPUS LIFE AND ATHLETICS, AND INTERPROFESSIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Harold Alfond had a deep appreciation for the mission of the University of New England. In the early years of Mr. Alfond’s shoe manufacturing business in rural Maine, he became ill and was in need of medical attention. Dr. Joseph Eshleman was an osteopathic physician in the area who Mr. Alfond said, “pulled him through” that difficult period of time. “Harold Alfond never forgot Dr. Eshleman,” said Chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation Board Greg Powell. “And the gratitude he felt for Dr. Eshleman highlighted for Harold the importance of UNE’s mission. It highlighted the importance of quality, affordable health care in our state as well as how every man and woman—with a good education whatever their profession – can make a difference in the lives of others.”
Dr. Eshleman’s three sons followed in their father’s footsteps and went on to become family doctors. One of them, Jim, practices family medicine in Norway, Maine. His daughter carried on the family tradition by also becoming a doctor, graduating from UNE’s College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Harold Alfond Foundation has donated $7 million for construction of a new, state-of-the-art athletics complex with everything from a hockey rink to a field house, café and fitness center. The gift comes with a bonus of $3 million for health care education for future medical professionals.

UNE President Danielle Ripich said she was deeply honored to accept the gift on behalf of students, faculty, staff, alumni and the Board of Trustees. “This gift is transformative in the life of our relatively young institution,” she said, adding that both parts of the gift are equally important. “Life on this campus will be forever changed by the Harold Alfond Athletics Complex. I predict it will become the heart of the University’s activities and events.”

She also said, “The $3 million gift will enable UNE to partner with health care institutions using the interprofessional model to educate tomorrow’s health care workforce. UNE is a private University with a public mission. We believe that this model is the future for affordable health care in Maine.”

The $10 million total commitment from the Harold Alfond Foundation is the largest and most generous in the University’s history – since the last gift from Mr. Alfond.

In 1995, Mr. Alfond believed that UNE needed a state-of-the-art health sciences center to become Maine’s leader in health care workforce education, and donated $2.5 million to make that happen.

“Over his lifetime, Harold Alfond made many gifts to higher education,” said Powell. “There were none, however, of which he was more proud than his 1995 gift to the University of New England for the Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences where Powell said, “the people of this University dedicate themselves, day in and day out, to providing a high quality education that deliberately and creatively connects students to the workforce needs of our economy.”

Harold Alfond has again made it possible for the University to make transformational change.

UNE plans to open the Harold Alfond Athletics Complex in the fall of 2012. The architect is Sasaki Associates of Watertown, Massachusetts and the construction manager is Wright Ryan Construction of Portland, Maine.
Groundbreaking for athletics complex is a team effort

UNE celebrated the start of construction on the new Harold Alfond Athletics Complex under sunny skies on September 26, 2011 on the Biddeford campus.

To a crowd of several hundred students, faculty, trustees, coaches and community leaders, UNE President Danielle Ripich said, “We are standing here today because of the tremendous generosity and vision of a man who was committed to the values of service, quality, humility, and hard work – Mr. Harold Alfond. It is because of his vision and his foresight that we are able to advance our vision for the university.”

Instead of shovels, backhoes were nearby the celebration tent along with evidence of their excavation work well underway.

“This is emblematic of UNE,” said Greg Powell, who was impressed with the progress. Calling it “a groundbreaking like no other,” Powell said, “UNE is unbridled in your enthusiasm for growth…we are inspired by your progress. If Harold Alfond were here, he would be celebrating with us.”

“The Harold Alfond Athletics Complex will allow UNE to shine in so many different areas,” said Michelle Oswald, '12, a member of the field hockey team. “It’s obvious that student-athletes and varsity programs will benefit by the addition of the state-of-the-art facility. However, UNE also has a plethora of intramural programs and this new building will pull non-competitive athletes in as well, contributing to the overall wellness of our student body.”

Scott McManaman, '12, a member of the men’s ice hockey team said: “It’s something special to think that when the current members of the hockey team return to campus years down the road, we will be proud to know we played a vital role in the formational years of UNE hockey, as well as the construction of this complex.” He noted the rink will also be home to a varsity women’s ice hockey program at UNE.

Dr. Ripich thanked the contractors partnering with UNE on the project who “share Harold Alfond’s values…and build on Maine’s quality of life while also strengthening its economy,” including John Ryan from Wright Ryan Construction, Neal Favreau from Favreau Electric, Tim Hussey of Hussey Seating, Chris Jordan and Mike Johnson of Johnson & Jordan, and Jim Shaw of Gorham Sand & Gravel.

Your gift can make a difference!

In true Harold Alfond fashion, the gift from the Harold Alfond Foundation to UNE includes a challenge grant. UNE needs to raise $7 million to match the commitment from the Harold Alfond Foundation. Gifts in support of all aspects of the University – not only athletics – are included in the challenge. Once the match has been achieved, an additional $3 million will be awarded to support UNE’s interprofessional health care workforce education.

Until October 2012, every gift to UNE will count toward the $7 million challenge, bringing UNE one step closer to earning the additional $3 million.

For more information on the Harold Alfond Foundation gift and giving information, contact William Chance, Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement at (207) 221-4372, or at wchance@une.edu.
Athletics Complex Conceptual Design Components

The facility is envisioned to be approximately 105,000 square feet and to have the following programming:

**LEVEL 1** (recessed to provide seating from the top down)
- NHL size ice hockey rink
- 900 spectator seats
- Team lockers
- Visitor lockers
- Officials’ lockers
- Training room
- Coaches’ offices
- Zamboni and refrigeration

**LEVEL 2** (at ground level)
- Lobby
- Cyber café/dining/ student study space
- Weight and conditioning room
- Athletic training room
- Laundry and equipment room
- Visiting and home locker rooms
- Performance court
- 1,200 spectator seats
- Two court, multi-purpose indoor practice courts

**LEVEL 3**
- Athletic offices
- Athletic training and exercise performance classrooms and offices
- Small conference room
- Large conference room overlooking basketball court

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Danielle N. Ripich
UNE President

Above at left: Students, faculty, trustees, coaches and community leaders celebrate during the Groundbreaking Ceremony and signed a banner that will be hung in the athletics complex.
Bricks and mortar that provided shelter for the Portland campus’ first residence hall more than 150 years ago will now serve as the base for UNE’s future College of Dental Medicine.

Named after a major donor, Thomas A. Goddard of Boston, Goddard Hall first opened in 1857 as a home away from home for students of the Westbrook Seminary and Westbrook Junior College, and later provided administrative space for Westbrook College. The four-story building was only the second building on campus and had two entrances facing the main green – one for male students and another for females, and an interior wall divided the two.

When it reopens, the building will again have two main entrances: one will face the main green, and the other will be located across from the Colemen Dental Hygiene Building featuring a ramp that will provide access for individuals with disabilities – a first for the building, which was accepted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, according to Westbrook College Campus by Joyce K. Bibber (Class of 1956). Building access will also be available from Hersey Hall, near Cahners Lounge.

The building has been restored thanks to the support of many alumni of Westbrook.
Junior College and Westbrook College, and the lobby will now feature a timeline commemorating more than 175 years of campus history.

“This display will give new generations of students the opportunity to access and take pride in their roots,” said UNE Librarian Roberta “Bobby” Gray, HA’00.

In its history, Goddard Hall has served many functions: as a residence hall, administrative space and also housed the laundry, the kitchen and the infirmary.

Now Goddard Hall begins a new chapter as the base of the College of Dental Medicine, scheduled to open in the fall of 2013. Dean James Koelbl’s office will be on the first floor along with a conference room and other office space, and the top two floors will house other administrative offices. A 40-seat classroom will be located on the basement level along with a student lounge with a kitchenette and vending machines. While the building honors the Westbrook legacy, it will also serve the needs of students of the 21st century – its student lounge will have Wi-Fi.

Goddard Hall Lobby

The new lobby will feature historical photos and a timeline commemorating more than 175 years of campus history.

In these walls

Much care is being given to preserve the history of the building, both inside and out. Even as interior walls were coming down, workers discovered artifacts such as forgotten shoes and medical bottles.

Renovation

Renovation is fully under way and completion is expected this fall, when Goddard Hall will become the new base for the College of Dental Medicine.
HIGH SPEED

ON TRACK

PROMOTING BETTER HEALTH FOR THE RACING COMMUNITY

By Susan Pierter
Buckle up. Lara Carlson is taking the ride of her life, and she wants everyone on board.

Her love for NASCAR is infectious. Did you know motorsports are the second highest viewed sport on television? Did you know it’s a family friendly environment? Or that race car drivers make themselves available to sign autographs? And it’s really fun to watch.

“It impacts all of your senses. Your hair stands back when the cars speed by, your heart races. You cannot only hear, but feel the roar of the engines. It’s really a sensory overload,” said Carlson, describing a day at the races as a spectator.

Carlson has found a way to integrate her love of racing with research associated with her work as an assistant professor in the applied exercise sciences program at UNE’s Westbrook College of Health Professions. Recently appointed to the 10-member American College of Sports Medicine Motorsports Committee, she has the opportunity to apply her professional expertise to improve performance and safety for the racing community – participants, crews and fans.

They have far to go. High-speed auto racing has been shown to challenge thermoregulation, stress the cardiovascular system, and induce driver fatigue, which is a major factor that can result in injury and death, and there are only a few published studies on the physiological demands placed on motorsports athletes. Not to mention the added G-force stress on the body.

Carlson is researching the body’s ability to adapt to changes in temperature – a race car cockpit can reach 140 degrees – and determine how that impacts performance. Ultimately, she wants to implement training techniques that will help drivers and pit crews better acclimate to temperature changes. She is reaching out to race tracks in the region to involve her students in the research.

Her findings will not only benefit drivers at NASCAR, but thousands of weekend racers, like the brother who shared her love of racing.

Growing up in Connecticut, Carlson’s brother raced stock cars on the weekends. But it wasn’t until they both attended a race in 2005 at Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama that she became hooked.

She lost her brother to cancer a year later.

“I am so glad I got to enjoy those races with him,” she said. “And now I’m carrying on his love of racing.”

Two summers ago, Carlson made a trip to Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, North Carolina to work with pit crew teams on strength and conditioning and pilot future thermoregulatory research. Hendrick Motorsports is the home of big name drivers: Mark Martin, Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., and most recent five-time consecutive Cup winner Jimmie Johnson.

“Working with the NASCAR pit crew is a dramatic change from work I’ve done with other types of athletes. An athlete herself, Carlson was a U.S. ranked hammer thrower in Track and Field, and a Scottish Highland Games competitor. She has also coached several NCAA All-Americans in various Track and Field throwing events.

“The athleticism and precision necessary when they go over the wall as their racecar pits are impressive,” said Carlson. “Fractions of seconds on pit stops can add up to wins and losses.”

Like her brother, Carlson’s husband also shares her enjoyment of racing. For a recent wedding anniversary, his present to her was a ride around a race track. She was in the driver’s seat.

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Lara Carlson | Assistant Professor, Applied Exercise Sciences
Alison Hildreth sized up the UNE Art Gallery about a year before her planned exhibit, “The Feathered Hand” and tailored a show that was a custom fit. The gallery walls were warmed by her prints and drawings on all three levels. And she found a way to fill the center cavity of the atrium like no other artist before her.

A cascade of angelic puppets and other glass blown objects were suspended by wire from the upper deck, intriguing visitors who took delight in viewing it from every vantage point – looking up, looking down and looking through it was hard to resist. No other piece has invited such scrutiny, and offered such transparency.

Portland artist Ernie Paterno created the glass blown objects incorporated in Hildreth’s magical and playful piece sparked by her childhood imagination that brought life to inanimate objects, combined with inspiration by the French philosopher, Albert Camus: “A person’s work is nothing but this long slow trek to rediscover, through the detour of art those two or three great but simple images in whose presence his heart first opened.”
This is the third year Sulikowski’s Bio 421-Physiological Ecology of Fish class has traveled to the Gulf of Mexico for hands-on research – but the first time they encountered two blacknose sharks, a rare occurrence in that region.

The spring-semester class consists of lectures and lab activities and culminates with a trip to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) for hands-on research. Students select a species to study for the semester – this year, they chose either Atlantic croaker, Hardhead catfish, or Atlantic stingray. The discovery of the blacknose sharks provided an unexpected but welcome opportunity for more in-depth field experience.
Sulikowski explains, “Since the sharks were female, our team was able to investigate the reproductive biology of this species.”

The intensive Gulf experience engaged the UNE marine biology students in research of a different ecosystem and species than that found in coastal Maine.

The students divided their time between time on the research vessel, where they collected fish between 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; running experiments; and analyzing results in the computer labs. Sulikowski adds, “One of the most important things students learn in their experiments is that things go wrong. These are not cookie-cutter experiments, so a large part of the learning is the problems they run into and how they aim to solve them.”

Nuber also intends to pursue graduate school, though hasn’t yet decided whether to study freshwater fish or saltwater. He says, “Everything is cool in the ocean.”

