The Richness of UNE

I am understandably proud of my association with UNE for innumerable reasons, and the range of stories offered in this issue of University of New England magazine, or any issue for that matter, provides a rich sampling of the many sources of my delight.

We know, for example, that UNE is the largest educator of health professionals in Maine and, therefore, that our graduates are doing important work throughout the state and beyond. In this issue, however, you’ll read specifically about two athletic training students, Cory DeGiacomo ’13 and Mark Dion ’13, who, because of their UNE training, were well prepared to be part of an intervention team whose quick action saved the life of a man, a referee, who collapsed while officiating a local girls’ basketball game. This near-tragic incident has instilled in these young men a profound sense of the invaluable worth of their professional endeavors.

You’ll be introduced to our new medical school dean, Douglas Wood, D.O., Ph.D., who joins us from A.T. Still University in Arizona where he was the founding dean of their osteopathic medical school; and you’ll see photos from UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine’s “Thirty Years Strong” black-tie gala held to recognize and celebrate the school’s three decades of contributions to the health and welfare of Mainers.

The recognition UNE is receiving for our scholarship and research is readily evident in this issue—the $3.6 million SNAP-Ed grant to provide nutrition education in Maine received as a result of the efforts of Vice President for Clinical Affairs Dora Mills, M.D., M.P.H.; the $1.1 million NOAA grant for research of fish bycatch mortality by Associate Professor James Sulikowski, Ph.D.; and the $1.25 million HRSA grant awarded to Associate Professor Jennifer Morton, D.N.P., M.S., M.P.H., R.N., to develop interprofessional training modules for immigrant populations.

There’s also a piece on the Maine Humanities Council grant awarded to the Saco Museum for an exhibition to be developed in collaboration with Professor Elizabeth DeWolfe, Ph.D., and UNE students to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War as seen through the journal of Civil War soldier and Saco native John Haley.

You’ll meet new Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Norton whose office has played an essential role in cultivating the engagement of the many current and potential donors whose imaginations have been captured by the work currently being done at UNE, as well as the University’s vast potential. You’ll read how The Harold Alfond Forum has quickly become the heart of an already vibrant Biddeford campus. You’ll also see a remembrance for Ms. Helene Rabb Cahners, WJC ’40, trustee emeriti, whose generous contributions made possible the much-used Cahners Lounge in Hersey Hall on the Portland Campus and whose presence will be felt for years.

You’ll read an update of our athletic teams, always a point of pride for UNE, and meet our featured alumna Noriko Sakanishi, WJC ’66, an artist featured in the UNE Art Gallery’s Maine Women Pioneers III “Dirigo” Exhibit.

So, enjoy this issue, be proud of the part you have played in the University’s success, and please know that we always welcome and encourage your ongoing involvement in the life of the rich community of UNE.

President Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D. | President
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ON THE COVER: UNE hockey players enjoy home ice for the first time this past winter.
Photo by David Bates of Fotografix Studio

UNE's Director of Applied Exercise Science Heath Pierce and his six-year-old son Brady enjoy hockey games at the new rink.

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The walls of Room 237 are lined with photos of UNE student-athletes at full speed in their respective sports—on the ice, court and turf—as motivation for students in the exercise science classes that their studies and eventual expertise will ultimately translate to athletes performing at their best.

These days when they step outside the door at the end of class, they have a bird’s eye view of the new hockey rink and basketball courts in the Harold Alfond Forum, and if they peer out the window, they can see the nearby synthetic blue turf field.

The Harold Alfond Forum opened in the fall of 2012 and, in a very short amount of time, has become “the heart of the University’s activities and events” as President Danielle Ripich predicted in December 2010 when the gift of $10 million from the Harold Alfond Foundation was first announced.

It is now the largest gathering space on either the Biddeford or Portland campuses, providing state-of-the-art facilities for intercollegiate athletic events, recreational activities and academic pursuits.

“We are lucky to have this new space with athletes right downstairs,” said Mason Roy ’14, a junior from Gorham, Maine, who appreciates the easy access to athletes for real life application of what they are learning in the classroom.
He and his lab partner, Whitney Porter ’14, a junior from Buxton, Maine, enjoy the new classroom and lab space dedicated to those majoring in athletic training. In a class this past winter, they studied “postural assessment” led by Professor Wayne Lamarre, associate clinical professor and director of the Athletic Training Education Program. A lesson like this, said Lemarre, prepares students for professions in which they will need skills to evaluate either congenital or acquired postural issues that might affect a patient’s ability to safely perform in athletics, rehabilitate from an injury, or return to work.

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Whether they are on the learning or receiving end of these lessons, the new venue is enabling UNE students and athletes to stand taller these days in their academic and athletic pursuits.

“Having the Harold Alfond Forum with state-of-the-art athletic facilities like the ice arena, strength and conditioning area, and varsity athletic training room in the same building means that we can share resources and maximize efficiencies in ways that we could only dream about before,” said Lamarre. The dedicated classroom/athletic training education laboratory configuration allows for much greater flexibility in scheduling courses that maximize our students’ time out in the field working with health care professionals; and the functionality of both spaces is unparalleled in programs of our size.”

**Home Ice Advantage**

Students beyond those studying for degrees in athletic training also are benefiting from the Harold Alfond Forum. Chelsea Kelly ’14, Amanda Abelmann ’14 and Aimee Michaud ’14 attend all the hockey games.

“I wish it (Harold Alfond Forum) had been here for all four of my years,” said Abelmann, a senior. But she’s happy to have it at least in her final year because the venue makes it more convenient to attend games, and she believes it improves campus life.

UNE men’s and women’s home hockey games were played at the Biddeford Ice Arena until UNE built its own 900-seat rink.

Bob Riley of Saco, the former coach of the St. Francis (now UNE) hockey team attends most of the men’s hockey games. He coached from 1974-1979, including the team that traveled to national championship games in 1977, 1978 and 1979.

“It’s a great place to watch the game,” said Riley. He’s also impressed with the team. “They’re a terrific group of kids.”

A recent game this winter reunited him with some players from his old team at the new UNE hockey rink. Mark Baker ’78, former goalie for the St. Francis hockey team, was among them.

Baker is one of many alumni who attended school on the Biddeford campus and fell in love with the area. He’s originally from Everett, Massachusetts, but now lives in Kennebunk, Maine.

Gregg Paulhus ’79 is a St. Francis alumnus who has enjoyed returning to Maine since his college graduation.
President Ripich drops the puck at a dedication ceremony last fall signifying the opening of the Harold Alfond Forum. UNE Board President Mark Doiron and Harold Alfond Foundation Chair Gregory Powell look on. Men’s Hockey Team Captain Brent Bourgeois and Women’s Hockey Team Captain Jenni Poulin help celebrate the occasion.

UNE Women’s Hockey Team in their new locker room.

St. Francis hockey team shirts decorate the walls of the new UNE Men’s Hockey Team locker room.
and is now in the process of making his permanent home in Maine with his wife, a native of Old Orchard Beach. He gathered with fellow alumni to take in a hockey game at the new arena.

“St. Francis College brought me to this area, and I fell in love with it. I’ve stayed connected all these years,” said Paulhus, who owns a home in Saco.

Mike Sullivan drives up from Worcester, Massachusetts to watch his son, Sean ’14, play hockey for the UNE team. “This place,” he said referring to the Harold Alfond Forum, “is awesome, beautiful.” He said the new venue seems to attract more people, especially students. And he said his son likes playing at the new home rink.

The Harold Alfond Forum is also the home ice for the local Kennebunk High School hockey team.

“We are thrilled that UNE has given us access to this new rink for games and practice. It’s an awesome place to play,” said KHS Hockey Coach Sean Smith. The new rink allows the team to practice after school, rather than the early morning hours. “It’s unbelievably beautiful; we feel very lucky.”

The Harold Alfond Forum is bringing together UNE fans of all kinds, under one big roof.

Harold Alfond Forum Events and Sponsorships

The new building on the Biddeford Campus has a 106,500-square-foot facility featuring an ice hockey rink with 900 seats; a basketball court with 1,200 seats; classroom and lab space; a fitness center; and multi-purpose indoor practice courts that can also be used for performances and other events, with a combined seating capacity of 3,000.

If you are interested in renting space or pursuing sponsorship opportunities, contact UNE’s Director of Conference Services Cindy Juskiewicz at (207) 602-2151, or at cjuskiewicz@une.edu.

Thank You For Investing in UNE and Meeting the Challenge

The Harold Alfond Forum was made possible by a $10 million commitment from the Harold Alfond Foundation, which included a $7 million challenge grant. The power of this transformative gift, the largest in UNE’s history, inspired others to give, helping UNE meet the match—18 months ahead of schedule. The generosity of the Harold Alfond Foundation’s Trustees is a signal to others who know and appreciate their values and standards. UNE is a wise investment—and the returns are immeasurable in the lives of those UNE touches in innumerable ways.

Most Notable

The Harold Alfond Forum has been named a “Top Notable Project for 2012” by the Maine Real Estate and Development Association (MEREDA), the state’s leading organization of commercial real estate owners, developers and related service providers. MEREDA based its selection on the Forum’s economic impact, environmental sustainability, energy efficiency, social impact and job creation. UNE is one of only four projects to receive this award.
St. Francis-UNE Hockey
Then and Now

Photos and news clips courtesy of UNE Department of Special Collections.
The grand opening and formal dedication of the Harold Alfond Forum took place on October 26, 2012. But prior to that grand event, the state-of-the-art facility had already impacted the athletics and recreation experience of so many since opening in late-August.

The impact on the Nor’easters’ athletics program has been immeasurable. Perhaps first and foremost is the fact that the ice hockey programs now play on-campus. While the men’s program was treated very well at nearby Biddeford Ice Arena, limited ice availability in the afternoon and evening led to the Nor’easters conducting 6:30 a.m. practices Monday through Wednesday. Now, the team is able to practice in the afternoon, and enjoy the confines of a first-rate locker room, as well as a strength and conditioning room.

“Heart ideal practice times to a dramatic increase in attendance, playing my senior year in the Harold Alfond Forum has been the highlight of my career,” observed hockey player Adam Laite ’13. “We couldn’t ask for anything more than what the University has invested in us with this incredible building.”

To Laite’s point, the Nor’easters played to an average crowd size of 180 in 2011-12 and 259 in 2011-12 at the Biddeford Ice Arena. This year, UNE drew just under 400 fans per home date.

Like the men’s program, the first-year women’s ice hockey program has enjoyed all the amenities the Forum has to offer. Seeking to gain acceptance into the ECAC East, one of the selling points the Nor’easters boast is a home rink that compares favorably to any in that league.

The facility has not just positively impacted the ice hockey programs, however. The volleyball and basketball programs call the Forum home, while softball, lacrosse, soccer and field hockey student-athletes all have plenty of space to utilize when the sometimes harsh New England weather forces them inside. In addition, the building has double the number of team locker rooms that were previously found in the Campus Center.

“I think the Harold Alfond Forum is a great addition to our campus,” said volleyball player Angie Brunette ’14. “We’re finally able to have a hockey rink on-campus, as well as new courts, a new fitness center, awesome locker rooms and a great athletic training facility. The volleyball team loves playing in the Forum and feels incredibly lucky to have such an impressive establishment to call our home court.”

Although it is still early to measure the “home court advantage” the Harold Alfond Forum will provide, the early returns speak volumes. The women’s basketball team won 10 of its first 11 games at home, and the volleyball team posted a winning record in the friendly confines of the Forum. The men’s ice hockey team also defeated a nationally-ranked opponent (No. 11 Castleton State) and won an ECAC East weekend series for the first time in program history.

“There is no place I would rather be on a Friday night than in the Forum putting on the blue-and-white for the University of New England.” —Adam Laite ’13
The impact of the facility goes well beyond varsity athletics, however. The intramural and recreation program has reaped the benefit.

Shane Stevens ’14, an intramural official said: “The addition of the Harold Alfond Forum has been essential for the growth of intramural sports. The Forum has provided a place for broomball and hockey, allowing the students to avoid the frigid air on Sokokis Pond, while playing on quality ice. The use of the Forum has opened up the gym in the Campus Center, allowing students to practice and further hone their intramural skills. The Forum has become a staple in improving the UNE intramural experience.”

Today’s students feel fortunate to experience the transformational facility that the Harold Alfond Forum is—future generations of UNE students will also feel its impact.

Perhaps Laite said it best: “There is no place I would rather be on a Friday night than in the Forum putting on the blue-and-white for the University of New England.”
From the Sidelines to CENTER COURT
Students Use Expertise to Help Save a Life  by Dick Buhr

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Two UNE athletic training students, Cory DeGiacomo ’13 and Mark Dion ’13, were part of a group of four interns and an athletic trainer at a girls’ basketball game at Westbrook High School who saved the life of a referee who apparently suffered a heart attack while working the game.

During the November 29 junior varsity game, Larry Moreau, a longtime official of local sporting events, collapsed. Westbrook High Athletic Trainer Anita Dixon rushed to Moreau to assess the situation, with the four athletic training interns quickly following with Dixon’s equipment bag in hand.

“When we did first get to him he was unconscious, but he was breathing and had very weak pulse,” said Dixon, who is an approved clinical instructor for the UNE’s Athletic Training Education Program.

Dixon and the students got to work. UNE student Dion was monitoring Moreau’s vital signs when he lost a pulse. DeGiacomo began chest compressions, while an athletic training student from the University of Southern Maine gave ventilations.

Dixon next ordered the students to step aside while she used an automated external defibrillator (AED) to shock Moreau to get his heart back in rhythm. Dion then continued to monitor Moreau’s vitals, DeGiacomo continued chest compressions and the USM intern continued to give ventilations. Moreau regained consciousness before the ambulance crew arrived. The ambulance transported Moreau to Maine Medical Center where he underwent emergency surgery and was reported in satisfactory condition.

UNE student Dion didn’t see referee Moreau collapse but he heard it.”In school they prepare you for the worst possible scenarios that you will see in the field,” Dion said, “and thankfully we had been exposed to enough in the classroom to be a crucial part of the process. The event was nerve racking, but we all stayed calm, knew our roles and performed them to the best of our ability. I believe that our quick response, trust, and chemistry were the reasons for our success. It’s not something that you hope to see, but it was a great experience with a positive outcome.”

DeGiacomo added: “It was definitely a bit of an adrenaline rush at first, and when we lost his pulse a little nerve racking to say the least. But once we all got settled into our specific jobs it became a lot easier. Everyone did a great job, and I was just happy he was breathing, responsive and had a pulse by the time the paramedics got there and was glad to hear he was doing ok the next day.”
UNE President Danielle Ripich stated, “They say that courage is grace under pressure, and our students certainly displayed this in saving this man’s life. I am so proud of the caring and expertise they demonstrated and know this experience will make them even better professionals.”

Both students were recognized for their efforts, along with the others involved in the rescue, at two events in February: the Maine Chiefs of Police Association presented them with a plaque at an annual awards banquet; and the Westbrook City Council expressed their appreciation at a brief ceremony.

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On a recent visit to Barnes & Noble, Douglas Wood walked to the Reference section in the back of the store, pulled out seven dictionaries from the shelf, and sat down on the floor with the tomes scattered around him. One by one, he leafed through to the entry for preeminent. "I wanted to compare the precise definition, to see if it was in sync with my thoughts—and it was," he says. "It means most excellent, top of the ladder. There is only one. There are no 'preeminent's.'"

The clarification is important because Wood declares, "I believe UNECOM can be the preeminent college of osteopathic medicine in the country."

A bold statement, indeed, but Douglas L. Wood, DO, Ph.D., FACOI, new dean at the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine, has the experience and UNECOM momentum to back it up. As founding dean of A.T. Still University's (ATSU) School of Osteopathic Medicine in Mesa, Arizona, Wood helped establish what is considered by some to be one of the most innovative osteopathic colleges in the country. He served as dean from 2005 to 2010 and most recently as ATSU's senior vice president of academic affairs and co-chair of its strategic planning initiatives.

Dean Wood’s roots in medical education run deep. He graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and is board certified in both internal medicine and nephrology. He also earned a Ph.D. in medical education at Wayne State University. Wood served for eight years at Michigan State University, a big-10 school with over 47,000 students, where he was dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine for four years.

Dean Wood joins UNECOM at a time of unprecedented growth. In December, the medical school celebrated the 30th anniversary of its inaugural class with a gala at the Harold Alfond Forum in Biddeford, and its class size is growing by 50 in 2013-14, to 175 students. Since opening its doors in 1978, UNECOM has graduated more than 2,600 osteopathic physicians; it is the only medical school in Maine and is the number-one provider of physicians for the state. The College has also been recognized by U.S. News & World Report for its national leadership in primary care training, geriatrics, rural medicine, and family medicine.

Dean Wood’s commitment to excellence, depth of experience, and entrepreneurial spirit align with his vision for UNECOM. He has a distinguished record of academic and professional leadership, including one of osteopathic medicine’s highest appointments—president of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine from 1995 to 2005.

“My 10 years at AACOM were fascinating. I had the opportunity to work with other professional organizations—in nursing, physician assistants, etc.—and we learned a great deal about each other and our work. Since I was based in Washington, D.C., I was also able to see how the federal government operates. It was an exciting and transformational time at AACOM.”

The same kind of energy is one of the things that drew Dean Wood to UNECOM: "One of the major reasons
I came to UNE is the spirit of innovation that comes from our people. UNE’s mission and vision statements reflect a real commitment to innovation.”

While at the helm of A.T. Still’s medical school, Wood adopted—then adapted—an innovative approach called the Clinical Presentation Curricular Model, developed at the University of Calgary by the nephrologist Henry Mandin. The premise is that patients present to a physician in a limited number of ways, thus providing a pathway for students to consider diagnoses.

“We changed the model at AT Still and called it The Mesa Model. We believed the earlier we could put a student into a clinical setting, the better off they’d be; in cognitive sciences, it is called context,” says Dean Wood. Medical students began their clinicals in their second year, based in community health centers. The students observed things they wouldn’t have seen elsewhere—advanced breast cancer, chronic diseases, advanced diabetes—because many of these centers were in rural areas and patients would go longer before seeing a doctor.

“Our goal was to create physicians to care for the underserved,” says Wood. At the end of their rotations, more than half of the students said they would return to the community health centers, far above Wood’s projections of about 20-23 percent.

Dean Wood sees many similarities and opportunities at UNECOM. “There is some very positive curriculum innovation underway now at UNECOM. The number of large lectures has decreased dramatically, replaced by more interactive and smaller group lectures.” Blending the Clinical Presentation Model with UNECOM’s current curricular models and using community health centers as clinical sites to provide “context” are two areas he would like to explore.

“When I came to visit UNE, I immediately felt comfortable. I was attracted by UNE’s growth, by the focus on primary care, and by challenges of rural health. UNE has an opportunity to greatly improve the quality of living in our state and all of New England.” He also was intrigued by the opportunities provided in medical research, such as the recent $10 million COBRE grant, the largest—preeminent—research award ever at UNE, and by the commitment to excellence in interprofessional education.

“Achieving preeminence—we will have to work very hard to make that happen. But the pieces are in place and we have a committed and talented team, and I believe we can do this in five years.”

UNE COM HIST ORY

In 1972, a group of New England osteopathic physicians met informally to discuss their concern about the aging population of osteopathic physicians in the New England area and the difficulty of New England students in securing admission to osteopathic colleges. Osteopathic physicians comprised the majority of physicians available in numerous rural and urban areas. Failure to replace them would cause not only a marked loss to the profession but, more importantly, to the patients who had come to depend on osteopathic medical care. The group discussed ways of dealing with this problem and moved to establish an osteopathic college in New England.