Another student, Dan Crear (‘12) of North Attleboro Mass., is staying in Mississippi an extra month to collect data for his honors thesis. Crear’s project will focus on describing the age distributions and population structure of the six shark species within the Mississippi Sound, a known shark nursery ground. In addition to working with Sulikowski, Crear is also collaborating with research scientists Eric Hoffmayer, Ph.D., of the National Marine Fisheries Service and Jill Hendon from the GCRL shark research program. Collectively, Crear’s data will be used to help determine the age classes of sharks occupying the Mississippi Sound, how the age distribution changes both annually and seasonally, and how abiotic parameters such as temperature and salinity influence these fluctuations.

IN-DEPTH

Karson Coutre (‘12), a marine science major from Lacrosse, Wis., has worked in Sulikowski’s lab since her freshman year and found the hands-on aspects of the experience most valuable: “I learned about fish physiology throughout the year, and then was able to apply this knowledge in a way so much more meaningful than in the lab. Being in the Gulf of Mexico, we saw how much life was there – sting rays, sharks. We also got into a “dead zone” (where there were no fish) and saw how it’s negatively been affected, and it makes me want to help. I love doing research, and I want to go on to graduate school.”

Fellow student Eric Nuber (‘12) of North Bay, N.Y., agrees: “Our goal is to study the species that are being affected by humans and how we can manage them. We spend a lot of time in the classroom studying, and rarely get to see things pieced together. It was really rewarding to have this opportunity in the field to do that.” He adds, “Working with Dr. Sulikowski has exposed me to so much. He guides and directs us, and encourages us to discover own interests and niche.” Nuber learned that the particular species he studied – Atlantic croaker – is a substantial by-catch for shrimp trawl. “I also learned the entire Gulf is low in oxygen levels and has a lot of coastal run-off, and that the Mississippi watershed creates many dead zones.”

James Sulikowski
Professor
Marine Science
A better understanding of the role of the blood-brain barrier is fundamental to understanding how migraine pathophysiology develops and how chronic use of medications can impact these processes.

**Willis’ Research Background**
Sumatriptan, and other triptan-based medications, are frequently prescribed to relieve migraine pain. However, reports indicate that initially following sumatriptan administration, headache pain may transiently intensify and that frequent use of triptan-based medication over an extended period may increase the frequency of migraines in migraine sufferers. This condition is termed medication overuse headache. The mechanisms responsible for migraine and medication overuse headache are poorly understood. Several studies suggest that changes in the integrity of the blood-brain barrier may play a key role.

Migraine is a common symptom associated with multiple sclerosis, acute mountain sickness/oxygen deprivation and stress. In these conditions there...
Big Eaters: Macrophages (green), the “big eaters” of the brain, escape from blood vessels (red) and invade the brain in response to injury.

Research and photo by Assistant Professor Colin Willis, Ph.D.
Department of Biomedical Science

Examining the Link Between Heart Failure and Diabetes

is also a change in blood-brain barrier integrity. Therefore, Willis reasoned that transient blood-brain barrier dysfunction may increase the likelihood of headache attack. To test this hypothesis, Willis will use a behavioral model of medication overuse headache to assess changes in blood-brain barrier marker protein expressions and vascular permeability in specific brain regions.

A better understanding of the role of the blood-brain barrier is fundamental to understanding how migraine pathophysiology develops and how chronic use of medications can impact these processes. Willis’ research may also identify novel proteins and pathways that could lead to the development of more effective migraine medications, and help improve the lives of millions of migraine sufferers.

UNE Pharmacology Professor Amy Davidoff, Ph.D., of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, is co-investigator on a grant funded this year from the Diabetes Australia Research Trust (DART) to continue her research on the relationship between heart failure and diabetes.

The research project, titled “A new link between altered glucose handling and impaired myocardial function in the diabetic heart,” represents a collaborative effort between Davidoff and Rebecca Ritchie, Ph.D., of the Baker Heart Institute in Melbourne Australia. Their focus is on the interaction of excess sugar inside the heart muscle and how it adversely affects heart function and leads to heart failure associated with diabetes.

Davidoff started conducting the research at Ritchie’s laboratory in Australia during a sabbatical that began in the spring.

Ritchie’s research program has access to several key components to explore the underlying causes and progression of heart failure with diabetes. Davidoff is helping her host’s team develop specific skills relating to how to assess heart muscle cell mechanical function and explore intracellular signaling associated with abnormal sugar handling.

“Our research may ultimately facilitate the development of exciting new ways to treat diabetic heart disease, and hence increase survival in humans,” Davidoff said.
UNE holds 176th commencement ceremony

UNE held its 2011 Commencement Ceremonies on May 21, 2011 at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland, Maine. The University awarded 1,247 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 Michael Michaud served as the keynote speaker.
Read more about the commencement ceremony and view more pictures at www.une.edu/studentlife/graduation
John L. “Jack” Williams became the University’s new provost and vice president of academic affairs June 1. “Dr. Williams has joined UNE at a very pivotal time in our history,” said President Ripich. “He brings us tremendous depth and strength in all the right areas – a hat trick of experience, so to speak. He has had a distinguished career in health care teaching and scholarship, with a deep appreciation for the liberal arts as the essential foundation of a university; a long and proven track record of securing and sustaining funding for research; and years of outstanding academic leadership. And in true UNE fashion, Jack also has a deep and abiding commitment to community service.”

Dr. Williams has served as an educator, researcher and leader for 19 years in both private and public institutions, including 11 years as a dean. He came to UNE from the Gordon E. Inman College of Health Sciences and Nursing at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee where he served as dean and professor. Previously, he served as dean of the division of Health Sciences in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D. As dean at these two universities, Dr. Williams was responsible for 15 different academic programs in 10 different fields at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and was closely involved in their accreditation review process.
James J. Koelbl is the founding dean of the College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Koelbl was also the founding dean of the College of Dental Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California. Prior to that, he served as the dean of the School of Dentistry at West Virginia University. He joined UNE in April.

“I am very pleased that Dr. Koelbl is joining us at the University of New England,” said Dr. Ripich. “UNE will benefit greatly from his extensive experience in dental medicine and as the dean of two dental schools. I am confident Dr. Koelbl will enable UNE to expedite the accreditation of the College of Dental Medicine and will also greatly assist in our fundraising efforts for the college.”

The college must be accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) prior to opening and a dean must be in place for the accreditation process. An aggressive fundraising campaign is underway, and plans are to open the college in the fall of 2013.

To date, $6.8 million has been raised with a lead gift of $2.3 million from Northeast Delta Dental and generous donations from Unum, New Hampshire’s Endowment for Health, Dr. Robert Card and other major contributors.

In last fall’s election, a $5 million bond to increase access to dental care in Maine was approved. This will help to address the lack of a dental school in the region and the critical shortage of dentists in Maine and northern New England. The $5 million bond allocates $3.5 million to establish a dental school’s community-based teaching clinic, which UNE was awarded through a competitive bid process and as part of its effort to raise money for the College of Dental Medicine.

Jeanne A. K. Hey joined UNE as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on July 1. Dr. Hey was a faculty member in Miami University’s (Ohio) department of political science and program in international studies from 1992-2011, and served as the director of international studies for nine years. She also served as interim dean of Miami University’s Middletown campus in 2009-10.

Her teaching and research interests lie in the areas of international politics, comparative foreign policy, the developing world, Latin America, and small states. Dr. Hey earned a B.A. in international relations and Spanish from Bucknell University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the Ohio State University. She studied at The American University in Washington, D.C. and at La Escuela Superior de Administración Pública y Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia.

“As a dean candidate she inspired so many people, not just within the College of Arts and Sciences but throughout the whole university,” says UNE President Danielle Ripich.

Dr. Hey is the author or co-author of many articles on international relations and foreign policy, co-editor of several volumes, and author the book “Theories of Dependent Foreign Policy and the Case of Ecuador in the 1980s” (Athens: Ohio University Press, 1995). She is the recipient of numerous awards, grants, and fellowships, has traveled widely, and taught and conducted research or field work around the world.
Dora Anne Mills joined UNE on September 1 as vice president for clinical affairs. Dr. Mills will strengthen UNE’s clinical partnerships and its community and public health mission.

“Dr. Mills’ outstanding record of public health service and collaboration makes her the ideal choice to lead UNE’s interprofessional health care education efforts and expand our public health and clinical outreach programs in Maine,” said President Ripich. A pediatrician by training, Mills served as director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for 15 years under Governors Angus King and John Baldacci. She is widely recognized for her public health accomplishments, including reducing Maine’s rate of tobacco use, teen pregnancy and childhood obesity. As Maine’s CDC director, she established numerous statewide partnerships with hospitals, agencies and schools, including Healthy Maine Partnerships, which provide public health programs on a local level. Dr. Mills received her MD degree from University of Vermont College of Medicine, and her Master of Public Health from Harvard University.

Thomas White joined UNE on March 1 as the vice president for communications, a newly created position that reports to President Ripich. White oversees all aspects of UNE’s strategic communications. He is also serving as the interim vice president of Institutional Advancement while a search is underway for a permanent replacement for Harley Knowles, who left to serve as president of Tennessee Wesleyan College.

Prior to joining UNE, White managed the communications programs at three major universities – St. John’s in Queens, New York, Seton Hall in South Orange, New Jersey and Washington and Lee in Lexington, Virginia. In each position, White and his team were responsible for all activities related to branding and multichannel marketing, media and public relations, web and digital communications and crisis communications. In addition, White was the director of emerging technologies at Indiana University.

Prior to entering higher education, White had been general manager of WFHB-FM Public Radio in (Bloomington, IN), press secretary for the Peace Corps (Washington, DC), and he began his career in a marketing position at Jos. E. Seagram and Sons.
Study Shows Welfare Helps Most Vulnerable

A STUDY ON THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM IN MAINE, known as TANF, was conducted by UNE Professor of Social Work Thomas Chalmers McLaughlin and Professor Sandra Butler of the University of Maine for the Maine Women’s Lobby, Maine Equal Justice Partners and the Maine Children’s Alliance. McLaughlin told MPBN that rather than making a conscious choice to go on TANF, program recipients enroll as a last resort and are usually employed right up until the time they began to receive benefits. “What we learned is that people are on TANF because of their inability to find and maintain stable and secure employment,” McLaughlin said. “We also learned that families come on TANF because of family health problems that limit the parents’ ability to work. We found that family-related crisis stemming from divorce, separation or domestic violence also mean that people come on TANF. Many families turn to TANF when they can’t find work or struggle to sustain employment in sectors of the labor market where low wages are predominant.”

The study also found that most TANF families are headed by women raising young children on their own, the median age of a child receiving TANF is just younger than 2 years old and the median length of time that families reported receiving TANF was 18 months.

A BIRTHDAY SEAL – Risa Sanders decided that she wanted to celebrate her seventh birthday by adopting a seal at UNE’s Marine Animal Rehabilitation Center (MARC). Her parents made her wish come true. The future “animal doctor” released her adopted seal, Garland, back to its environment in Biddeford Pool.

Pharmacy Scholarship Awarded

A student from the College of Pharmacy Class of 2013, Tamkeen Quraishi, has been selected to receive a Teva Pharmaceuticals Robert J. Bolger Scholarship for $5,000 through the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation Pharmacy Student Scholarship Program.

She is one of 58 students nationwide (out of 500 scholarship applicants) that were selected to receive a scholarship to offset costs of tuition and other course-related expenses. Scholarships from the organization range from $3,000 to $5,000 and recognize students whose achievements are exceptional.

The scholarship supports the development of future leaders in the chain community pharmacy industry and recognizes pharmacy students who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in chain community pharmacy.
Evaluating State Health Reform

A STUDY ON VERMONT HEALTH REFORM

authored by Ronald Deprez, Ph.D., M.P.H., Director of UNE’s Center for Community and Public Health, and colleagues has been released as a national policy brief by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The policy brief issued by the RWJF presents key findings from the Center’s two-year comprehensive evaluation examining the impact of Vermont’s 2006 health reforms: “Achieving Universal Coverage through Comprehensive Reform: The Vermont Experience - Evaluation Results.”

The study was funded through SHARE (State Health Access Reform Evaluation), a national program supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to fund, synthesize and disseminate evaluations of state health reform.

The findings of Deprez and his co-authors include:

• Vermont’s reform programs have led to increases in coverage; premium subsidies have encouraged take-up among lower-income groups in the state; and

• Outreach efforts have been critical in promoting take-up among those who were already eligible for public coverage but not enrolled.

• The authors also observe that enrollment growth in the state’s Catamount Health program has been hampered by churning, and they warn that the state’s Catamount Fund is unsustainable as currently financed.

UNE’s Center for Health Policy, Planning and Research in 2008 received the two-year $397,517 SHARE grand to conduct the study.

The purpose of the grant was to allow Deprez and his colleagues to evaluate the effectiveness of Vermont’s effort to provide affordable coverage for uninsured residents and also reduce healthcare costs through system changes.

Vermont’s health care reform was comprehensive, integrated and included components common to many state health reform efforts, in place or planned. Information gained from the study will be invaluable to the health reform strategies initiated by other states and on the national level. Recently Vermont unfolded plans to adopt a single payer health insurance program for the state. If adopted it will be the first state in the U.S. to move to a full public option.

Professor Recognized for Work in Osteopathic Medicine

JANE CARREIRO, DO, associate professor and chair, UNE Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, was recently profiled in the book, The Feminine Touch: Women in Osteopathic Medicine by Thomas A. Quinn (Truman State University Press, 2011). The book showcases some of the women who rose above adversity to become osteopathic doctors in the early years, and includes prominent women osteopathic physicians up to the present time. Carreiro was one of 20 women who have graduated from Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine since 1965 who was profiled for her overall contribution to the profession.
Interprofessional Education Sets UNE Students Apart

UNE students in the Westbrook College of Health Professions and the College of Pharmacy participated in the annual Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Spring Symposium. This year’s topic was, “The Health and Welfare of Veterans,” and former U.S. Congressman from Maine Thomas Andrews delivered the keynote address, representing “Stand with Vets” — a national campaign to create a veterans’ trust fund.

In the photo, left to right are: Tom Andrews, IPEC Director Shelley Cohen Konrad, UNE President Danielle Ripich, Portland City Councilor Cheryl Leeman representing Senator Olympia Snowe, and Major General John Libby of the Maine National Guard.

UNE ART GALLERY

CURRENT EXHIBITION
Children’s Book Illustrators
Now through Oct 30, 2011

NEXT EXHIBITION
Faces of War:
Photographs by Gerald Robinov of Returning Veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan
Nov 9 – Feb 12, 2012

OPENING RECEPTION:
November 10 | 5:30 – 8:30 pm
UNE Art Gallery
$30 per person | $50 per couple

Proceeds from this event will benefit services for veterans and their families at Community Counseling Center.

Add Verb’s New Role

ADD VERB PRODUCTIONS BECAME A PART OF THE WESTBROOK COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS at UNE’s Portland Campus this year, advancing interprofessional training for students in the health professions. Add Verb and UNE have been partners in health and wellness education using theatre for a decade.

“UNE is uniquely and strongly positioned to lead the country in providing the best training for future health care providers—professionals who not only know their own discipline, but also know how to work as members of a team whose mission is to provide the best care to their patients and clients,” said David Ward, dean of the Westbrook College of Health Professions. “The programs created by Add Verb Productions resonate in the personal lives of our students and certainly in the vast number of patients and clients with whom UNE graduates will work.” Cathy Plourde, Add Verb’s founder and program director said, “Add Verb has demonstrated the ability to address complex medical and social issues such as eating disorders, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Now that we are part of UNE, we will be able to expand programming in this area.”

Add Verb Director Cathy Plourde with Clay Graybeal, WCHP Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
UNE Alum Heads Maine CDC
Sheila Pinette, DO, a 2000 graduate of UNE’s College of Osteopathic Medicine, has been appointed as Maine’s top public health official. Since May 1, Dr. Pinette has headed the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. She completed her medical residency in 2003. Prior to her appointment, she ran her own internal medicine practice in Cape Elizabeth.

2011 Paul D. Merrill Business Ethics Lecture

In the photo below, left to right are: UNE President Danielle Ripich; Michael Dukakis; Sandi Goolden and Ethan Merrill (wife and son of P.D.); and former Maine Governor Angus King.

Interns mix medicine, research and entrepreneurship
A summer internship program at UNE introduced seven bright Maine students to the connection between medicine, research and entrepreneurship.

Working alongside UNE undergraduate mentors and faculty in the Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences (CEN), the select group of two high school and five college students learned how discoveries in UNE research laboratories are being developed as potential treatments for neurological and psychiatric disorders.

During the 11-week program, the students studied the principles of neuroscience and pharmacology, translational biomedical research and entrepreneurship.

The program was developed under the leadership of Ed Bilsky, Ph.D., director of the CEN and a professor of pharmacology in the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Bilsky is a co-founder of two Maine-based companies that are developing treatments for chronic pain and addiction. He also works closely with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, including several that are also Maine-based.

Bilsky is a passionate advocate for research and entrepreneurship. He said, “UNE’s summer intern program combines a taste of research with in-class lectures and presentations by Maine business leaders that enrich the research activities. Students will see firsthand how business leaders partner with non-profit research institutions to develop products and grow their companies.”

Participating students above: Taylor Piers, Hannah Clarke, Hannah Doss, Danielle Rafferty, Allison Saunders, Evan Shuris. Missing from photo is Mark St. John.
Less Than Human: Why We Demean, Enslave, and Exterminate Others
David Livingstone Smith, Ph.D. | Human beings’ tendency to regard certain members of their own kind as less than human has made atrocities like the Holocaust, the genocide in Rwanda, and the slave trade possible. And today, we still find it in phenomena such as xenophobia, homophobia, military propaganda and racism. In his new book, UNE Associate Professor of Philosophy David Livingstone Smith draws on a rich mix of history, psychology, biology, anthropology and philosophy to document the pervasiveness of dehumanization, describe its forms, and explain how and why we so often resort to it.

Charlotte Perkins Gilman: New Texts, New Contexts
Jennifer S. Tuttle, Ph.D. | During her lifetime, Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1860–1935) was a popular writer, lecturer, and social reformer whose literary interests ranged from short stories, novels, and nonfiction philosophical studies to poetry, newspaper columns, plays, and many other genres. UNE Associate Professor of English Jennifer S. Tuttle has co-edited a collection of essays in a book that represents a new phase of feminist scholarship in recovery, drawing readers’ attention to Gilman’s lesser-known works from fresh perspectives that revise what we thought we knew about the author and her work. Her co-editor on the volume is Caroi Fariley Kessler, professor emerita of English, American Studies, and Women’s Studies at Penn State-Brandywine.

Pediatric Skills for Occupational Therapy Assistants
Jane O’Brien, associate professor and director of UNE’s Department of Occupational Therapy, is co-editor of the 3rd edition of this textbook written specifically for occupational therapy assistants, covering the fundamentals of pediatric practice, including scope of practice, normal development, pediatric health conditions and intervention planning. It is co-edited by Jean Solomon, an occupational therapist in the Berkeley County School District. O’Brien co-authored eight chapters in the text. This updated and revised edition also includes five chapters by UNE occupational therapy alumnae: Lisa Baillargeon,’09; Katherine (Billings) Michaud, ’09; Katie Fortier, ’09; Chou-fsien Lin, ’09; Michelle Desjardins, ’04; Julie Savoyski, ’05; Caryn Birstler Hussman, ’04; Barbara Steva, ’07; Gwendolyn Duren, ’11; Allyson (LaChance) Barry, ’05; and Melissa (Mailhot) Stevens, ’05.

Principles of the Human Genome and Pharmacogenomics
Daniel A. Brazeau, Ph.D. and Gayle A. Brazeau, Ph.D. | The American Pharmacists Association has published a book that aims to introduce students and practitioners to important principles of human genetics and genomics that they can apply in managing their patients’ medication therapy. Among the text’s key features are: learning outcomes that summarize important concepts for the learner to master; review questions that point to important principles to remember; and boxes throughout that define key terminology, and a full glossary at the end of the book. The authors are UNE Dean of the College of Pharmacy Gayle Brazeau and her husband, UNE Research Associate Professor Daniel Brazeau.

The Parent as Citizen: A Democratic Dilemma
UNE Associate Professor of Political Science Brian Duff explores how influential theories of democratic citizenship rely on the experience of parenthood to help individuals rise to the challenges of politics, and demonstrates that this reliance has unintended consequences. Duff develops this argument through original readings of four theorists of citizenship: Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Friedrich Nietzsche, Richard Rorty, and Cornel West — readings that engage the ways in which these theorists incorporated their personal history into their political thought.

Out & Allied Anthology
UNE’s Add Verb Productions has announced the printing of its first publication, Out & Allied Anthology, featuring youth-written performance pieces. Thirty-four monologues, short plays and poems were selected from well over 100 submissions from youth in Maine and across the country, said Add Verb’s Director Cathy Plourde. The material focuses on the experiences of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and Questioning) youth and the importance of allies. Included is a guide for directing and producing, writing original pieces and other resources.
hose of you channel surfing on a Friday night may come across a show on the ABC network called, “What Would You Do?” The so-called reality show is based on the premise of presenting unknowing individuals with challenging situations, which are staged to gauge and evaluate the reaction of individuals stumbling upon tricky circumstances.

One show centered on the actions of patrons at a high-end restaurant watching another customer deliver a profanity-laced tirade toward a member of the wait staff because he thought the food was sub-par. Another episode detailed the actions of beach-goers witnessing an individual scouring the beach and lifting the personal belongings of unsuspecting sunbathers. The host of the show challenges the viewer – “what would you do?” Would you confront the petulant customer at the restaurant, or accost the thief at the beach?

UNE cross country runners Jess Partlow, ’12 and Lindsay Forrette, ’13 were presented with a real-life “what would you do?” situation last fall while participating in the ECAC New England Championship at Colt State Park in Bristol, Rhode Island.

Roughly a mile into the nearly four-mile race, Partlow and Forrette – two of the Nor’easters’ top runners – came upon a stricken competitor. Partlow, slightly ahead of Forrette at the time, stopped and rolled the fallen runner over onto her back.
CHAMPS!

The women’s basketball team claimed the ECAC New England Championship, defeating regional-power Southern Maine for the second time during the 2010-11 campaign – only the fourth time in the last 39 meetings. UNE won 12 straight games in the latter half of the season, and reached the TCCC final for the second consecutive year. Kelley Paradis ’12 was named TCCC Defensive Player of the Year.

DOUBLE TIME

The men’s hockey team doubled its win-total from the previous season, which included victories over NESCAC foes Amherst, Connecticut College, and Tufts. The Nor’easters also had 11 representatives on the ECAC East all-academic team – tied for the most in the league.

STRONG FINISH

The women’s swimming team finished 7th out of 21 teams at the NEISDA Championship, and individuals achieved all-New England status in seven different events.

RECORD-BREAKERS

The men’s lacrosse team won a school-record eight times in 2011 – bettering the mark of six wins established in both 2009 and 2010. Big Blue also posted twice the number of conference victories (four) than any season before.

SENIOR SCHOLAR ATHLETE

Women’s lacrosse player Angel Jarmusz was named TCCC Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year.

COACH OF THE YEAR

The softball team won at least 22 games for the fifth consecutive season, amassing the highest total (29) in over 17 years with deep runs in both the TCCC and ECAC New England tournaments. At ECACs, which were shortened by inclement weather, the Nor’easters earned the distinction of co-runners-up, playing Brandeis to a tie in the last elimination game before the championship round. Dan Letellier was named TCCC Coach of the Year.

“...she was unresponsive at first after I rolled her over,” Partlow recalls. “When she started to become responsive, I recognized that she was having trouble breathing...”

Forrette reached the scene soon after and immediately stopped to stay with the failing runner as Partlow, a registered EMT in Maine, quickly departed to seek medical attention.

Forrette wondered exactly what had happened and if she could do anything to help without injuring the ailing fellow competitor. Meanwhile Partlow was successful in finding medical assistance, and the runner from Salve Regina University made a full recovery.

The UNE duo went on to finish the race, albeit several minutes behind what is their normal pace. In a championship situation, Partlow and Forrette sacrificed individual distinction and valuable points for their team for the needs of someone else.

In a letter to UNE, ECAC Commissioner Rudy Keeling applauded Partlow and Forrette for “their selfless act of sportsmanship and for putting the well-being of a fellow competitor.” And several newspapers carried stories on their efforts.

Neither Partlow and Forrette took a second thought to come to the assistance of someone else – even in the heat of a championship event.

“I am sure I speak for both Lindsay and myself when I say we did not think that we’d get this much attention for our actions,” Partlow said. “In fact, I think we received more than the situation called for. It was a simple act made into something more than it was.”

“...Personally, I don’t feel as though I did enough to warrant the amount of publicity that I have received,” echoed Forrette. I highly doubt that Jess and I would have been the only runners to help and stop the girl.”

Spoken like true champions.

ECAC Award Recognizes Sportsmanship

The UNE women’s cross country team has been chosen to receive the Eastern College Athletic Conference’s (ECAC) inaugural Scotty Whitelaw Sportsmanship Award. The award was presented at the annual ECAC Honors Dinner on October 2, 2011 at The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis in Massachusetts.

The award – named after former ECAC Commissioner Robert M. “Scotty” Whitelaw -- exemplifies positive traits in intercollegiate sports. This award honors student-athletes for their virtues such as fairness, integrity, selflessness, respect, and a sense of fellowship with opponents.

Representing UNE at the ECAC Awards Dinner was head coach Ron Ouellette, assistant coach Jerry Mullin, seniors Jess Partlow and Heather Pederson, and junior Lindsay Forrette.
Westbrook College Reunion 2011 was celebrated June 10–12.