The New England Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine (NEFOM) was incorporated in 1973 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Since its inception, the purpose of this nonprofit tax-exempt organization was “to operate and maintain a foundation for the promotion of osteopathic medical education, osteopathic medical research, and the improvement of health care in osteopathic medical hospitals and related institutions.”

These goals were established as a response to the needs recognized by the profession, which later became documented in studies supported by the Bureau of Health Manpower of the then U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The establishment of NEFOM, as well as the planning for the creation of a college of osteopathic medicine, was based on regionalism: the development of one osteopathic medical school to serve the six New England states was looked upon as an efficient and economical use of the region’s resources.

The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine opened its doors in the fall of 1978 with an entering class of 36 students. The College that year consisted of a newly revamped Stella Maris Hall and 12 faculty members. This momentous achievement was largely due to the financial support and hard work of individual osteopathic physicians, their state societies, the region’s osteopathic hospitals, and grateful patients. Following four years of continued effort and financial support from the profession and its friends, the College graduated its first class in June of 1982.

In 1995, the Harold Alfond Foundation made a transformational gift of $2.5 million to build UNE’s first academic building, the Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences, which remains the anchor for the medical school, the only one in Maine. Today the College has some of the best medical education facilities in the nation, including the addition of the state-of-the-art Pickus Center for Biomedical Research in 2008.

The UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine now has nearly 500 students and more than 250 faculty members. Since its founding it has graduated more than 2,600 osteopathic physicians, including 131 in the Class of 2012.
THIRTY YEARS STRONG

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'15 Classmates left to right: Kendra Albert, Zachary deCant, Elizabeth Ryer, Shannon Alexa

Past Presidents of the Maine Osteopathic Association:
Dr. Daniel Pierce, '90 and Joel Kase, DO.

Left to right: Dr. John Padavano, '82 and Judy; Carole and Edward Friedman, DO

Dancin' Docs know how to rock:
Leanna Garbus, '15 and Jeramy Hill, '15

Left to right: Dr. Macario C. Corpuz and Dr. Pamela Grimaldi '98, Dr. John '84 and Jean Chang, and Dr. Paula Grimaldi '99.

Brian Kaufman, DO and Merideth Norris, DO, President of the Maine ACOFP chapter.
A Look Back:
with UNE Philosopher
David Livingstone Smith

The Anisfield-Wolf Prize was established in 1935 to recognize books that have made important contributions to our understanding of racism and human diversity. Previous winners have included Langston Hughes, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Toni Morrison.

Life has been eventful for UNE philosopher David Livingstone Smith, Ph.D. In the last academic year, Smith authored five academic papers, gave 12 talks and symposium presentations, spent three days in the Middle East being filmed for a Swedish television documentary, took part in a debate before an audience of 3,000 people, wrote proposals for an edited volume and a single authored book, and was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among all of these events, two stood out as especially noteworthy.

Last spring, Smith was en route to give a presentation at a symposium at Oakland University, when he received a phone call from Henry Louis Gates Jr., Harvard professor and PBS television host, who informed him that his most recent book Less Than Human: Why We Demean, Enslave and Exterminate Others had been awarded the 2012 Anisfield-Wolf Prize for nonfiction. Formerly nicknamed the ‘Black Pulitzer Prize,’ the Anisfield-Wolf Prize was established in 1935 to recognize books that have made important contributions to our understanding of racism and human diversity. Previous winners have included Langston Hughes, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Toni Morrison. In September, Smith received his prize at an award ceremony at the Ohio Theater in Cleveland, and read an excerpt from his book to an audience of 1,000 people.

Then last summer, Smith received a phone call extending an invitation on behalf of Mexican president Felipe Calderon to speak at the upcoming G20 summit at Los Cabos. Smith subsequently participated in an event titled “Rethinking G20: Designing the Future.” This meeting was convened by President Calderon to give a hand-picked group of academics a platform for presenting their views on important issues that world leaders at the summit should attend to.

Amogst tight security (more than 4,000 security personnel, helicopters circling overhead, a fleet of vehicles mounted with machine guns, and a gunboat off the beach), Smith addressed an audience of several hundred financiers, diplomats, government ministers, directors of NGOs, and CEOs of multinational corporations, describing his research into dehumanization and underscoring its importance for preventing genocide, war, and human rights violations.
The Sulikowski Fish Research Lab

Building knowledge through collaborative learning

James Sulikowski, associate professor of marine sciences, and his laboratory of undergraduate and graduate students are dedicated to advancing knowledge of the life history and population dynamics of fish and the anthropogenic effects on these processes.

He is a strong advocate of promoting the involvement of undergraduate and graduate students in his research. These highly motivated students are actively engaged in all aspects of his laboratory and are pivotal to the success of each research project.

Sulikowski believes the involvement of students is not only essential to advancing understanding of the ecology of fishes, but it also provides a springboard for the training of future marine scientists.

Over the 2011-2012 academic year, Sulikowski and his students authored seven peer-reviewed papers, gave 10 presentations at scientific meetings, and amassed $350,000 in external grant funding.

The work focused on such projects as quantifying by-catch mortality and stress responses in elasmobranchs (sharks, skates, and rays); delineating movement patterns of sturgeon and sharks using acoustic and satellite tags; developing non-lethal techniques to study reproduction in elasmobranchs; and ecosystem monitoring of the Saco River.

This and other research on fish will ultimately offer new management strategies that will benefit not only commercial and recreational fishermen but the ecosystem, as well.

$1.1 Million

NOAA Grant Awarded

UNE marine biologist James Sulikowski, Ph.D., is the co-investigator for a $1,092,642 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) “Evaluating the Condition and Discard Mortality of Skates Following Capture and Handling in the Sea Scallop Dredge Fishery.”

This new two-year collaborative study aims to determine the mortality rates of the aforementioned species and to identify those factors most influential on skate survival by species. It is being conducted on Georges Bank in collaboration with the scallop fishery and will run through July 2014.

Funded by NOAA’s Sea Scallop Research Set Aside Program for $1,092,642, Sulikowski, an associate professor in the UNE Department of Marine Sciences, is collaborating with David Rudders, Ph.D., of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and Mandelman, from the New England Aquarium, on this project.

Undergraduate student Cassidy Peterson ‘13 retrieving a skate from a bycatch net pen.

Undergraduate students Julia Reynolds ’15, Kayla Smith ’13 and Ashleigh Novak ’15 conducting a seine in the Saco River.

James Sulikowski and graduate students Amy Carlson ’13 and Caitlyn Little ’12, attaching a satellite tag to an Atlantic sturgeon.
UNE President Danielle Ripich was invited to share her experience as an entrepreneur with the Babson Entrepreneur Experience Lab, a partnership between Babson College and the Business Innovation Factory (BIF).

She was selected to participate in this study from a large pool of very qualified applicants across numerous industries because of UNE’s entrepreneurial successes under her leadership.

President Ripich’s insights into entrepreneurship, along with those of colleagues from around the nation, are being shared through videos on the Babson Entrepreneur Experience Lab website.

The Babson Entrepreneur Experience Lab is a platform that puts the voice and experience of real world entrepreneurs at the center of an ongoing effort to design, develop and test new education and support solutions for entrepreneurs of all kinds.

By deeply understanding the experiences of entrepreneurs and engaging them in the conceptual development of wholly new experiences, the Lab is developing solutions through the lens of entrepreneurs themselves and, in the process, creating a platform for experimentation.

President Ripich was one of several entrepreneurs that the Babson/BIF Lab team engaged to create a first person, national characterization of the new venture creation experience. Insights emerging from the work reveal opportunities for intervention and innovation.

To watch a number of short videos in which President Ripich and her colleagues share their insights, visit une.edu/president/babsonlab.cfm

**Alumni Spotlight**

**Justin Davis**  
**Class 2011**  
**Degree: B.A.**  
**Major: Political Science**  
**Hometown: Windham, Maine**  
**Current residence: Windham, Maine**

**Biography:** Born and raised in Southern Maine, I had an appreciation for the area and chose to attend the University of New England. My four years there were exciting and enlightening. I have unique experiences that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

**What did you like about UNE and your major?**  
The Political Science Department at UNE is designed to challenge students and ensure they are reaching their maximum potential as a student. I appreciated the small class size and individual attention that all of the professors were willing to provide. The course material was always interesting and thought provoking.

**What internships, clinicals or class projects were especially important to your professional development?**  
The Political Science Department offers a wide variety of important resources to enhance your academic and professional background. I participated in the Model United Nations which allowed my class to spend a week acting as mock U.N. delegates in New York. I was also able to learn valuable information on public service in Maine as an intern for U.S. Senator Susan Collins.

**What are your plans for the future?**  
After graduating from UNE, I earned a position as a staff assistant in the Biddeford Office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins. On a daily basis, I interact with constituents throughout York County and provide assistance in dealing with federal agencies. My position provides me with the unique opportunity and responsibility to serve the people of Maine.
Add Verb Productions
Celebrates Two-Year Anniversary with UNE

Add Verb Productions has been a program of the Westbrook College of Health Professions for two years now but has worked in association with the University for longer than that. In the past five years, Add Verb’s plays have been seen by more than 1,800 UNE students. And in the past two years, Add Verb has visited more than 10,000 high school and college students across the country.

Performance-based curriculum developed by Add Verb has been featured in the upcoming interprofessional online training module “COMPtime,” designed for use by all incoming graduate students and new faculty. Also in development is an enduring online CME that addresses the role of the health care provider in violence prevention and intervention, funded by the Bingham program, and a training program for pharmacists faced with an increasing number of robberies, funded in part by Rite Aid.

The audience for Add Verb’s “The Thin Line” now includes the Maine State Legislature. In February, Rep. John Tuttle hosted Add Verb for the professionally performed, one-woman play about eating disorder prevention and intervention. Add Verb, Mainely Girls, the National Eating Disorder Association and the newly forming Eating Disorders Association of Maine organized the event in advance of a five date Thin Line tour of Aroostook County high schools scheduled for the spring, made possible by the Sally and Harry Davis Foundation and the Bingham Program.
“CHANNELS” Project to Deliver Better Health Care to Immigrant and Refugee Populations

UNE and co-applicant Portland Community Health Center in collaboration with the City of Portland, the Portland Housing Authority and Maine’s Department of Health and Human Services, have launched a project to better prepare future health professionals who provide care for the community’s underserved populations including immigrants and refugees. The project is made possible by a $1.27 million grant from the Health Services Research Administration (HRSA).

Since the award was made in September 2012, the project team has been at work developing its interprofessional model for training, education, service delivery and research, called “CHANNELS,” an acronym that incorporates elements needed for the success of the project: Community, Health, Access, Navigate, Network, Education, Leadership and Services. Partners include PCHC, the City of Portland, HHS, Maine CDC, Portland Housing Authority, United Somali Women of Maine and more.

“We are working together towards a healthier community,” said UNE’s Associate Professor and Director of Cross Cultural Health Initiatives Jennifer Morton. “We will accomplish this by integrated cultural competence education to all health professions students, employing and training Community Health Outreach Workers (CHOW) as medical interpreters and cultural brokers, and training more than 50 nurse leaders in an innovative, collaborative way where community is a partner.”

The project consists of four major components

Education: To better prepare future health professionals, UNE graduate students in the physician assistant, social work, nursing and dental hygiene programs will study course work in cross-cultural awareness, immigrant and refugee health, community health systems, and collaborative teamwork.

Training: To enhance the capacity of current health professionals, training will be conducted with emerging nurse and practice leaders in the community to develop skills in leadership, community engagement

UNE Alumnus and Adjunct Clinical Professor Pete O’Donnell is working with UNE “RN to BSN” students enrolled in community health and leadership courses. In conjunction with the Portland Community Health Center, they are preparing for the opening of a new health clinic in the spring at Riverton, with activities including health promotion and enrollment of patients.

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and collaboration, and champions of evidence based
development and service delivery.

**Service Delivery:** Services for the project will be
delivered within interprofessional clinical practice
environments at the Portland Community Health
Center, its new satellite at the Portland Housing
Authority Riverton Health Center, and the Oral
Health Screening Project (Dentaquest/International
Clinic) in addition to City of Portland-sponsored
health fairs and events.

**Research:** The project will expand access for
community engagement in interprofessional practice
and provide learning outcomes in team based care
and cultural competence (health literacy/culturally
linguistic and appropriate services for immigrant and
refugee health) for students, trainees and all partners.

“It is exciting to participate with the University
of New England to advance interprofessional
education and provide the opportunity for
students to experience this approach in real
community clinical settings,” said
Leslie Clark Brancato, CEO at Portland Community Health Center.

“Getting a Head Start
on Dental School

UNE’s College of Dental Medicine welcomes its
inaugural class this fall, but one student is getting
a head start, working from the ground up. Dustin
Nadeau, of Brunswick, Maine, will enroll in the fall
as a member of the inaugural entering class. But
Nadeau is also a member of the crew with Allied
Construction, helping to build the Patient Care
Center on the Portland Campus where students will
receive their training.

In the photo above, Nadeau is with UNE President
Danielle Ripich and College of Dental Medicine
Dean James Koelbl at the Patient Care Center
in January.
John Norton joined UNE as vice president for institutional advancement in September 2012. As UNE's chief development officer, Norton leads UNE's fundraising, alumni relations, major gifts, and planned giving efforts.

UNE President Danielle Ripich said, “John has an outstanding record of senior leadership in higher education fundraising and campaign development. He joins an exceptional and highly motivated institutional advancement team—and at an ideal time. As we enter the second half of UNE’s “Vision 2017” strategic plan, John’s skills in donor cultivation, solicitation and stewardship, together with his proven leadership and team-building acumen, position UNE for continued success.”

In his advancement career, Norton has had direct responsibility for three successful comprehensive campaigns that collectively exceeded $900 million.

He most recently served as assistant vice president for advancement at Pomona College, where he created a major gifts program and helped lead and execute Pomona’s successful fundraising campaign. He also led a $500 million campaign at Lehigh University from 2004 to 2007, where he provided vision and oversight for the annual fund and planned giving programs.

Norton’s fundraising career began in Maine. He spent 12 years as a key member of Bowdoin College’s advancement team, culminating in his role as director of principal gifts, where he helped drive a $135 million campaign and plan a successful five-year $250 million campaign.

A graduate of Susquehanna University with a degree in English Literature, Norton holds a master’s degree in public relations from American University.

He and his wife Barbara have frequently vacationed in Maine and own a home in Brunswick. An active community volunteer, he has created and executed development campaigns for Hospice of Midcoast Maine, Brunswick’s historic First Parish Church, and chaired the development effort for the Curtis Memorial Library.

Norton says, “Barbara and I are very pleased to be joining the UNE team at this exciting time for the university. UNE is a strong educational and economic player in the region with a growing national reputation. I look forward to working with President Ripich to fulfill the university’s strategic vision and to achieve new levels of excellence at UNE.”
Grant and Partnership Lead Students to Exhibit Local History

Maine Humanities Council has awarded a $4,000 grant to the Saco Museum, Saco, Maine, to support a course this spring titled “John Haley’s Civil War,” a collaborative project between UNE’s Department of History and Philosophy and the museum.

The course will result in an exhibition at the Saco Museum that celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Elizabeth De Wolfe, professor and chair of the Department of History and Philosophy and Camille Smalley ’08, collection and research manager for the Saco Museum team-teach the class.

The resulting exhibition, which will be curated by 15 UNE undergraduate students in the class, will feature a treasure trove of artifacts related to the Civil War—prints by Winslow Homer, decorative arts, Civil War weaponry, uniforms, and much more.

“Haley’s Civil War” will be the third Saco Museum-UNE course and exhibit collaboration during the past five years.

During this spring’s course, the students will use the journal kept by Private John Haley (1840-1921), a Saco native, to explore various aspects of the Civil War. Born on March 3, 1840, Haley describes being born “in a hamlet called Biddeford,…a stone’s throw from the Saco Fort.” The family was poor, and Haley left school to work as an alley boy in mill#4 of the York Manufacturing Company.

In August 1862, at the age 22, John Haley enlisted in the army, answering President Lincoln’s call to raise an army of 600,000. During his three years as a soldier in the 17th Maine Regiment, Haley kept a diary and chronicled daily activities at camp, on the battlefield, marching, and visiting various towns in the South.

Students will consult Haley’s journal for day-to-day events of a private in the 17th Maine Regiment, as well as experiences in major Civil War battles such as Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and others. Many years later, John Haley would become the second librarian of the Dyer Library in Saco.

As part of the course, Smalley is posting daily updates from Haley’s diary on the Dyer Library/Saco Museum Facebook page to track his adventure 150 years ago.

The major project of this course will be for students to design a museum exhibit to share Haley’s epic story with the public. As part of this advanced history course, students will make decisions about each facet of the exhibition, including which elements of the story to tell, what background historical information to provide, and which artifacts to display.

Students will tackle design issues such as the layout of the exhibit, the wall colors and look of the exhibit, and accessibility to diverse audiences. Students in this class learn about a vital period in American history as well as how historians make important choices in the stories they tell, both in writing and visually. For more information, please go to http://blog.une.edu/fromthesepages.


Elizabeth De Wolfe, professor and chair of the Department of History and Philosophy and Camille Smalley ’08, collection and research manager for the Saco Museum.
Summer Session 2013 at the University of New England promises to be the most exciting summer yet, with a wide variety of courses, in-class and online delivery options, and brand new offerings from which to choose. Courses are offered in the following subject areas: Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Citizenship, Education, English, Environmental Studies, History, Marine Sciences, Mathematics, Music, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Sport Management. Classes take place in Summer Session I (May 20–July 1) and Summer Session II (July 5–August 15). Summer is the perfect time to explore an area of interest, try out a new art medium, or get degree requirements out of the way. Develop your creative side with a course in Color Digital Photography, Beginning Fiddle, or Elements of Acting. Explore an intriguing topic in courses like 1960s: Politics of Civil Disobedience, Deviance and Crime, or Problems of Knowledge. Work at home with online courses including Intro to Sociology, EXP: US History II: Reconst-Present, Statistics, or EXP: Studying Law/Introduction.

UNE welcomes students from other universities and colleges who are home for the summer and wish to take a course or two to satisfy degree requirements. Students can fulfill curricular requirements with UNE’s summer lab course offerings in Anatomy and Physiology, Applied Microbiology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Pathophysiology, Physics, and other lab courses. Students can now take English Composition (ENG 110) online through UNE during the summer, instead of fitting it in during the academic year. Get ahead in your degree requirements by taking courses at UNE this summer!

The University also invites high school students (juniors and seniors in fall 2013) to apply to the summer Early College Programs, which give them the opportunity to earn college credit and experience life on a college campus while they are still in high school. This summer, students can participate in intensive Early College Programs in Coastal Marine Ecology, Pre-Law/Trial Advocacy, Creative Writing: Poetry, or Neuroscience. Each program carries 3 college credits for students who complete its requirements. Field study, lab research, and extracurricular activities are included in the two- or three-week programs, as are exciting field trips. Students can live in a dormitory or commute. The application deadline for the Early College Programs is May 1, and merit scholarships are available. High school students can also earn college credit in Drawing I, Photography I, or Ceramics I at UNE, following a review of their portfolio for admission to the course.

Summer tuition is a good value! View the Summer Session schedule and fees on the UNE website at www.une.edu/oce. Course registration period begins April 1.