We welcomed over 155 alumni and guests back to campus for Westbrook College’s Reunion 2011. The Class of 1961, celebrating their 50th Reunion, was the largest class back with 30 alumnae on campus. The Class of 1971, celebrating their 40th Reunion, was the next largest class and both classes made the most of this Reunion! On Friday evening, alumni learned about the history and renovation plans of Goddard Hall from UNE librarian and unofficial Westbrook College historian, Bobby Gray HA’00. The building was open on Saturday for alumni to see the progress of the construction. On Saturday, alumni gathered for class meetings and the Annual Alumni Meeting and Awards Assembly where Anne Haskell (Honorary Alumni Award), Alyson Blewett ’86 (Heloise E. Withee ’40 Alumni Service Award), and Penelope C. Jessop ’71 (Tower Award for Alumni Achievement) were presented. After lunch, alumni could relax with massages, reflexology, and manicures as well as enjoy tours of both the Biddeford and Portland campuses and a presentation by College of Pharmacy Assistant Professor Matt LaCroix. Dr. James Koelbl shared plans of the new College of Dental Medicine before alumni headed into a lobster feast and an evening of music and dancing by the band Straight Lace.
Westbrook College Alumni Association Board of Director Alumni Awards

Tower Award for Alumni Achievement
Penelope C. Jessop ’71 (seated right)

Heloise E. Withee ’40
Alumni Service Award
Alyson Blewett ’86
(accepted by Helen Blewett in Alyson’s absence - standing)

Honorary Alumna Award
Anne Haskell (seated - left)

View more photos and connect with your classmates at www.alumni.une.edu
Toni Livingston Bond wrote that she is anxious to get news of our classmates.

Jane Hendrickson Carr called and said that she was the only ’45 class member at our 65th reunion last June.

Marge Bell Dearth enjoyed the summer again at Ocean Park, ME. She writes “out of the 12 of us who lived in Johnson House at Westbrook in 1944-1945, 11 of us have stayed in touch with yearly get-together.” They lost touch with Trudy Elman. “Unfortunately there are just six of us left now: me, Jan Brown Coombs, Harriet Gifford Gordon, Kay Libby Hartnett, Jean Hanna Martin and Joan Smith Potter. We all have enjoyed having such good friends, so many years ago at WJC.”

Eleanor Pratt Hathaway writes that she and her husband have been living at a retirement home, Kendal at Ithaca, NY for the past 12 years. They are happy to be living in the heart of the New York State Finger Lakes. They are well, but Ellie has extremely limited vision from macular degeneration. Their son, Jim lives near St. Johnsbury, VT, daughter Jan is near Richmond VA, and Beth lives in Lancaster, PA.

Ruth Caswell Hill and husband, Tom, have celebrated 64 years of marriage and have 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren! They have been living in Springfield, VA for 2.5 years and it’s a very nice “Erickson Living” community. Ruth says they are happy there and don’t have to prepare dinner anymore! “Tom and I feel truly blessed when we think of 2 of our 3 daughters who have been widowed for 2 years. We still enjoy vacations at Bethany Beach, DE with some of our family each summer. We travel to AL and IL to spend time with family also!”

Our sympathy to Eleanor Eckerson McIntyre on the loss of her dear husband on November 25, 2009. This past summer Ellie took a “dream trip” to New Zealand and Australia for a month.

Eleanor L. Mullen writes “It was a beautiful summer at the beach. I was glad as my sister from Florida came up for three weeks. I’m also recovering from a heart attack. I do hope that everyone is well and has had a Merry Christmas and happy, healthy new year!

Joan Smith Potter lost her husband recently and she lives in an assisted living facility.

Priscilla Smith Scheiner writes “my husband and I had a wonderful visit to the Florida Keys last winter, where our retired daughter (yes, retired!) has a winter home. We had a spectacular time, driving up and down the keys and went sailing on a gorgeous windjammer. Our daughter, Jody, is at Hokkaido University, Japan, this winter, and Louis is vacationing in Costa Rica for the winter. Be well, and stay in touch!”

Avis Bearse Simmons was in a very bad auto accident with her husband, and she spent several months in the hospital.
Barbara S. Wells has no new news, but guesses that’s good! They are still in their old house (1743) in the wonderful town of Guilford, CT on the shore of Long Island Sound. Her kids are all fine – she has 4 kids, eight grandkids and no great-grandkids yet! On May 7th, she and her husband celebrated sixty-one years of marriage and are still happy!

Edith Fettiger Williams writes that they had a marvelous time in Kennebunkport last September, where dogs can run freely on the beach after Labor Day. Edie fell off a swing while playing with her great-granddaughter last spring and broke her sacrum bone. It is taking a long, long time to heal.

Natalie May Wilson writes that she finds it “interesting” to be 85 years old. How about the rest of you?

1946

Mildred Kaplan Drees writes “The pattern of my life has not changed for many years...6 months in Portland overlooking Casco Bay, and 6 months in Lake Worth, FL with vast views of golf courses. In Portland, my volunteerism is divided between the Maine Historical Society galleries and Portland Museum of Art, both of which are wonderfully satisfying as is docenting at the superb Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach. I remember Westbrook Jr. College warmly.”

Elizabeth Tirabassi Dupre writes “I will put down a small note to let you know that my husband, Roland Dupre, of Sanford, ME has passed away since our last report. I have been having a hard time with my health the last 3 years; seems like everything’s gone wrong instead of right. I hope to come out of it before long.”

Elizabeth Mills Hanley writes “Our Cory High School (Augusta) Class of ‘44 held a 65th reunion last summer. We had 25 classmates attend and 20 others. The humorous part was when some people said it was so much fun that they are looking forward to another in 5 years – what optimism! By May & June next year, I will have 16 great-grandchildren – it’s been so much fun! I am lucky to be able to do most anything I want, but much slower and the “dust” doesn’t get removed so often!

Lois Wanecek Thomas writes “Jean Childs and I get together often for lunch and great visits. We meet often with Gloria Mattatal Palazzo. Both Jean and I have our names in for Park Danforth in Portland on the site of the former campus on Stevens Ave. We will still keep up our outside activities and be independent. I have a wonderful great-grandson who will be a year old in March. (Sadly, Jean Childs passed away in January 2011.)

Jane Rogers Walk shares her time between Florida and Cape Cod and enjoys her 6 grandchildren. She would love to hear from classmates if they’re in the area!

Pauline Dowling Wright just spent her ninth winter in Florida and welcomed her third great-granddaughter in 2009!

1947

Rachel Purdy Haggerty writes “My husband, daughter, son and I moved to Phoenix, AZ in 1977. I have volunteered at a hospital gift shop one morning a week for 31 years. I have been a part-time caregiver to a friend for three years. My granddaughter, Christine, lived with me for seven years and is just getting her own apartment. Grandson, Michael, is employed by Scottsdale School District. I now have one dog and five cats living with me. It’s a zoo!”

Maida Horovitz writes “Everything is grand here. I have a new boyfriend named Robert Willner. He is very nice to me – takes me out to dinner every night. My children are fine. My son, Dr. Len Horovitz, still plays the piano twice a year in Carnegie Hall. I just returned from a lovely trip to New York where I saw three good shows.”

Liz Johnson doesn’t have much news about her activities, but her most exciting news is that she is expecting the birth of her first great-grandchild!!!

Bettie Brown Leonard writes “Liz Johnson, Fern Wilson Orr, Pat Melcher Lockwood and I meet several times a year for lunch and keep up to date that way. Liz and I belong to The Women’s Literary Union and the Maine Genealogy Society, both of which I’ve missed recently due to a surgery. I am now back in circulation, but it takes time and determination to get back into really “living” again. I missed my regular trip to the Maritimes in Canada last June, but my sister-in-law and another friend and I have plans to make up for it. Of all my travels around the world, that’s the one destination that keeps calling me back – it’s been my destination for over 20 years. My grandson, Robbie Brink, has promised to take me when I no longer can drive that distance. In 2012, we’ll celebrate our 65th reunion! If you can join us, Westbrook College/University of New England is a marvelous sight to see!

Marjorie Sloat Soden writes “I’m still living in Rockwood Condos in Cumberland Foreside, ME. I hope to move to Piper Shores in the future – not the near future!” Thanksgiving was spent in N.J. with daughter, Sarah, her husband, Thomas and son, William. “Hope the future is as much fun as my past! Best wishes to you all.”

Beatrice Cram Webster writes “Up here in the Catskill Mountains in NY, we keep very busy! In the summer, I drove to Maine by myself and had real nice weather! I also stay busy with church, volunteering, family and friends; time goes by fast when you’re busy. I surely hope everyone is healthy and happy as I am. Love to all.”

1948

Barbara Fox Dixon writes, “Jim and I keep busy. We’re off to Tahiti and Hawaii in January on a cruise. Jim volunteers at our local hospital in the ER section; he has over 4,000 hours in. We both volunteer at the local Habitat for Humanity Store and are active in Church activities and we’d love to see some Westbrook people here in NC. Please get in touch!

1949

Beverly Holgate Dugan says things are about the same for her. They aren’t traveling as much but enjoy each day with each other. At 83 years old, every day is a bonus and they are so grateful to be together – for the past 60 years! Their kids are all doing well as are the grandkids; they even have a 2 yr old great-grandson and he’s a real pleasure! Though Portland’s only three hours away, Beverly doesn’t seem able to get there for mini-reunions, but she sends her best to all!

Jane Lewis Gleason writes “Hope all are well. I went to Austin, TX for Thanksgiving week and saw daughter, Beth, and oldest
grandson, George, who works for the San Antonio Missions AAA Baseball team. Christmas was spent in New England and in early January, I went to Marco Island, FL.

Margaret Smith Goode sent in this picture of a mini reunion that she and some classmates held in June 2010.

They are (left to right) standing: Sunny Mergevne Harmon, Norma Howard Bennett, Dottie Garniss Anderson, Elaine McFarland Johnson, Beverly Young Brison, Jo Anne Vaughn Thomas, Judy Keegan Sturgeon, Jane Lewis Gleason, Barbara Vitagliano Bridges-Elliott, Peggy Smith Goode, Martha Coe Ritchie. Seated (left to right) are: Pat Whitmore Hamblen and Polly Lewis Larson.

“In June I traveled west to visit Yellowstone, the Grand Teton, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and the Badlands; hard to say which was my favorite as they were all spectacular. Shortly after I returned home I was involved in an auto accident; luckily my shoulder restraints and air bags worked and saved my life. My children and grandchildren are all doing well and in August we enjoyed our annual family vacation at Mooby Beach.”

Marjorie Gaskell Goodwin writes “I was able to enjoy some flower gardening during 2010 and attended some nice flower shows. I had a red and sun gold cherry tomato plant that gave me luscious fruit. I was also happy to be able to keep my nephew’s lawn mowed with my lawn tractor; just being outside and getting out for walks makes my day. The last large event for 2010 is a right knee replacement and at this writing, am 2 weeks into recovery.”

Norma Sorli Gormley traveled to Santa Fe, NM in October. She writes “I hadn’t flown in 12 years! I was glad my daughter, Janet, accompanied me as she was familiar with air travel regulations. We stayed with my niece and her husband in their lovely home and they took us to around; it was a delightful vacation.”

Beth Hill Greenough writes “I’m on the waiting list for a retirement community in Lancaster, PA and am an usher in the Presbyterian Church during winters in Naples, FL. I will spend Thanksgiving with my grandson and his family in AL. He is stationed there and is a Black Hawk Pilot Instructor. My daughter is active in the National Tea Party and travels to DC with them. I do a Caribbean cruise every winter; I’d love to meet with other alum who come to Naples.”

Caroline Chapman Hills writes “I’m hanging in there and doing ok but as many of you know, it isn’t easy. I’m still in very good health so no complaints there. My children have been wonderfully supportive. I have 2 grand-daughters just engaged so will have 2 weddings in my future. I also have a precious great-granddaughter.”

Carol Evans Jaffe writes “I went on a cruise up the Amazon last fall and this fall, down the South American West Coast down around Rio – Oct 19 – Thanksgiving. Very exciting countries.”

Elaine McFarland Johnson writes “I keep busy volunteering at the food pantry, church and a few other organizations. I’m also involved in a walking group for fun, fitness and fellowship. I recently had nice walking trips to Nova Scotia, Cape Cod, West Point and State College, PA as well as day trips to MA an NH. I have 3 children, all married and 7 grandchildren. Big thanks to Jane Gleason for getting a group of us ‘49ers together every year.”

Judy Bean Lundwall writes “My great-grandson, Luther, was born July 5th and is adorable! At Ed’s 60th Reunion from Bowdoin, I was house guest of Dick and Smokey Morrell and had a great time. Summer at Stockton Springs, Maine...81st birthday in June (gulp)...all in all...life is good.”

Martha Coe Ritchie did her “Martha’s Miracle Walkers” Making Strides event in Portland again this year and raised over $2K for the American Cancer Society’s Breast Cancer programs.