For more information about Summer Session at UNE or UNE high school programs, call (207) 602-2050 or go to www.une.edu/oce. The Office of Continuing Education and Summer Programs is located in 52 Decary Hall. Visit us today.
Encyclopedia of Sustainability Science and Technology
Barry Costa-Pierce, Ph.D. (co-editor and co-author)

Barry Costa-Pierce, Doherty Professor and director of UNE’s Marine Science Center, served as an editor of 18 papers and as the author of four chapters in Spring Science’s Encyclopedia of Sustainability Science and Technology. A three year project, the encyclopedia consists of 18 volumes written by approximately 1,000 scientists and peer reviewers. One of the project’s 41 editors world-wide, Costa-Pierce wrote chapters in the volume on Ocean Farming and Sustainable Aquaculture Science and Technology. Costa-Pierce noted: “This extraordinary body of knowledge will have far-reaching impacts around the world. The great issues of our common future—food, energy, water, shelter, climate change—are not just described in these 18 volumes, they are presented as real, achievable visions and with many action items.” The encyclopedia, in addition to its print version, is accessible on the web.

Strangers on the Beach
Josh Pahigian, M.F.A.

Set in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Strangers on the Beach is a new mystery thriller novel by Adjunct English Professor Josh Pahigian. It tells the story of Ferdinand Sevigny, a stunt-seeking billionaire, whose failed attempt to sail blind-folded across the Atlantic results in his landing in Old Orchard where the townspeople soon become consumed by the mysterious events that ensue after his arrival. The author of several baseball-related books, Pahigian has received rave reviews for Strangers on the Beach, his debut piece of fiction. The book was listed as one of the best reads of 2012 by the Maine Edge and has been tapped as an “Indie Sleeper Title to Watch” by Publisher’s Weekly.

Calunga and the Legacy of an African Language in Brazil
Steven Byrd, Ph.D.

In his book Calunga and the Legacy of an African Language in Brazil, Steven Byrd, associate professor of Spanish and Portuguese, describes and analyzes an endangered Afro-Brazilian language spoken by only a few hundred older Afro-Brazilian men. The book sheds light on the languages that millions of Africans brought with them to Brazil when they were forcibly transported during the transatlantic slave trade. Descended from the West African language Bantu, Calunga is unlike most creole languages (whose vocabularies are largely based on the colonial language) because it has a high proportion of African vocabulary that is embedded in a Portuguese-based grammar structure. Calunga is used today as a “secret language” that enables its speakers to communicate without being understood by outsiders.

The Russian Cosmists: The Esoteric Futurism of Nikolai Fedorov and His Followers
George M. Young, Ph.D.

George M. Young, a fellow at UNE’s Center for Global Humanities, examines the lives and ideas of the Russian cosmists in his latest book, The Russian Cosmists: The Esoteric Futurism of Nikolai Fedorov and His Followers. The book provides the first study in English of the emergence in the nineteenth and early twentieth century of Russian thinkers, led by Fedorov, who believed that humanity was on the brink of a new stage of evolution in which it must take on a managerial role in the cosmos. The Russian Cosmists provides a key contribution to scholarship concerning Russian cultural and intellectual tradition.
UNE Announces Public Health Team to Administer Snap-Ed Grant

UNE has announced members of its staff who will administer a $3.6 million grant of federal USDA funds by Maine DHHS to provide nutrition education to people in Maine living with low incomes. The grant, renewable for up to four years, was awarded by the Office of Family Independence in the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and comprises federal USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) funds.

The Principal Investigator of the grant is UNE’s Vice President for Clinical Health and Director of Public Health Programs Dora Anne Mills, MD, MPH, FAAP. 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. Her time on this grant is pro bono from UNE.

Joan B. Ingram, MPH, has been named the SNAP-Ed Program Manager. Ingram most recently served as the Healthy Maine Partnership Director for Healthy Portland at the City of Portland, Public Health Division where her work focused on nutrition, physical activity and obesity prevention using policy, systems and environmental strategies as well as direct services and educational programs. She has experience managing state and federal funds, collaborating closely with a variety of community organizations. She managed a Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant that included 11 subcontracts and working with an evaluation team. She also has experience coordinating a public health emergency preparedness program, managing a breast cancer case-control study at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in addition to supervising a research team at Harvard Medical School and working on a Spanish community research team in Boston for John Snow, Inc. She is a graduate of Bowdoin College and Yale University’s School of Epidemiology and Public Health.

Anne-Marie Davee, MS, RD, LD, serves as the SNAP-Ed Nutrition Program Coordinator. She has worked in the health promotion field for over 25 years in a wide variety of roles. Davee worked at Hannaford for 14 years managing employee wellness programs and customer relations. She has also worked at the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service implementing SNAP-Ed Programs and taught Nutrition for Athletic Performance and Nutrition Applications (Biochemistry) at USM’s College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions. Davee served as a School Health Coordinator in RSU No. 5 (Durham-Freeport-Pownal), which was funded by the Healthy Maine Partnerships. Early in her career, Davee worked as a clinical dietitian at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway and at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. She was most recently employed as the Wellness Director for Casco Bay YMCA, and currently provides nutrition consultation services as a member of Bowdoin College’s health care provider team. Davee received her BS in Food and Nutrition and her MS in Human Development with an Exercise Concentration from the University of Maine at Orono. She also has an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Public Health from UNE. Her professional work has also been recognized with the US Surgeon General’s Healthy Youth for a Healthy Future Champion Award. A marathoner, Davee has been inducted into the Maine Running
Hall of Fame. She has completed 20 marathons and 11 triathalons, including qualifying and competing in the first Women’s Olympic Marathon Trials in 1984.

Leslie Ouellette, MS, RD, LD, is the SNAP-Ed Nutrition Program Coordinator. Ouellette has previously worked on the Healthy Weight Awareness Campaign and the Healthy Maine Partnerships as part of the SNAP-Ed program at the University of Southern Maine, Muskie School of Public Service. In her role as a research analyst, Leslie was the creative director and technical administrator for social media initiatives targeted toward public health professional and food stamp recipients. She also assisted with nutrition programming, collaborating on county Healthy Maine Partnership work plans for nutrition education programs, including garden-based nutrition education for children, Cooking Matters, food pantry nutrition education and farmers’ market cooking demonstrations.

Kim Bowie is the SNAP-Ed Contract Manager. She is a graduate of the University of Vermont, where she studied environmental studies and art history. In her previous role at ServiceMaster Elite, Bowie gained extensive experience in a regional office overseeing all correspondence with adjusters and insurance carriers, developing relationships with vendors, scheduling appointments for residential and commercial mitigation projects and executing other administrative functions.

Myron Hagar, Ph.D., served as the director of admission for Westbrook College from 1955-1978. A plaque commemorating his service had been placed on a campus tree long ago, but was exhibiting some wear. It will be replaced with a new one this spring. In the meantime, the old plaque was presented to him at a ceremony in December in Cahners Lounge on the Portland Campus that included UNE students he is working with on the Interprofessional Geriatric Education Program (IGEP).

Deserving Recognition

In the photo, from left to right are: Lori Schildroth ’14 and Alex Kravitz ’14 of the College of Pharmacy, Myron Hagar and David Spach ’14, a student in WCHP’s Physician Assistant program. IGEP is an experience for elder teachers who live locally to work with UNE students to formulate the best health care plans, providing valuable real life learning lessons.
“I like the physical presence (of sculpture). I like to be able to touch and go around. It's almost like another being, and I can talk to it.”

Noriko Sakanishi WJC '66

In May when the UNE Art Gallery mounts Dirigo, the last exhibition in the series Maine Women Pioneers III, one of the exhibiting artists will be returning to the campus where she made her first drawing. A pioneer in more than one sense, Noriko Sakanishi was a young business major employed by IBM in Japan when she defied her father and submitted an application to Westbrook Junior College. She spoke very little English, but the language had enchanted her from an early age listening to radio broadcasts from the American army base and through her mother's love of English literature.

Westbrook offered Sakanishi a full scholarship without a work-study requirement, so she could be devoted full time to classes. Also—not a small factor in her decision—Portland had four seasons, like home. Sakanishi found Westbrook to be a warm, welcoming place.

Her studies in liberal arts with a business concentration allowed for one elective in her second year, and Sakanishi was attracted to a music class taught by Richard Roberts (HA '86). Instead Roberts suggested an art class. The students could work in any medium, and Professor Theodore "Ted" Perry (HA '83) encouraged their work to take any direction.

"Mr. Perry was the perfect teacher for me because I love freedom, and because I am not lazy." At the end of the term, Perry's class had an exhibition on campus, and to Sakanishi's surprise and delight, everyone raved about her drawings. Among those who took notice was Director of Development Dorothy Healy (HA '83). Healy nurtured Sakanishi's interest in art, taking her to galleries and museums in Ogunquit and Boston, and considering her, as Healy's son would say years later, like a daughter. "I could cry for what Mrs. Healy has done for me. She was so wonderful. Whenever I had a little bit of progress, she was jumping up and down."

After Westbrook and with Perry's guidance, Sakanishi received a fellowship to study for four years at the Portland School of Art. She has been with the June Fitzpatrick Gallery for 20 years, and before that with John Whitney Payson's Hobe Sound Galleries North.

Recent sculptures presented in the subdued tones of industrial machinery reveal, on closer examination, multiple layers of warm tones pushing through. There is an astounding weight to Sakanishi's objects, as if they were made of iron, or concrete. The poet and art critic Carl Little refers to these "integral paradoxes" present in her work; he writes, "the artist converts, as it were, Styrofoam into metal—an act of aesthetic alchemy."

Now she has come home to the place where she discovered herself as an artist.

Noriko Sakanishi's work is included in the group exhibition Dirigo at the UNE Art Gallery from May 22 through July 21, 2013
1941
Helen Keith Deardorff writes, “I’m President of the Lewinsville Retirement Residence Association, which keeps me busy. It’s very nice here. Everyone has their own apartment and I still have housework to do.”

1942
Marjorie Cate Gilman writes, “My remarks are rather redundant—I lost “my Mac” on December 1, 2011 after 68 years of a good, strong marriage. I have four children (three sons and a daughter), seven grands, three great-grands—nothing beats grands and great-grands, FROSTING on life’s gifts. I’m still as active as possible in church. I sing in the choir and back on music.com. I count my blessings daily. Our children are all in the area and so supportive and thoughtful. I recommend humor as we always laughed a lot. Leaving med stuff out, all’s well.”