Jo Anne Vaughan Thomas-Hall writes that on October 9th, 2010, she and her childhood friend/neighbor – Richard Hall were married. “We had both lost our spouses of 57 years and renewed our friendship at our 60th high school reunion! It has been a happy time for us but the best is that his children and mine take delight in seeing their parents smiling again.”

1950

Joyce Cole Dow writes that she’s no longer driving due to macular degeneration but otherwise, is well and content. She thanks God for good friends and her children! She enjoyed going through the “TOWER” of 1950 recently – lots of good memories.

Marjorie H. Gaffney writes “my beloved husband died this October after 60 years of marriage. Our six children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild gathered; it was a blessing.”

Jane Adams Wilson is still playing tennis and golf! She still loves to swim and was in the ocean on Cape Cod in mid-October! She keeps busy on the flower committee at church and belongs to the Garden Club. If she can learn to use the computer at the library, she will begin volunteer work there also. She and her husband hope to be able to do some cross-country skiing on Mount Washington. Their son has 4½ yr old twins (a boy and a girl) and a 7 yr-old daughter and their daughter has two girls – one in high school and a 12 yr-old who is a pitcher on her softball team.

1951

Beverly F. Aker spent February 2010 on 3 Elder Hostel programs in cold Florida and Georgia. Took a cruise with my daughter in August on the inland passage to Alaska.

Jean Parfitt Dahneke spent 20 days in May 2010 touring England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. She found her grandfather’s birth place in York, England and had hot, sticky, puddings for the first time and found it yummy! She travelled with 32 Australians who were a kick! Her great-grandson, Trevor, (2) and his mom (her granddaughter) live with her and trying to keep up with him keeps her young!

Dorinda “Dorre” Smith writes “In retirement, I make greeting cards and teach bridge.”
Jean Farnham Henshaw says her health is fairly good. She is busy with church and bowls once a week. She sells the crafts during the month. She is thankful that her husband, Charlie, is still living. Her daughters live nearby. She keeps busy with church activities. They took a cruise last April to the Caribbean, and enjoyed it, but prefer smaller river cruises. Her granddaughters are getting married again in June, which is brighter news.

Sylvia Horsfall Gibson says it doesn’t seem like seven years since her husband, James, died. She is thankful that her daughters live nearby. She keeps busy with church and bowls once a week. She says her health is fairly good.

Jean Farnham Henshaw and Bob spent two months in Naples, FL last winter, out of the cold of VT, but still very “cool” in FL. Bob is having short-term memory loss, and long-term is also fading, but she is thankful he can still walk, talk and maintain a good sense of humor.

Anne Houghton Hunt writes “I was sorry not to attend our Reunion in June, but I was getting ready for my son, Jeff’s wedding! We now have a wonderful new daughter-in-law and three lovely step-granddaughters. I broke my right foot in July and spent two months in a “Boot.” I could not drive but friends and neighbors came to my rescue. My husband was hospitalized for six weeks due to a fall and some heart problems. We will cruise in February with my daughter and her hubby, as well as spend about two weeks in Florida. I can hardly wait!”

Gayle Edwards Johnson, who lives in Montvale, NJ, is blessed with three grandchildren, six grandchildren and one great grandson. She and her husband also have a home in Chatham on Cape Cod, which they all enjoy.

Carol Dunbar Martin’s plans to attend a nephew’s wedding in Massachusetts were spoiled by a trip to the hospital to have a stent in her heart cleaned out and another inserted. She also had angioplasty behind her knee and ankle. Son Mark works for Southwest Airlines and this fall transferred from Denver back to Phoenix, where Carol lives.

Joan Mahoney Miles says that she and John keep busy in the Northern Neck of Virginia. She still teaches water aerobics and is now teaching a running aerobic class in the Chesapeake Bay, next to her house! They actually run two miles in the water. She cares for her twin grandchildren each year in NY, while her daughter-in-law teaches art in France. She and John will spend February in the Villages, FL again this year.

Stephanie Carter Pearson wrote “Plenty of changes in my life the last couple of years, but hopefully the big ones are behind me. With husband Duncan’s death two years ago, spending six months in two places (Arizona desert and NH lake) was more than I needed to deal with. I am now living in Exeter, NH, about half way between daughter Martha in Concord and son Stuart in South Portland, so I only need to get on a plane to see son Alan in Bellevue, WA.”

Lizzy Lester Poole writes “Herbie and I are still plugging along, doing biking and aquafit classes to try and fight the flab. I’m now trying to grow vegetables and herbs on the porch so the iguanas won’t get them. So happy to see the pelicans returning – didn’t see many last year, and counted 21 White Ibis picking over the lot across from us yesterday. A large hawk frequents our next door trees and likes roasted chicken skin; maybe I’ll open an animal café.

Sabra Harriman Smith and Bill have had good health, and play a lot of golf and bridge, two of their favorite activities. They attended Bill’s high school reunion in Denver and his college reunion at the Naval Academy last year. They spent three weeks in Ocean City, MD, and are now basking in the sun at Siesta Key, FL. Daughter Vange and her husband are in Washington, DC, while son Fritz is with C-Span in Lafayette, IN.

The Class of 1956 extends much sympathy to Diane Dorr Campbell Saunders on the passing of her daughter, Kathryn Campbell Reed on October 29, 2010. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Joan Ericson Dalley who passed away in May 2010.

Barbara Tuller Snider writes “Still live in Phelan, CA, where I have a horse, 4 dogs and two cats. I visit my granddaughter in TX as often as I can. I’m still with Mary Kay Cosmetics and manage to keep busy and happy!”

Dawn Oppedisano Colley writes that she just finished sewing 68 different costumes for a production of The Wizard of Oz. “Our granddaughter was the Cowardy Lion. It was so much fun seeing the production from start to finish. Ed did caricatures of the boy or girl in costume. Our grandchildren keep us busy with their projects and teams. I did try a dance exercise class up until I started sewing and found out I can...
still move for an old lady. We will be going on our first cruise this June. Ed gets deathly seasick but since it is our 50th year of marriage, he has to give in. Our children feted us this Sept. for our anniversary and it was a lovely party in their back yard with friends and family attending. A great surprise was one of our exchange students from Denmark arrived with his son to help celebrate. A sister I hadn’t seen in five years also came out from California. It was a wonderful reunion.”

Joanne Burnham Edwards writes, “We are still keeping busy with no lazy retirement days yet. I am still working for two companies, and one day a week we play with our three-year old grandson. We waited a long time for a grandchild to spoil, so we play every chance we get.”

Barbara Troubh Epstein writes “This winter and I taught skiing at Maine Handicapped Skiing and doing my own skiing when possible. I also tutor conversational French and substitute when needed. My husband and I spent three weeks traveling in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico last spring visiting National Parks. Our children are not married but have super careers.”

Judy Hall Hawkess and husband just moved from the lake house in Poland to a condo in Scarborough and love it. No plans for Tucson this year, but maybe Florida for a couple of weeks to visit her sister and brother-in-law. “Our grandson, Jared, is coming home from basic training in South Carolina for a couple of weeks and will be going for further training after that. My computer has gone kaput, but before that was getting news on Facebook from Carolyn Cresssey Lindlau, Rosalie Romano Aube, Debbie Tibbetts Sterling, and Carol Oldenbrook Twyon. What fun! I’m still a very proud member of the award-winning Royal River Chorus, and we practice in Westbrook every Thursday night.”

Elaine Israel Mendelow and husband David are still enjoying life in Florida. David has taken up photography quite seriously as a retirement activity. Elaine still keeps busy with volunteer activities. “We play bridge regularly and enjoy theatre, concerts, ballet, etc. We recently returned from a wonderful month long sojourn. We went to Venice, Florence and Rome then took a repositioning cruise home from Rome to Miami. Our son, lance, continues to live in Minneapolis and enjoys his work on the corporate staff at Target. He’s a multimedia specialist, and his group has a hand in the production of those wonderfully creative TV ads.”

Donna Beshara Mullin has been a realtor for 35 years starting in Needham before going in to the Boston condo market and moving to sales director for two large condo projects in East Cambridge. She returned to the Needham-Wellesley Market and has worked with Caldwell Banker for 12 years. She has three married children; one is a vice president at Fidelity; a daughter is a senior vice-president for Protection Co. in Hollywood, and one son and his fiance own a contemporary clothing line in San Francisco called Rebecca Besos Designs, sold throughout the USA and Asia.

Judith Williamson Naylor returned to Dallas following a trip to Italy and Greece in the spring of 2009. Within two months, she became ill and had to return to Atlanta. Besides making several small trips to visit family, she has stayed close to home this year. Most recently, she has taken bridge playing classes and has joined a book club. “Life is quite different these days, but a very good one in spite of the changes. I am sorry I missed our 50th Reunion, but I look forward to joining everyone at our 55th.”

Phyllis Cramer Nixon still lives in Walpole, and they have six granddaughters nearby so she’s involved in many of their sports and activities. Their oldest is at Hobart and William Smith College in NY, playing soccer and they have enjoyed going up to many of her games. “I retired from B.I. Deaconess Hospital in Boston where I helped to run the gift shop and do the flowers for the hospital - a great job for 11 years after having co-owned a Quilt Shop in Walpole for several years. I see Judy Murray at that shop as she is now an owner of it. My roommate, Carol, and I communicate often via email and Judy and I both have seen her not long ago looking great. Our reunion was good but not many there. I did get to connect with Mary Jo, Judy Drake DeCoste, Judy Arnold Murray, and Donna but missed so many of the “old” Deering crew.”

Almira Robinson Parady writes “Hello to WJC class members and especially Houghton Hall gals!! Bill and I are still living in Rockwood, Maine - we get tons of cold and snow and ice up here, but we still enjoy the scenery and quietness of the north Maine woods. I continue to paint and sew and cook and enjoy family and friends. I kind of miss being able to work as I really enjoyed my job as med. tech in York Hospital Lab, but time marches on and life changes.”

Leigh MacInnis Schock After 30 years in their home in Arlington Heights, Illinois, she and Carl are moving to Oregon to be near a son and daughter-in-law and 11 year-old grandson.

Nancy McClellan Sewall lives on the water in Longboat Key, Florida and enjoys the retired life. She volunteers at the Island Chapel Lord’s Warehouse on Saturdays, a wonderful thrift shop that benefits many important charities and organizations. “I exercise a lot and enjoy boating. Granddaughter, Star, has moved to Sarasota where she and Carl are moving to Oregon to be near a son and daughter-in-law and 11 year-old daughter. I would like to hear from Molly Emerson.”

Debbie Tibbetts Sterling writes, “Paul and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in January 2010 and we have had a wonderful year celebrating with family and friends. Our big celebration included traveling to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC where we had a wonderful time. We also did a trip to Disney with our daughter and her family, a trip to Key West with our son and his family. We decided to do a lot of smaller gatherings with family and friends, one which included WJC classmates Rosalie Romano Aube and Melissa Ewell Hall who were in the wedding party – can you believe it! Other than that, Paul and I follow Yale athletics as much as we can.”

Evelyn Swanson Strom writes, “In November 2010, all of our family gathered for our 50th wedding anniversary celebration in Santa Rosa, CA. It was at our youngest son’s house – lots of fun to gather for good things!”

Carol Oldenbrook Twyon writes “I am totally retired as of January, 2010. I was working part time for my boss’s son taking care of his father’s estate. I love retirement and spend quality time with family.
In August, I spent a week with several high school girlfriends in a lovely rental home in Perkins Cove, Ogunquit, Maine. Phyllis Cramer Nixon, MaryJo Pochop, and Judy (and Jim) Murray visited her last summer.

Alice Worth Wood says hello to all! She writes “I had planned to attend the 50th reunion; however, at times life does throw us a curve ball.” She and Sid have retired and enjoy free time and travel to see friends and grandkids. She wrote “Number 12 – our only granddaughter, is a #1 track star in the state of Maine. Our first-born grandchild will be off to Colorado State; the ten others are all involved with music and sports - all stars! It’s good to see Houghton Hall so well represented on the donor list. Hello to Nancy Dunnell and the Houghton Hall gang and best wishes to all!”

1960

Susan E. Brady writes “Philip and I are now getting back to our lives after the shock and loss of my son, Andrew. We have not done much traveling. We, along with how many others, are tight with our money. The next step is to find something we can live without! We still love Maine.

Judith Greenan Clark writes that the reason she didn’t make it to her 50th Reunion last June is that her “wonderful sweetheart of 55 years and hubby for 49 went to be with the Lord in August from complications of Parkinsons. Our six fabulous grandkids (ages 2 – 19) and our 2 sons all live nearby. Our oldest is a sophomore in college majoring in musical theatre/early childhood education; her younger sister just won Most Outstanding Actress in a statewide drama competition. Our 4 grandkids are into sports and they all bring me immense joy!”

Nancy Foster writes “I loved our 50th reunion! It was a big thumbs up to Cyndi Lauper’s Girls Just Wanna Have Fun song. And didn’t we, especially with our dancing and singing on Saturday night? It was great to see so many of our terrific class and re-live our memories. Many thanks to the folks who planned and organized it! In the late fall I traveled to Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. It was enlightening and heartwarming to see the progress made in Vietnam since the Peace Accords were signed in 1973. This trip was a truly positive experience for me all around!”