1943 70th Reunion
Shirley Caplan Glazier writes, “I now live at an independent living facility in Worcester, MA—had to give up the Cape and FL. Wish you were a university when I was there.”

Charlotte Richards Morse writes, “A recent mailing from the college is a reminder that the Class of 1943 is scheduled for our 70th Reunion in June. So many years have passed since we graduated and those of us who are still living are close to being ninety years old. It is sad to know that our deceased members list increases every year, and to learn of the loss of Penny Anton Markham, Lucille Ralph James, Edith Gordon Friedman, Helen Goddess Boyers, Helen Watkins Woodhull, and so many more who predeceased them. It was always a pleasure for me to see so many class members at the six reunions I attended. We had 45 present for our 50th but there were only 4 of us at our 65th in 2008. Now I find that I will not be able to be on campus in June. After the death of my husband Carlton “Bep” Morse (UMO ’43) in January 2011 from Alzheimer’s (Veterans’ Home, Scarborough, ME), I returned to Northampton, MA and the home where I was living when Bep and I married 25 years ago. It was a sad loss and a difficult year of change for me but I have had great support from all my family nearby and the company of two great-grandchildren and we lived through the very best years. I now wish all of you peaceful days, healing for those in need and contentment and comfort wherever you might be.”

Jane Shannon Sullivan writes that she has moved from NH to Marshfield, MA.

1945
Arlene Smith Calvert writes, “I am planning to move from FL to San Antonio, TX in December (2012) to live with a daughter—the move being made to be near family.”

1946
Nancy S. Coffin writes, “Life is good—can still garden, swim, work (with cane) and live an active, happy life. I spend three to five months a year in my Barefoot Bay, FL home and get around great in my new golf cart. One son lives 20 miles away. I lost my oldest son. My two daughters are near me—one right next door. I have a large family of grandchildren and a growing family of great grand kids. I lost my husband of 52 years back in 2002. I’ve had a very interesting and rewarding life.”

Hildagard Goodrich Searle writes, “I am impressed and excited about the new campus in Morocco and the connection with the two Spanish universities! Congratulations to all the people at UNE for making these things happen. How times have changed—and grown—since I was in the Westbrook ’46 Class.”

1947
Bernadette Qualey Hunt writes, “In 2012 I moved from California to Oregon to live with my daughter and son-in-law.”

Liz Winslow Johnson writes, “The Committee was very excited to have Bev Woodward Damren, Polly Beck Ingold, and Betty Cram Webster attend our 65th reunion last June. We are proud of Fern Wilson Orr for receiving the Alumni Service Award. You probably saw the group photo on page 28 in the Fall
Lockwood, Norma Cowan and I all meet on Reunion Saturday for morning meetings and lunch as the Class of '47 and there are options for the afternoon. If you would like to spend that day with us, call Liz (207-773-1904) or me (207-797-9134) or the Alumni Office. After reunion is over my sister-in-law Joyce Gray will arrive from Muncie, Indiana and we'll travel through Maine to St. Stevens, Canada, head for St. John and take the ferry to Dinghy, Nova Scotia in time for a late lunch at the Admiral Dinghy Inn that same day. We will spend a couple of days there visiting nearby interesting places and then start north. Fortunately I've done this so many times in the last 18 years, but there are always changes as the years go by—there are always new things somewhere to enjoy. For example, we always had to take a ferry from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island (my favorite). While I was recovering from surgery in 2008, a nine mile bridge was being built from the north shore, where St. Stevens and Nova Scotia meet, to Prince Edward Island. I wanted so badly to drive it but was afraid I might not make it. But!! My doctor promised I could and—I did! It was marvelous. We hope to see some of you this coming June. Have a good winter, particularly my people in Florida who I contacted for our last official Reunion. Let us know how you are making it through—there are always new things somewhere to enjoy. For example, we always had to take a ferry from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island (my favorite). While I was recovering from surgery in 2008, a nine mile bridge was being built from the north shore, where St. Stevens and Nova Scotia meet, to Prince Edward Island. I wanted so badly to drive it but was afraid I might not make it. But!! My doctor promised I could and—I did! It was marvelous. We hope to see some of you this coming June. 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Turned out he had pneumonia and had a heart attack. Don’t know when the heart attack happened. I, too, had a slight case of pneumonia - fun city. He spent about a month in the hospital and then went to rehab. He is a miracle, at his age, to have survived. It was all the prayers that were sent our way. He came home Dec. 20th and is having therapy at home. Gets very tired and it will be a long haul before he gets his strength back. Talk to Midi Greene Clark often. She and her husband are doing fine. It’s a miracle that we are all still here. Brag about Westbrook - in our day there weren’t many Jr. Colleges. My education stood by me and Lee and I are both retired from NASA. We were blessed to work for NASA when it was so exciting. Lee worked every Apollo launch. I first started on the Mercury Program. I think I rambled on enough. As you can guess, Lee and I won’t be doing any traveling for awhile. We were blessed to go to many places since we retired in 1994. Learned that Tina Gooulette Murphy passed away last year. We were roommates and she and her husband came to see us several years ago. At our age, we take it one day at a time.”

Lorilea Jose Kaake writes, “Bob and I are living at Village on the Isle in Venice, FL. It is a full-service retirement community. Bob has dementia but is doing well and we both enjoy the activities here in the Village. I wish we could make the reunion weekend but we no longer travel. Enjoy each day—at our age every day is a blessing.”

Thelma Hubbard Libby writes, “As 2012 moves into the sunset, I recall joys of a new great-granddaughter, grandson’s graduation from University of Northern Arizona and summer at the camp in Maine. Continued good health with early morning walks, yoga, and chi kung keep me moving! Community services include quilting for children at risk, women’s shelters, plus baking for a men’s shelter. 2013 promises to be exciting as we once again gather on campus for our 65th class reunion. I’ll see you there!”

Pauline Davis Lorfano writes, “65 years! How wonderful! Let’s see, I’m still painting and entering shows. I won 1st prize in an exhibit called Reflections in October and was chosen Artist of the Year 2012 by the Vienna Arts Society and given a solo exhibit at the Vienna Art Center, as well as featured at their 43rd Treasury of Art at the Vienna Community Center. The painting Quiet, Hear the Loon was painted in Northeast Harbor, ME. I have three paintings ready to be published in a book; they will only choose one, but what a chore getting all the requirements. Still have to finish two other paintings for a show called Imagination Square coming up. Hope all is well with you all.”

Miriam “Lamb” Warwick writes, “I am sorry to pass on the news that my beloved husband of 60 years of marriage died in July 2012. He was around for our granddaughter’s wedding in June and his 85th birthday and our 60 years together before fading away. Our memories of him are many and all good. I am in Florida trying to stay busy. The four children are a wonderful support. The ten grands are all adults now. The last one leaves high school in June. They lead varied lives; six are working and three in college, one in high school. My memories of Westbrook are a treasure. Hopefully I can make our 65th. How time flies.”

1949

Dorothy “Dot” Garniss Anderson writes that fortunately she stays well and able to do what she enjoys, mainly working in her yard and garden, sailing in the summer and skiing in the winter. Dot has joined a group of activists and has participated in some peaceful protests. She is disturbed about the way our country is moving and feels better being part of a positive movement. Some of the causes her group has acted on are genetically modified food and violence in the media. You can see Dot on You Tube in front of Walmart on Black Friday. Dot adds that as a great grandmother she is proud to do this work.

Bev Holgate Dugan provided me with a chuckle, writing that she is reminded that the news is so very different now. “It used to be that we were having our babies, then we were traveling; then came the grandchildren and now we are bragging about our great grandchildren. The news from me is that Martin has gone and I have had to make a whole new life change for myself. I have done that along with adding a new screened porch off my kitchen. Now I wait for a call to hear that our fourth great grandson is here. We have seven greats and four greats, all boys except for one token girl. I am oil painting, playing bridge, entertaining and basically enjoying every day. Best of all, I am well and can do these things. I went on a cruise last fall with my family that was really great. These kids are so much fun to be with.”

Jane Lewis Gleason continues to keep very busy. She heads to FL in January, and back to Yarmouth in April where she spends time working with the elderly. Then it’s Keezer Lake in the summer and back to Yarmouth again in the fall. Catch her when you can. Exciting news from her family is the recent engagement of her grandson. Greg is working on his PhD at Johns Hopkins and a fall wedding is being planned in Baltimore. As I mentioned earlier, Jane is already thinking about plans for our 65th reunion in 2014 so be on the lookout for more information for that big event as the year progresses.

Peggy Smith Goode writes, “Hi Everyone! Thank you all who took the time to respond to my Request for News. As always, it’s great to hear your news big or small and be able to share it with fellow 49ers - the next best thing to actually seeing one another. That reminds me; in 2014 we will be celebrating our 65th reunion from Westbrook!! Can you believe it?? I can’t but that’s what the calendar tells us so circle the date now for June 2014. You will be hearing a lot more about plans for this important milestone during the coming year. Speaking of reunions, we have continued to hold mini luncheon reunions in Portland each spring. They have been well attended and this year a second get together was held in November, attended by Martha Coe Ritchie, Beverly Young Brisson, Sunny Meserve Harmon, Irene Nanos Notis, Elaine McFarland Johnson, Jane Lewis Gleason, Smokey Manning Morrell, Joanne Thomas Hall and myself. Amy Haile, Director of Alumni Advancement joined us and brought everyone up to date on new programs and activities on the Westbrook Campus. Jane Gleason has been instrumental in planning these reunions. Thank you Jane! I am
**CLASS NOTES**

sad to report that we continue to lose classmates. **Pat Whittmore Hamblen** died on January 13. Pat had not been well for some time and in recent years had been living with her daughter in Essex, VT. We have also learned that **Judy Keegan Sturgeon**’s husband passed away on December 27th after a brief illness. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Judy and to Pat’s family. As for me, I have been spending much of this past year cleaning out my house and preparing for a move to smaller quarters. Yikes, I had no idea what this would involve but one does accumulate a lot of stuff in 50-plus years. I’m happy to report that the worst is behind me and now all I need is a buyer. Hopefully a change of address will follow. Happy New Year to all and let’s stay in touch!!