Carol A. Fredriksen writes “I certainly had a grand time at our 50th Reunion celebration. Since the reunion, I have been to Alaska; what a scenic state! Took a cruise from Vancouver to Seward, then toured the remainder of the state by car. One of the highlights was halibut fishing – my largest catch was 31 pounds! Another highlight was seeing Mount McKinley; we were there on a perfectly clear day. I recommend you put this state on your list of places to visit!

Carol Fredriksen on her halibut fishing trip

Shelia Taylor Jones writes “Gail and I had third row seats for the Doo-Wopp concert compliments of our sister, Candy, for our 70th birthday! Son, Erik, was here for our birthday – the eight of us had a great time! Bob and I have season passes for skiing – “Old Age” discount is great!”

Joyce Bowden Leiker writes “Sorry to have missed the 50th Reunion in June; though I was thinking of you all that weekend. I am still working with autistic children and I do sign language with one student that I’ve had for 11 years! My son and daughter are in Reno so we see them a lot. My husband loves his job so we both keep busy. If anyone is in the area, please give me a call; I’d love to visit with anyone.”

Cinnie Janis Northgraves writes “All’s well! Good health, good husband, good kids, good grand-kids (college age to 1.5 year old), good job! Hope the same is true for you!”

Carol Vaughan Reams joined the knee replacement club in March, and notes that after week of therapy, her knee is terrific! She highly recommends doing it if you need it! She and her family enjoyed celebrating her mom’s 100th birthday in June! Though she was sorry to have missed the Class of 1960’s 50th reunion, it was the same weekend as her mom’s gala event! However, she love hearing about the reunion and all the activities that the class shared.

Linda Clark Whitney is enjoying retirement. Both of their sons and families live out of state so travel to see them as often as possible. They will spend part of the Christmas holidays with each of them. Happy New Year to all!

1962

Kathy Burr Adams passed on that she has actually moved into the 21st century and has become an e-mailer and has not been the same since. She and John have not taken any special trips, except for going to the DC area to visit with their little Eleanor. They spent the summer once again in Northeast Harbor and are excited to report that they are going to be grandparents again in April.

Barbara Wood Bretas wrote that she spends time in Fairbanks each July to visit her daughter in-law and grandchildren. She gets to see her son and grand kids in NYC more frequently. She was happy to report that her entire family would be spending Christmas with her in Florida. Barb and Janie Bean Welch get together when the Welches are in Florida in the winter.

Madeline Fustac Coppinger writes “I am fully retired now and find that I have enough to do at home looking after my husband, Francis, and the cat, Shadow. We went to Maine in August for my 50th high school reunion and had a wonderful weekend. We expect to spend a month in Tucson this winter. My sister has offered us the use of a condo at no cost—an offer we can’t refuse!!

Left to right: Kathy Burr Adams, Linda Casey Waddell, Julie McCarthy and Gail Daffinee Sherman

Connections. For Life
**CLASS NOTES**

Caryl Van Zante Dearing wrote from Indiana that she and her husband will be leaving her hometown of 68 years. Jim retired as a partner at MSKTD & Associates the end of October. As a result, they are moving to their summer home of almost 30 years on Martha’s Vineyard. This brings them closer to two of their three children (2 live in MA and the other in CA) and they can see the grandchildren more often. They plan to continue doing the things they enjoy: golf, tennis, scuba diving, mahjong, etc. Caryl also plans to include doing some volunteer work in their new community.

Pat Hunter Flalkosky wrote that she had just gotten back from Nassau and a short trip to Maine. In December 2010, they were heading to the Cayman Islands for a nephew’s destination wedding.

Nancy Murphy Kuns reported from Arlington TN that she and her husband have recently moved to the “country.” She has 8 grand children and truly loves being a grandmother. She is involved in volunteer work at her grandsons’ elementary school.

Robert Taylor Ladetto writes “I love being with our grandchildren – 5 of them – ages 6-12. They are such fun! I enjoy knitting and cross stitch to relax. Bob and I are looking forward to our next trip, which is a 2-week cruise/land tour of Alaska. We try to get to Boothbay/Camden area is the fall. Love that fresh “lobstah”!”

Carole James McKenney wrote that she and her husband, married 47 years, settled in Kensington, NH and have four children and six grandchildren. A few years ago they bought a second home near Tampa, FL. They drove up the coast of New England to spend July and August visiting family. Her sister came from Denver to visit and later they went to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. During the year she was able to visit with Anna Butler Cutler & husband, Valerie Foaring and Mary Palmer Brundrett.

Nancy Hall Perkins said that she and Larry had celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June. More celebrations came in late August with 50th high school reunions the same weekend. They have two homes in Readfield - a small home on Maranacook Lake that will be their year-round home and the other which is too large for the two of them that they have been trying to sell for the past 18 months. Nancy “retired” 14 years ago as an education technician from the Readfield Elementary School and Larry retired this past September. Their three adult children are nearby: a daughter in NH and two sons and six grandchildren in Maine.

Cynthia Haskell Rubant lives Canton, Georgia with her husband in an active adult community. She is very involved with several clubs and has started a Quilt Club. They left “Hotlanta” for hot New England to spend July and August visiting family. Her sister came from Denver to visit and later they went to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. During the year she was able to visit with Anna Butler Cutler & husband, Valerie Foaring and Mary Palmer Brundrett.

Barb Knies Sell commented that she attended her 50th high school class reunion in 2010. She and her husband live in Missouri, and made the drive to Ridgewood, NJ. It was their first trip east in over a decade. After the reunion they drove up the coast of New England. While in Portland they stopped by the college. She remarked, “How strange it is to see young men walking around the campus! Our house mother, Millie would have had a fit!” They visited the new bookstore and Barb was delighted to find a corner of Westbrook College stuff so she purchased and sported a Westbrook hoodie all fall!

Elizabeth Allen Simino reported that she and her husband continue to live in their Westborough home but have made upgrades to improve it as they age. They love their new, four-season sun room. Their three grandchildren – Bradford, Jona-than and Isabelle live nearby. This summer they rented a home in Ocean Park, ME, and both families were able to spend time there during the two weeks. Although retired, Darrell is busy again preparing to do taxes for the elderly via an AARP program and Elizabeth is a distributor for Topricin products. She had a wonderful visit with former roommate, Nancy Hill Selover and husband, David, last winter and could not believe it had taken so long to reconnect.

Jane Bean Welch reports that she and Jim are doing pretty well and getting ready to head south for approximately three months. They go to Ft. Myers and then travel across the state to see Barbara Wood Bretas. They also enjoy their 10 year old grandson who lives within walking distance and she says that “He still likes to go ‘camping’ with us in our motor home - it won’t be forever that he wants to do that!!!” Jane’s looking forward to seeing lots of WJC classmates at our 50th!!

Beth Kendall York reported from Bath, ME, that she finally went back to Bermuda after 48 years. She also shared that she had seen Roxann Gallant Meehan, Nancy Hall Perkins, Marilyn Lalumiere, Norma Morris Cherest, and Karley Yogel Goodwin at their Deering High School’s 50th class reunion. Roxann was the chair and it was the best one ever!

1963

Emily (Tudi) Adams Watkins writes “what an incredible time my husband, Al and I had hosting the annual mini-reunion. Six dear WJC friends of 49 years gathered at our home here in Round Rock, TX and Al was our personal tour guide. Our first tour was about ten minutes from our house – there’s a bat colony housed inside the underneath of a highway bridge. At dusk they fly out for their nightly supper of bugs by the thousands! We visited the Alamo, took a boat tour of the River Walk in San Antonio, visited the LBJ ranch in Stonewall, TX along with the Sauer-Beckman authentic working colonial farm. Took the amphibious “Duck Tour” in Austin and enjoyed an incredible sunset at the Oasis restaurant on Lake Travis. We had four days of incredibly wonderful fun. Evenings consisted of hilarious card games.” As time marches along the year 2013 will be here before we know it when we will be celebrating our 50th class reunion. If any of you have any suggestions to make the reunion very special please let me know. If you would like to be part of my Westbrook e-mail group, please let me know. You may contact me at any time by calling me at 512-218-9537, or by sending me an e-mail at tudiemily@earthlink.net.
Carol MacLaughlin Combes retired on November 14, 2010. Nine times throughout 2010 she enjoyed getting together with a group of WJC’63 graduates to include Sharon (Roberts) Phelps, Betsy (Marshall) Sargent, Joan (Merrill) Weeks, Jane (Donovan) Bolduc, Barbara (Lothrop) Labbe, Jeannie (Betty Jean Welch) Howard, Cinny (Glover) Wood, Diana (Romano) Flaherty, Carol (MacLaughlin) Combes, Judy (Wilson) Glass, and Vicki Randall. She and husband, Ed, attended many country music concerts. They bought a new RV and spent four weekends camping with son, Michael, his wife, Nikki and grandchildren Owen (5) and Kia (2). Other RV trips included Nashville and Knoxville, Iowa, and Bristol, ME. She and Ed celebrated 47 years together and plan to winter in Florida and Georgia in 2011.

Donna Rowe Fowlie moved to Gilford, NH in 2008 and loves this part of the country. Last winter she visited with Nancy McDowell Nichols during her southeast travels, had a blast on a ten-day western Caribbean cruise and worked at Meadowbrook outdoor pavilion in Gilford last summer. This winter she’s traveling to Costa Rica to work in a hotel there and is looking forward to immersing herself in their culture.

Donna worked at LL Bean during the fall season. Her seventh grandchild will be arriving in April in Nashville; other grandchildren span in age from 3-23; the 23-year old is getting married soon. She “hopes all is well in your neck of the woods”

Cathy Goode is still working full time as a RN with Tidewell Hospice at their Port Charlotte Hospice House. She spent ten days touring Ireland in October with her sister, had a wonderful time with scarcely a drop of rain the entire trip! She can’t wait to go back again!

Sandra Uillian Holmes writes “I am getting ready for the ski season and am totally enjoying every moment of retirement. When my husband travels in New England, I usually keep him company. Recently we were in Portland and drove through Westbrook - good memories! It’s so much fun to watch grandchildren, Paige and Sydney grow up. Since I had two sons it is fun to shop for little girls and they love to play “dress up.” At our Chanukah party, my husband and I received a wonderful gift from our sons – they had the old super 8 movie films converted to DVD’s. I had forgotten that movies had been taken at my shower. Two Westbrook classmates, Sandra Shipp and Judy Quist were guests. What a wonderful gift of memories!”

Nancy Bushey has been retired for five years. She worked as a medical secretary for 27 years in a doctor’s office at the Bingham Area Health Center. Her husband is a retired game warden now working part-time as a U.S. postal mail driver. They have 10 grandchildren ranging from 2 years to 17 years. They are all “A” students and excel in sports year round and she spends a great deal of time attending their various games. In the summer the whole family spends a lot of time at their camp on a spring-fed pond – there are 24 in the immediate family!

Nancy McDowell Nichols enjoyed many trips and many visitors. “Jeff and I helped celebrate Jeff’s father’s 90th birthday in Florida. Donna Rowe Fowlie spent a week up in the mountains of Georgia in January. I headed to Maine for the “snow experience” in Feb./Mar. and saw Sharon Pellegrini Mertz. Celebrated 4th of July in Washington, D.C., visited Boston and then on to a lake in Maine where Jeff and the grandchildren arrived. Was home 24 hours before I flew to Austin with Donna Rowe Fowlie, Becky Rice Schlieper and Sharon Pellegrini Mertz. Merrie Cronk Graf and Cindy Chaffee Trayers also flew in for an incredibly fun “mini” reunion at Tudi Adams Watkins home. Jeff and I also flew to the Bahamas to visit our daughter. Kayaking is our new-found sport!”

Priscilla Wells Schell lives in Ellijay, GA. “Gardening has always been a strong interest and now it’s a passion. My love of flowers was accentuated when I was about ten years old and joined the Junior Garden Club and those memories are treasures. Several years ago another member and I started the Jr. Garden Club with a structured educational garden program at a private school in Ellijay with the goal of sharing gardening with kids. In May the National Garden Club convention was held in Atlanta and club received a National first place award for our Flower Show. Best of all, we received the top award Garden Club of Georgia’s Club of the Year. It’s all about gardening! I’m President of the Garden Club of Ellijay, an active master gardener.”

Bette Jane Swett-Thibeault writes “my life is still filled with wonderful work with clients in my business ‘Fit For Excellence.’ I have 85 regular clients for the healing art of therapeutic massage and am now getting referrals from doctors in the area. I’m still teaching exercise at Central Maine Medical Center’s Wellness Center. This will be my 25th year of teaching exercise programs. I’m also re-certified for the third time for Irlen Center of Boston to screen for the Irlen Syndrome. My two grandchildren are delightful. I am “Whimsy” to them. I spent time in Spain and Southern France in October with my daughter, Liesse and her father for a first time experience. I’m looking forward to reading about the many adventures of the class of 1963.”

Beth Wells tried to retire in April. “As it turned out I am now off for 6 weeks, back for 6 weeks, ad infinitum. I find the morning alarm clock ringing very annoying but once I’ve had my coffee I am set to go! I was in Maine to help a former high school pal with her re-election to the Maine House. Sadly she lost. Spent a week in New York City – stayed at a friend’s 52 step walk up apartment!”

Karen Wurzbacher Zerlaut wrote “I have been care giver for my mother and cousin
for about 7 years. My mother died last year and my cousin passed on this past summer. I now have time to enjoy and babysit Cole, 20 months and Evie, 6 months. I have six grandchildren now. My husband and I are very active in our local concert band – check us out on youtube (Coastal Communities Concert Band) and our own site www.cccband.com. Our annual Christmas Concert proceeds go to “Meals on Wheels” and over the years we have raised over $100,000. Very active in church where I direct three handbell choirs. The moment I remember most at WJC was when, as a freshman, I was chosen for one of the two spots in the “Faux Pas.”

Suzin Garfield Zimble writes “It’s that time of year and I’m back in FL after being on Cape Cod for the summer. Still playing golf and loving it. Our oldest grandson graduated college and is working. Three are still in college, four are in high school, one in middle school, a total of 10!! Didn’t do too much boating this summer as my husband had back surgery and had to take it easy, which left more time for me to play golf. I’m well (3 years cancer free) and never felt better. Will be looking forward to our 50th reunion.”

Bob Dunbar writes “I am still enjoying my “job” at watching 2 grandchildren; Siena (3) and Aiden (1½). They certainly keep me active! Linda and I spent a very nice weekend in July visiting Bob Corcoran ’62 and his wife, Maryann. Bob retired to Elverson, PA a number of years ago. We visited and toured some of Lancaster County. It was great seeing them – they’re doing great! I am finishing up my first year as President of the Alumni Council and have really enjoyed every second of it. I hope to remain active with the Council as long as I can be productive.”

Peter Makuck writes “In April of this year, BOA Editions released my Long Lens: New & Selected Poems. The book has recently been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. A personal essay about my teen fur trapping years, “Trapping in Foreign Country” won the Monroe Spears Award “for the best essay to appear in The Sewanee Review in 2010. This October has been an extraordinary year for green tile shrimp in the NC coastal waters. One morning, with my trusty throw net, I hauled in a record 180 jumbos in a little more than an hour! It’s also been a tasty season of shrimp gumbo, shrimp creole, shrimp pasta, shrimp salad, shrimp tacos – all slightly enhanced by certain kinds of wine, imbibed, of course, in moderation.240

John E. Peterson retired from the practice of law in January 2010 and moved to their summer home at Lake Geneva, WI. He’s resolved his health issues and is now on kidney dialysis and feeling great. He’s still working on his book. His whole family (including their children and grandchildren) visit them for two week each year. He’s thinking about re-entering politics next year or practicing law part-time. In October, he and his wife visited Connecticut for his wife’s 50th high school reunion and he’s just discovered that a 1989 UNE grad now owns his mother’s house in Newington!

Eleanor Koppang Batchelder goes to NC for the winter months and spends summers in NH. Last spring she was diagnosed with breast cancer while in NC. She opted to have her surgery and radiation treatments there since the hospital is less than 5 minutes away. She finished her radiation on July 10th and on July 11th was on her way to Scotland with her husband, Ken, and her son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Dawn. They attended the British Open at St. Andrews. Grandchildren, Bo (10) and Ellie (8) live in Charlotte - only a two- hour drive for Elle and her husband. They get to attend concerts, recitals, and sporting events with them and then they spend four to five weeks in NH with Ellie in the summer.

Nancy Doane Brooks wrote that after 33 years of living in Vermont, she’s now “back home” in Maine! She moved to South Portland at the beginning of the year after her life partner passed away. She is now close to her three children and three grandchildren. She’s retired and is starting to get involved with her new community. Best of all, she’s now able to attend school/sport activities for her grandchildren and have them for weekend overnights! She met up with Daryl Geer at a neighbor’s and now see each other often. She’s anxious to hear from other classmates who may be in the area!

Raymond DeLeo writes “although I retired from teaching 10 years ago, I am definitely not a couch potato. I have a new granddaughter who’s 1 year old. My other grandchildren keep me and Marge going non-stop! We also care for my 93 year old parents.”

Suzanne Gillis has received a lifetime achievement award in the newspaper business. She is the founding publisher of four newspapers. She was recently inducted into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame. She’s the only woman from Vermont ever inducted and the 12th woman out of 80 inductees. Her award winning newspaper, Vermont Woman, provides a forum for the voices and perspectives of women. Both the Provincetown Banner and Vermont Woman are recipients of the Newspaper of the Year Award. Vermont Woman was also top winner for General Excellence and was voted Distinguished Newspaper of the Year for 2009 by the Vermont Press association. Sue lives on Lake Champlain in the Champlain Islands and continues to do the work that she loves. Hello from Sue to all her classmates - she would love to hear from you!

Mary Lou Butka Halla writes “After 10 long months at Maine Medical Center’s Neuro-rehab facility, my daughter, Kim, is finally home at my house after suffering a grade 5 Brain Aneurysm! Her chances of surviving were slim but she did it and is continuing rehab on a daily basis in Portland. She is now walking on her own! My dog, Fleck, stays with her also and her cat, Oliver is not a happy with that! As the saying goes, you don’t know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.”

Geraldine Powers Jervah and her husband, Dave, are going on a 14-day Southern/Eastern Caribbean Cruise in Feb. 2011 to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They have two sons and two grandsons, 16 and 14. They are traveling in their RV
to the Great Lakes next summer. Had another mini-reunion with Karen Prario Baker, Meg Getz Gelden, Connie McCombe Keon, Linda Lundgren Ororsky, Becky Spencer Svenson this summer at Martie Wentworth Sanborn’s cottage in Maine. Gerry had just broken her wrist the day before, but had a lot of fun/laughter that got her through the pain. Becky Spencer Svenson now lives only 10 minutes from Gerry.

Colette Styffe Lankau is still working at the family business, Stow Acres Country Club. She is trying to take more three day weekends at the Cape or at Loon Mountain in N.H. She and her husband enjoyed a week-long Danube River Cruise this year and visited Hungary, Austria, and Germany. This was their first ever cruise and they had a wonderful time. Three of her grandchildren are in high school and she is fortunate to live close enough to them to be able to participate in their activities.

William J. Marrah writes “Pete Lynch and I enjoy going to our house in Campton, NH. We always have a good time in the great outdoors – mowing the lawn, trimming the shrubs and cutting back the branches on the trees. We are members of the Elks in Plymouth, NH.”

BG Herring Metzler has a new granddaughter in La Canada, CA. That makes two girls 14 months apart for her daughter. She now has six grandchildren and three step-grandsons. She and her husband, Bob still work as consultants and love to travel. They have been all over the world and now want to see more of the US. They have been in Charlotte since 1973 and are “Southern Yankees”! She says that 60% of the Charlottans have been there 5 years or less so it’s growing and changing every day.

Jane Palmer Since 2007, Jane has spent her winters in Wichita, KS with her son and his wife and five grandchildren Cyle (21), Katie (19), Cory (18), Kira (16) and Cyrus (13). She keeps busy going to Silver Sneakers exercise classes at the YMCA and also exercising 2 days a week at the nearby Senior Center. Wichita abounds with country music concerts at two new arenas and boasts a new IMAX theater and planetarium. She enjoys the change from her city life back to her country life in Hope, ME keeping busy with her flower and vegetable gardens, her acre plus lawn, making strawberry jam and applesauce and hanging out with her friends.

Mary Wood Peterson has been retired since Feb. 2009 and loves it. She welcomed her first great-grandchild in Sept. 2009, a little boy named Bryson, who is the joy of her life. She keeps busy with babysitting, her house, exercise programs, reading etc. She is awaiting the arrival of a little brother or sister for Bryson in May 2011. Her children are all well and busy. Her daughter lives in Georgia and her son and family live in Illinois. In October of this year she and another retired friend traveled from Georgia to New England and visited friends and family along the way. They stopped at the Westbrook campus but it was a holiday weekend and nothing was open; the last visit there was for the Class of 1964’s 25th reunion back in 1989. Hopefully, she’ll make it back for her fifty year reunion.

Martha Wentworth Sanborn writes that (Meg) Getz Gelden and her husband, Bob, spent 4 days in Maine with them before leaving for a 5-6 week vacation in several European countries. She and Bob were married in March 2009 and live in the San Francisco area. Martha also spent three days in NYC with Sibyl Nye Erdman when Sibyl’s husband was on assignment with the UN for four months.

Linda Bailey Scheve spent summer on the Cape in Dennis, in Wolcott, VT for Grandson Joe’s graduation from Lamoille-Union High School (Hyde Park, VT) and in Hope, Maine with WJC roommate, Jane Palmer. “We got to visit with Mary Lou Butka Halla and celebrate her daughter, Kim’s, recovery. My grandchildren are all great; Alyssa (16) enjoys skiing and races for Lamoille-Union H.S. at Smuggler’s Notch; Joe, now attends Johnson State College; Jon-Jon (5) is in kindergarten, and Bobby (4) and Lexi (3) are in preschool. I enjoy every minute with them all.”

Andrea Fyfe Smith moved to Manassas, VA over a year ago from Vermont. She has settled into her new home near both her daughters and grandson (age 6) who also live in Manassas. She is retired and has joined the Senior Center, Senior Bowling, and volunteers at the local hospital. Her favorite music is Bluegrass and she states that “this is the place to be for Bluegrass”. She’s planning to go to the Birchmere for New Years and see Seldom Scene. She hopes to see all her classmates at our upcoming 50th reunion in 2014!

Muriel Soroka writes “I have two exciting updates since I last wrote everyone. My youngest daughter, Susan, is expecting a baby boy in May. Sue and her husband, Tom, have two girls and live around the corner from me. My second great update is that I met a fantastic guy named Tony Pizzi and he has asked me to marry him. He gave me a beautiful diamond and I am so proud to be wearing it. I never thought I would meet and fall in love again but you never know where life is going to take you. I wish you all well and please keep in touch.”

Diana McAlary Hicks writes “Tony, my husband of almost 45 years, and I are scaling down on the work front, but not fully retired. I do H&R Block on a seasonal basis and he is still a big part of our son’s business. We have 6 grandchildren, but unfortunately on July 19th our 17 ½ year old grandson fell to his death in Muir Woods, CA. It was a tragedy that the family will never get over and he left behind many
broken hearts. His siblings are Kelly (16) who is ready to get her driver’s permit, Amelia (13) who is very active in exercising and Kyle (11) who finds it fascinating to take things apart to see how they work, but usually does not finish the job. Our daughter and husband have 2 little fellows, Tyler (6) & Wyatt (2) who are extremely active, healthy, sharp and smart living in MD’s eastern shore. I also have an 87 yr old mother who has traveled on 3 major trips this year out of the country. We keep ourselves busy traveling to the NJ shore in the summer to enjoy our seasonal “abode”. I travel to Maine to help Mom out and also travel with her to interesting places south and west such as Hawaii, St. Thomas, Jamaica, Mexico, and Bahamas before tight security arrived!

Margot Hoyt Gatchell wrote “All is well in Maine. We traveled to Portland, Oregon the first of the year to see family which was wonderful. We had a quick trip to D.C. in July, including the 4th fireworks there for the 1st time. Our son, Will, and his wife, Sarah, with their son, Hugh with 2 dogs have moved to Portsmouth, NH in the first part of September. In mid-September Bill & I and Lucy Gatchell took a hiking trip to Southern Utah which was one the best trips that we have had. We hiked every day to Zion, Bryce, Boulder, Red Canyon, Arches, The Needles & Lake Powell. What a beautiful part of the country!

Carol Prombain Kagerer writes “I’m still enjoying my winters in Florida. Had a wonderful visit from Nancy Marchetti last winter. Still love to sing in the chorale here in Fl. and also Karaoke. Am giving two classes in shell flowers per week. Still doing Red Hat and volunteer work. Family all doing well. Taking a cruise in Feb. 2011 and looking forward to doing some snorkeling. Absolutely loving retirement. Four surgeries done and 6 more to go. I’m doing my best to cope and need your prayers. Warm sun is a blessing.”

Mary Jane Allen Williams writes “Randy and I have retired, living in Naples, FL 7 months of the year and Brewster, MA for the other 5, life is good. Our oldest daughter and her husband adopted a little girl last winter. Autumn Rose is now 7 and a busy little girl in the second grade. We will be joining our younger daughter and her family for a reunion in Mali, West Africa (where she was located for the Peace Corp) for Christmas. We haven’t been there for 10 years since her wedding.

1966

Diane G. Baronas writes “My husband passed away March 17, 2009 from cancer. I have six grand-children – the youngest are 10 year old twin boys (my husband was a twin also). I’m still working 30 hrs. a week in a group practice as a clinician – lucky me! I’ve always loved dental hygiene and educating patients in regard to good oral health – basic fundamentals! I vaca-tioned in Iceland this summer!