**Nora Harrington Johnson** writes that life is busy in Pomfret, CT where they are celebrating the town’s 300th anniversary. Nora has lived there for 50 years and from earlier messages, we know she has been very involved in town activities.

**Shirley Harkinson Morrison** has sent along a picture of granddaughter Ashley’s wedding. Ashley and husband Steve Jonas are graduates of Colgate where Ashley is a record-holding sprinter and Steve a college All American in football. The wedding took place in Boston and the entire Morrison Clan attended including Shirley’s five daughters and their families plus her four great-grandchildren. Shirley and Mort are in Hobe Sound, FL for the season and will return to New England in the spring.

**Betty Mayo Ten Eyck** writes, “Still enjoying life on Cape Cod—my dear Dan passed away in May 2011 after a heroic attempt to survive esophageal cancer. But life goes on and I am happy!”

**Jean Sargent Williams** also reports that despite being 83 she is well and busy. She writes, “I volunteer for Hospice which can be quite difficult at times but I am grateful that I can do it. Also volunteer at Oro Valley Hospital which is a little more light-hearted as I am at the front desk and see a lot of good people. Sold our house and moved into an age-related community. I have a very nice town house and do not have to worry about irrigation, fixing a roof, etc. I have good friends and we go to lunch often and even hit the happy hours once in a while. I am envious of the group in Portland that gets together. I do get back to Maine and spend a month in NH in August. I have wonderful generous kids. Off to Laguna Beach for Christmas. A Happy Healthy New Year to all.”

1951

**Ruth Mears Mott** reports that her travels continue—to date 90 countries and 30 cruises!

1954

**Ann Jackson Hinckley** writes, “My husband and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in October. Children and grandchildren gave us a wonderful party. In August we went on a wonderful river cruise down the Rhine with my sister Nancy Jackson Elder ’50 and her husband. I play a lot of bridge in several groups, life is just fine.”

1956

**Sally Royal McFarlin** writes, “Hello Classmates of 1956. The year of 2012 presented two trips for me. The first was a fun 75th birthday trip to California to visit family and friends. This included a wonderful three day visit with **Carolyn Mussig Sanford**...still as perky and as lively as ever. The second trip was tripping into the ER, as my hip implant decided it didn’t want to work anymore. However, with extensive and continuous physical therapy, I am doing okay. I am very active in the community here in the Upper Valley. I have worked on the Irene Team (after Hurricane Irene) as an advocate for all of the JC Penney employees who were unable to work after Hurricane Irene. I set up meetings with State Representatives and with members of the New Hampshire Employment Security Department, providing information to the employees on employment benefits. I also taught leadership skills to all employees. As a member of the New Hampshire Legislature Team for this area, I have an opportunity to preview some of the bills coming before the legislature. Our group then reviews and tries to consider what bills are positive for the community or whether ‘boycotts’ need to be implemented that may prevent the passage of a bill. During the year 2011, our group was successful in helping to prevent two bills from being passed in the legislature. As a result of my involvement in the community, I was acknowledged and recognized by the United Valley Interfaith Group in this area. I received an award for my active participation and helping to heal the community after Hurricane Irene. Stay well...stay active and stay connected. Every day is a gift.”

**Hope Guild Lumis** writes, “My dear husband George passed away on April 17th after a brief illness. We shared 37 wonderful years together, many of them here in Southwest Florida where we have lived since 1989. I’ll continue to operate our online business, Sunshine Gardens, and enjoy visits with our three children, seven grandchildren and two (almost three) great-grandchildren! So far, good health, enjoying my orchids and living with my three long-haired dachshunds are a great blessing!”

**Judy Greenhalgh Nelson** writes, “Another stage in our lives. Stu and I just downsized our home to a modular in a lovely park. It sure has been a change and an adjustment. We have a double car garage which helps to store “stuff” but no attic or cellar, which is good. Our neighbors are good and have lovely yards so we have been working to get it in ship shape as the previous owner did not care about working outside. I fell off a chair right after moving in and have been in a body cast for my back injuring two vertebrae and broke the 5th metatarsal bone on my left foot. It sure has taken...still as perky and...”
a toll on me but I will get back to my old self by the end of the year. I sure hope to get back on skis and snow shoes. Stu is suffering with back pain and hoping to get back to ice skating if we get decent ice on Winni. Pain or no pain, he will give it the old college try and probably be the last year for him. Opeechee Garden Club and church takes up a lot of my time which is good. My grandson skipped the 11th grade at Tilton School and is hoping to be early accepted to MIT next year. He has worked very hard to get to where he is. I would love to get to Reunion next year. We will see what happens for the future.”

Patricia Hayman Ritchie writes, “I am working at Morningside Retirement Community in Fullerton, CA as a Retirement Counselor and Community Liaison. It is a beautiful campus and I love the residents. I still teach water aerobics at the local YMCA (going on 10 years), and I’m still active at the local hospital, mostly in the area of fund raising. I am lucky that my three children live in the Los Angeles area. Have six grandchildren. Think of my days at Westbrook often and enjoy seeing the campus pictures in the magazine. It was a wonderful place to be and the friends I made were simply the best.”

1958 55th Reunion
Martha Gilson Wishart writes, “I am looking forward to our 55th Reunion in June.”

1961 Martha Partridge Gaudes writes, “It is hard to believe it is time again to write an update for our Class Notes. Fortunately for us, not much has changed in our lives. We still spend the winter in Nokomis, FL and the summers at our cottage in NH on Lake Massacucum. We have five grandchildren ages 14 to 4 who we see, some regularly and others not as often. We plan to take a cruise every year as long as we are able, which will hopefully be for a long time yet. This year we are going with a group from our park in FL on a ten day Panama Canal cruise in January. We are really looking forward to that. This past summer two of my three roomies came to visit us at our cottage. It was great getting together

with Nancy Bennett Hamel and Pat Venedam Seyffert. I stay in touch with other roomie Ronnie Chiulli Edell via e-mail. I also am in e-mail touch with Paula Evans Lanni. It is just amazing that after 51 years at we are still in touch. I also stay in touch with three of my grammar school/high school friends, and we get together at least once a year. I read the college news as it comes across my computer or in the mail, and boy the college has really changed and is growing. So different than when we were there! PS: My new hobby is playing Words With Friends on the computer. Good exercise for the brain!!”

1963 50th Reunion
Class of 1963: Please send your form and a current photo to Cindy Chaffee Trayers for the 50th Reunion Booklet. E-mail tudiemily@earthlink.net if you don’t have the form.

Jane Donovan Bolduc retired in August. She writes, “It seems my life has gone into a tail spin. In October of 2011 I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma; I completed the chemo treatments in April and am now having maintenance treatments every other month as I am in remission. My mom reached her 100th birthday on December 1st; she has Parkinson’s disease but otherwise she is doing quite well. Her mind is still sharp which helps; I visit her three times a week and it is really amazing how strong that generation is. I am really looking forward to our 50th reunion; I hope we have a good response as it is so much fun to see all the ‘kids’. See you in June!”

Carol MacLaughlin Combes and her husband are very busy RV travelers! Carol writes, “We made our first visit to The Villages, met up with old friends, enjoyed lunch at Johnny Rockets via golf cart (the usual mode of transport), then shared a great supper meal with other friends from Maine. We enjoyed playing Bingo and Mexican Train and doing Karaoke and line dancing classes and exercising in the clubhouse at the International RV park in Daytona. I worked at Daytona International Speedway during Speedweeks and Bike Week to earn some extra cash for future Casino trips! Back in Maine in late May and June, we enjoyed our grandson Owen’s soccer and baseball games. In July we arrived in Forest City, Iowa and stayed overnight out in a dry dusty cornfield RV park. Moved onto the Pre Rally/Rally grounds the next day! The week after the Rally we went to the Spam Museum in Austin, Minnesota and toured by people mover the Engine and Tractor factories of John Deere in Waterloo, Iowa. Thanksgiving Day enjoyed ‘Getaway’ from Seminole Hard Rock Casino round trip bus fare and overnight.”

Elizabeth Fonda Donner writes, “I retired in 2006 after working for close to 40 years as a probation officer. It was a fabulous career. However, I don’t miss working. My first husband passed away in 2002 and I remarried in 2009 to a wonderful man with whom I am greatly enjoying life. I have 2 married sons who each have two children ages three and under. They live in the San Diego area which allows us to see them often. My husband, Herb has three children and two teenage grandchildren. Herb and I are busy with all of the activities that we enjoy—church involvement, gardening, travel, etc. Although I only attended Westbrook for one year I have such fond memories of my time there and do stay in touch with Holly Stevens Homer. Hope the 50th is a tremendous success!!”