Left to right: John MacDonald, Tom MacDonald and George MacDonald visited in Connecticut in April.

Charon Matthews Sellers has been married to the same guy – David E. Sellers, for 42 years! They are expecting a 3rd grandchild, Jacob David Spear Sellers on December 7, 2010. Grandchild Sophia Elizabeth Sellers (4) from Topsham keeps them busy every Wednesday.

1967

Joan Slade Desgroseilliers writes “I am retired now; I summer in NH where I have a log house on a quiet lake. I winter in Tuscon, AZ – the best of both worlds! Dave retired from his main job, still has a small part-time job and still does taxes. We have six grandchildren who are growing up too fast!”

1968

Virginia Mercer Eyres writes “My husband, Wayne and I are living most of the time in Mazatlan, Mexico. I go back to Vancouver Island every summer where my two girls live. I retired from teaching three years ago and it certainly took awhile not to need my teaching fix everyday but I seem to have finally succeeded, although there is no shortage of “students” who want to learn Spanish. Friends have remarked that I can’t seem to grow up and find just one country to live in. I respond with, “Well, maybe I am just a true North American.”

Bernard L. A. Ayotte has just been re-elected to his third term in the Maine House of Representatives, “Saint Francis College prepared me well!”

1969

Michael Home has been in the education “business” for 41 years now, the last 13 as the Athletic Director at Mashpee, MA High School. He has three grandchildren.

Jane Morrison Davidson is still enjoying work at the mental health center in Conway. Rick is still teaching. They now have 5 grandchildren and life is good. If any classmates are in Conway or Freedom, NH, please look her up!

1970

Frank “Peach” Buckley is a self-employed food broker and still lives in Winthrop, MA.

Rocco Ferranti writes “The Alumni Weekend 2010 was more than wonderful! The Class of 1970 had a great time. Thanks to UNE for the event and to my classmates and Coach Beaudry for a walk down memory lane. Hope to see you all in 2011.”

Fred Scheithe retired from teaching after 39 years teaching sixth graders. His wife, Jeanne, has also retired from teaching sixth grade math for 33 years. They are enjoying their new life together.

1971

Sally A. Bouton got certified in September to train workplace mediators through Mediation Training Institute International. Courses are scheduled in Portsmouth, NH, Saratoga Springs, NY and Hartford, CT. “Come say hi if you’re in the area.”

James A. Mullins writes that his son, Jim Jr. and his wife, Kris, live and work in Mass. His son, Matt and his wife, Teri live in Littuce Creek, VA with their boys and Matt is a LITCDT in the Navy, currently working with NATO in Europe. Sarah and her
husband, Chris live nearby in Greenwich. Life is good!

Cynthia Thompson writes “I’ve been in the nursing field since graduation. Surgical, psychiatric, camp, private duty and school arenas have all contributed to a wealth of memories and skills.”

1972

Gail Jacob Eldredge writes “we have been enjoying our first granddaughter, Emma. After two boys, I am having so much fun with a girl. Thadd is still working for us; Jared’s married and continues in R&D in the computer engineering field. His wife is a mechanical engineer and they live in Sunderland for the time being. We are still into traveling, with a trip to Liberia planned to assist with building a school for girls in Monrovia.”

1973

Andrea Ottum Arnold worked in an ER and Urology Practice in Texas from 1973 to 1993 and then returned to Maine where she working in Occupational Health Nursing at BIW until recently. She took early retirement recently due to some health issues but is doing well and enjoying her retirement.

1974

Sandy Leasak Lee has been retired from teaching for 6 years and has two children, Benjamin and Rebecca. The love of her life (besides her husband, John) is her 7-month old grandson, Evan. She thinks of SFC a lot – the friends, roommates and many memorable events! Get in touch!

1977

Teresa Tombarelli Blouin writes “I’m joyfully awaiting “grandmotherhood”! My daughter, Alissa, is due in February. Paula Goulet’s daughter is also due so we will become grandmothers together (just on different coasts)! My son, Kyle, graduated college in Australia in December 2009. After graduation, Kyle and I flew to New Zealand where he bungee jumped over 400 ft. and we went white-water rafting together! Kyle now lives and works in the Boston area. Glenn and I have a trip planned to Puerto Rico and the Caribbean with friends for April 2011...I still love my job working for the State of NH in Concord as a Budget Analyst. I recently connected with high school friends via Facebook and now we get together for lunch sometimes. It’s great because at this age we have a lot in common! Hopefully, I can connect with Westbrook friends in the future as well - you are in my thoughts often.”

1979

Deborah Simpson Loveitt writes “I am still in Gorham, ME with my husband, Peter. I have been at Morgan Dental Care as a full-time hygienist for 30 years now. My step-children are all grown up and we are proud grandparents of 4 yr old Owen – what fun! My step-son is a third year medical student at UNE and is loving it! Hello to all the class of ’79!”

1981

Mary Ellen Quinn Widberg writes “Happy 30th Reunion Year! Where has the time gone? I cannot believe all the years that have gone by since graduation. I had a lot of fun at the last one and it was nice to reconnect with some old friends. When I started thinking about this one it prompted a small group of us to meet in NH for lunch. We came from VT, NH, ME and MA. Michelle Carbone Dumont, Beth Bergeron Wilson, Joanna Kaserman Mooney, Debbie Schacht Guidotti and I sat around for hours talking. Gina Stivaletti had to cancel at the last minute. It was so much fun to catch up again after almost 5 years. I hope you will be inspired to call up some old friends and come to this reunion. Hope to see you in June. Let’s have a great turnout for the Class of 1981!”

1983

Mike McCarten, DO writes “I am a Captain in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps and have been deployed as the Commanding Officer of the NATO trauma hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan since August 2010. It has been a busy year in Kandahar. 70% of our casualties are coming directly from the battlefield with devastating injuries. In addition to caring for coalition military forces, many of our patients are Afghan so we are seeing the impact of war on the innocent, especially the Afghan children. The hospital staff of 270 is mostly U.S. Navy and includes the specialties of neurosurgery, trauma surgery, orthopedics, and ophthalmology and oromaxillofacial surgery, among others. Despite the severity of the wounds evacuated to us, the staff is recording a 96% survival rate among coalition casualties. It’s tough to be deployed during the holidays but it is gratifying to be engaged in a mission where lives are being saved on a daily basis.”

1984

Rosanne Moody Peeling writes that she and her son, Nick, went to New York City in August before he started his senior year in high school.

John V. Chang, DO, MSc, FACEP, FAAUCM was elected as VP of the Mass. Osteopathic Society, to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Urgent Care Medicine,
New England Osteopathic Association, and as a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

John Dugan, DO and Amy Rehfield, DO are living in Asheville, NC, and are proud to have two graduates this year! Sarah will be graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill with a major in Public Health and their oldest son, John, is a senior in high school, where he led his cross country team to a 3rd place finish at the state championship this fall. They also ran into old classmate, Mike Bell, this summer who also lives in the southwestern NC area. They encourage folks to come and visit when you’re in the area!

1985

David Riggs, DO retired from the Air Force in Jan 2009 after 20 years of active duty service and took a job at the same hospital he used to command as a civil service physician. He now sees patients again 5 days a week and absolutely loves it. He plans on staying in the panhandle of Florida on the Emerald Coast for a LONG TIME. David is married to Carolyn Ann Ripp M.D. and has four children, two of which are in college pre-med programs. He would love to hear from classmates who can find him on Facebook.

1987

Valerie Courtemanche Dudley writes that she’s had a tough couple of years. She was injured at work in July ’08 and hasn’t been able to return to work due to three back surgeries, 2 spinal fusions and 2 knee surgeries. She will go for an evaluation to see if she can return to any kind of work. “It is heartbreaking knowing that my career is gone.” She wonders if she’ll ever find something outside of her family that she loves as much as her PT career and says “it will be interesting to see what the future holds, but I have the love and support of my family and friends and they’ve helped me through.”


1991

Robert Morse, DO, FACC writes “After 9 years in the desert of Las Vegas I will be moving to Astoria, Oregon as of January 2011 to accept a position with Providence Health & Services to staff the Providence St Vincent’s North Coast Heart Clinic in Astoria and Seaside Oregon. The two hospitals are both small critical access facilities and I am very much looking forward to a return to my more rural roots. It’s a unique opportunity to help expand cardiovascular services in a truly underserved area and I am very excited. Initially, Nancy will stay behind with our “baby” Rachel who is a junior at the College of Southern Nevada High School until our house sells.

Vince Ripepi, DO writes that he is in private practice with an Orthopaedic Surgery group with seven partners in Pittsburgh, PA. He and his wife, Jodi, have 5 kids: Victoria, Vince, Andrew, Christian, and Mark. Life is good!

1994

Stephen Butler, DO writes “I have been running my solo family practice for 11 years and have finally sold into a large established group in my area. My wife, Deb Curtis, Ph.D., is a professor of anthropology and we have two beautiful twin daughters, Emma and Zoe. My accountant tells me I won’t be retiring until I’m 70. Hi to everybody!”

1995

Michael LoGuidice, DO, Director of the Brookville Emergency Dept, began volunteering his medical services at the Haiti Clinic in Cite Soleil in 2008. On that first visit, his team worked two, seven-hour days at the clinic treating patients for things like malnutrition, worms and respiratory infections. He said “After my first few patients, which were children, I knew I had to come back for another mission.” The day clinic serves a community of approximately 150,000 to 200,000 people. During Dr. LoGuidice’s trip in September 2008, the team saw a record 838 patients. “During my recent trip in September 2010, most of the people in Cite Soleil were still living in tents. The devastation is incredible! I was there before the hurricane and before the earthquakes, so I know how desperate things have become.”

Ronald McCarthy writes “after six years as Director of Rehabilitation for HCR ManorCare, I accepted a job with Rehab Consulting Plus to be a Clinical Specialist. I will be traveling throughout Florida to oversee 15 SNF to provide education and compliance with all industry standards.”

1996

Yvette Wirta-Claarke, DO writes “Greetings from the Wirta-Claarke Family and Sailing Vessel BEAR 2010! Yes, the time has come. The shared dream, plus our cumulative sailing experiences, healthy children (aka crew), meticulous planning, fiscal squirreling, a strong faith, and a final toss of the lines are the ingredients for our family adventure. Husband Mark, Maya (7), Jenefer (6) and I are setting sail May 15th, 2011 to see...”
Matthew P Gilbert, DO ’03 writes: “I completed my fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism at The University of Vermont in 2009 and joined the faculty as an assistant professor in July of 2009. I split my time between clinical care and clinical research in the area of diabetes and bone metabolism. Margaret and I have two children Hannah (age 5) and Molly (age 2). We live in Essex Junction, Vermont.”

Jennifer Owen Hanowell DO and Jamie Hanowell, DO write: “We are enjoying careers in surgery and child neurology. We are excited and exhausted by the birth of our second son on Dec. 28, Alexander James, and can’t believe what a great big brother our eldest is at 3 years old, Ernest Grant. We look forward to health and happiness in the new year and would like to wish the same to our classmates, professors and friends.”

2004

Missy Stults and Bob Fronko were married in Costa Rica in October 2010 with UNE classmates in attendance.

2005

Jeffrey Beau Winner shares that he is currently working for a non-profit agency in Binghamton, NY as their Director of Program Services of OPWDD, TBI, NHTD and FSS Medicaid Services. This is his third year in this position after leaving Special Education teaching. In May 2010, he was voted in as MRDD Subcommittee member for Broome County. Jeffrey continues to write poetry and compete in contests; recently he was featured in an anthology available at Barnes & Noble.

2006

Frederick Nichols, DO writes: “I’m enjoying my last year of general surgery as chief resident. I’ll be staying here in Michigan as I’ve been offered a job in the Henry Ford hospital system. I’ve seen a few of those recognizable COM badges out here since graduation, but not too many!”

2007

Chris Rumsey, DO finishing his Ob/Gyn residency at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, and is looking forward to being assigned to Fort Drum and Samaritan Hospital in Watertown, NY starting July 2011.

2008

Meghan Pierse wrote that in May of 2010, she got a position at the Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration as an Assistant Trainer in the Marine Theater. “I have had the opportunity to work with 3 rescued California Sea Lions that are 2 years old that came to us in the Spring of 2009. In August, Kady Loubier and I got our article “Presence of an Audience Influences Habitat Use in Male Guppies Poecilia Reticulata,” published in the Journal of Young Investigators (JYI) with the help of our Professor Dr. Teresa Dziewczynski”.

2009

Myra Cyr, DO writes “I have been chosen to be one of the Chief Residents for Internal Medicine at Maine Medical Center. I am excited about the position and the opportunity.”

2010

Kate (Lewis) Peters, DO writes “I married Jonathan Peters in October 2010. Jon and I are travelling and volunteering in Haiti, Guatemala and India this year before I start a family medicine residency and he continues his third year at COM.”
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