Marilyn Stiles Faulkner mentioned that she has a longing over accounts of people’s travels and retirement activities. She thinks that she wants to do that soon, too! She writes, “With the poor economy still so prevalent, my husband and I are staying very close to home and our business operation of the Williams Inn in Williamstown, MA. We do meet new people every day from many walks of life. Most people come to this small town for Williams College or the art museum opportunities in the neighborhood. We have had groups in the past from the Payson Gallery in Portland! Work with local and church organizations still takes up most of my ‘free’ time! I do take a little time to enjoy the grandchildren and baby sit now and then. The boy cousins are already ten years old, followed by the cousin sisters at six and seven. They are a joy to watch but oh, they grow so fast! Hoping to see everyone at the reunion in June. Thinking about those happy days at Westbrook brings many warm memories. Was there for the 45th reunion and we all promised
Diana Romano Flaherty writes “2012 came and went for my family with few milestones. Thankfully, we all stayed healthy. Our one major event was that Shaun and I decided after 17 years of living here in Maine ‘by the sea’ to put our condo up for sale. We did so with mixed feelings about leaving the ocean, but also with a sense of anticipation and excitement to be moving closer to our daughter, Shannon, and her husband, who live in Newburyport, MA. We have not sold yet and hope when we return home in the spring from our 12th annual winter’s stay in Florida, we will have success in selling. This past summer I had the wonderful occasion of visiting with Bette Swett Thibeault. We had not seen each other since our last reunion, so it was great fun to be with one another again. Bette and I were roommates in Boston after our graduation from WJC, and although our paths do not cross as often as we would like, there still remains a strong bond of friendship that continues to this day. I also enjoy an occasional lunch date with several of our classmates who live in the area. Meanwhile, I hope that my excitement in looking forward to our 50th reunion is contagious. See you all there!”

Leanne Hutchins Harkness writes, “We enjoyed an amazing adventure on a trip to Italy with the whole gang in 2012. My husband and I headed over first in early June. We hit the northwest corner—the San Gimignano, Turino, Portofino, Cinque Terra area, then on to Milano and Lake Maggore and finally over to Venice. That took a couple of weeks. Then it was on to Bologna where we met up with our daughter, Heather, her husband, Rich, and their boys John and James, and finally down to Panzano in Chianti (halfway between Florence and Siena) where we rented a villa. Our son Jeff and his wife Sharon and their daughters Ellery and Abigail met us there after their jaunt through Rome and environs. We spent a lovely week at the villa cooking, tasting wine, hiking, touring and swimming in the incredible infinity pool on site. Jeff took on ‘tour director’ duties for trips to Florence and Siena, where he’d spent time during his junior year at Wesleyan. We got back from Italy in early July and went right up to Heron Island, Maine where we stayed through early October. All in all, one of the best summers we’ve had in years.”

Donna Rowe Fowlie has been on the road again! One never knows where the road might lead you. She writes, “After a relaxing winter in Florida and a cruise to the Western Caribbean, on my way back north I stopped to see Nancy McDowell Nichols in Atlanta in March, 2012. Nancy’s son Scott sells real estate in the Blue Ridge mountain area and I said to him, over lunch, what’s for sale up here? The next day I found myself to be a property owner of a cabin in northern Georgia on Walnut Mountain! I drove down again in May to sign papers, drove back to NH to pack, moved all my belongings from NH to GA in the steamy summer days of August, drove up to Newfoundland for vacation, drove back to GA in September to settle in, drove back to NH for granddaughter’s wedding in October, back to GA to really unpack, back to new England in November for work and Thanksgiving. Whew! I am settled now in Ellijay, GA and hope NOT to spend as much time on the road in 2013!”

Lucia Hanson Focht writes “I had dinner recently with Marsha Stickney Chaisson. It was fun to see her and catch up. She lives so close to me but works part time so it is hard to get together. She is doing well. My husband and I have had a busy fall with our grandsons playing football. We try not to miss a game. Unfortunately I will not be able to make the reunion as that is dance recital weekend for our grandchildren. Sorry that it all came the same weekend. Hard to believe it’s been 50 years! Where did the time go?”

Barbara Lothrop Labbe has had a very busy year with her family. She writes, “We had a wedding in September when our grandson got married. Then in September and October our little grandson played football; he’s just turned 10 in December. Our granddaughter, who was 5 in December, was a reindeer in the Nutcracker at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland. We continue to be busy with our hula hoop business, going to craft shows and now branching out to daycare and after school programs in our area. We spent Thanksgiving in Camden with our granddaughter’s in-laws, which is becoming a family tradition; then Christmas at our house with the whole family. We are once again going to Bermuda along with my sister-in-law to a wonderful place we discovered a few years back with our daughter and her husband. We enjoy babysitting for our grandkids as often as we can. They are so much fun and are growing up way too fast!! Of course
summer time finds us going to my favorite beach at Pine Point where I grew up. We have also taken up biking and are enjoying getting out with our friends.”

Mary McNiff Manion writes, “It can’t be 50 years ago since we graduated from WJC!! I am just beginning to really know how to live and what I want to be when I grow up. How does one encapsulate 50 years in a few sentences. Well, I’m proud to announce I can still fit into my earrings some 50 years later; otherwise I look in the mirror and wonder who this old person is and why has she stolen my body. All I can say is it has been quite a ‘ride’! Chick and I have been married for 48 years and have two wonderful daughters and an amazing granddaughter. Thirty three years ago, we settled in Auburndale, FL (about 30 miles west of Disney World) and love it here. I try to get back to my ‘roots’ and family in Massachusetts and Maine every summer, and spend at least two weeks in Biddeford Pool, right around the corner from UNE campus. Like everyone, life has had its ups and downs. However, if you learn from your ‘downs’ it makes you appreciate the ‘ups’ so much more. I am a three time cancer survivor. In 1984, I was diagnosed with stage 4 Melanoma Cancer. Barbara Butman Wasgatt was the one who discovered the ‘mole’ at the base of my neck while she was visiting us here in FL on hiatus from chemo and radiation due to breast cancer. She convinced me to go to the doctor and my prognosis was not good. There was basically nothing that could be done for me and my life expectancy was less than a year. However, through a family friend, I was accepted into Duke University’s Melanoma Experimental Study Program, and the ‘experimental’ protocol they used on me is now standard procedure for Melanoma. “Butman” was not as fortunate, and passed away two years later, surrounded by family and friends in Camden, Maine. I miss her every day, but life goes on. To make things more interesting, I had a heart attack and in 2009 was treated by family and friends in Camden, Maine. Passed away two years later, surrounded by loved ones and your family. I hope that you all enjoy the reunion and I do feel badly that I will not be attending. We have already scheduled our annual trip to ‘paradise’ on Fortunes Rocks Beach, Biddeford Pool in August and living off of a wonderful fixed social security income, one trip to Maine is it for me per year. I especially want to convey a message to my 1963 fellow dental hygienists….. don’t forget to floss!”

Marilyn Foote Masi and her husband, Frank still reside in Windermere, Florida and very much enjoy the weather and the lifestyle. She writes, “I love being able to wear shorts almost year round. But I freeze when I travel to New England and even to San Diego. We also visited Frank’s Aunt Nora, in Whittier, CA and then drove to our other son in North Hollywood. Due to the holiday, what is usually a 2.5 hour trip from North Hollywood to San Diego became 6 hours long! We were in San Diego for Thanksgiving visiting our littlest grandchildren. Frank is still running his Executive Search business from our home. I thoroughly enjoy his company as well as our luncheons and dinners out. I still love to do genealogy and my bucket list includes completing our family tree on the computer and printing it for everyone. It is fun and I enjoy the process. Happy 50th to everyone! Can’t believe we have gotten here so fast!”

Nancy McDowell Nichols is delighted that Donna Rowe Fowlie has moved to Ellijay, Georgia! Nancy joins Priscilla Wells Schell in this delightful small mountain town in northern Georgia. She writes, “My husband and I will eventually move into the same area in the near future. How ironic that three classmates from will be living in the same small town. Trips included a visit in Fort Myers Beach with my husband Jeff’s father, who is 93. On another trip we visited with Vicky Randall on the beach in Florida. Spent two and a half months at our camp on Big Lake in Princeton, Maine last summer and fall. Had a blast when ‘The Brookies’ came up for a few days—we toured a chocolate factory in St. Stephens, New Brunswick and then went to Campobello Island to visit President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s summer home. On the way home to Marietta, GA, Jeff and I spent a couple of days touring Monticello and Mount Vernon—check two items off the Bucket List! Flew to Nassau, Bahamas to celebrate a belated Christmas with our daughter, Karen, grandson, Andrew (16) and granddaughter Claire (15). Jeff and Andrew got a chance to go scuba diving. I work part time for our son Scott and his partner Mark who are in real estate in Blue Ridge, GA. Great bosses—they give me lots of time off!! Also do some modeling work for American Breast Care, a company that manufactures breast prostheses and bras for women who have had mastectomies. I do volunteer work at a local elementary school, as well as being involved in my local church. Am really looking forward to our 50th reunion at Westbrook. Hope to see LOTS OF CLASSMATES THERE!”

Pamela Perkins will be traveling to Oman on the Arabian Peninsula in March, and will have other trips in the works, including a nine-day bike trip on the Natchez Trace and a couple of family gatherings back east. Pam mentioned that a few of her classmates read her blog. She has given us permission to check out her website for Biker Chick Gone Crazy. www.pamsmississippiride.blogspot.com As of the time she wrote recently she has had more than 7300 page views.

Priscilla “Sill” Wells Schell writes, “2012 has been another year long adventure, with an annual family visit to Olympia (my only grandchildren are twin 10-year old girls) and a Thanksgiving family visit to Sacramento, CA. My husband and I are both retired, but keeping very active. My involvement with the Garden Club of Ellijay and co-chairing the Junior Garden Club continues, as well as assorted activities with Master Gardeners. I continue to paint, to knit, play bridge, as well as gardening which is an eight months a year activity. My summer passion is growing dahlias, and my garden therapy is giving away many bouquets of dahlias. I now have a ham radio license… idle moments are very rare. In April Nancy McDowell Nichols invited me to lunch with Donna Rowe Fowlie, and the next day they went house hunting. Donna has recently moved to Ellijay! We’ve had challenges and some great successes, so every day is a good day!”
Rebecca “Becky” Rice Schlieper and her husband, Sandy celebrated 47 years of MARITAL BLISS, have two special daughters living in Idaho and North Carolina and four grandchildren ages 7-17 years old. She writes, “WHY are we in York, PA??? We enjoy golf, antique cars (Jags), and keeping our boat on the NH coast during the summer, as well as stuffing ourselves with seafood!! Most of all I enjoy being part of a strong BROOKIE BOND within our FLOCK of 8 and growing...we have been migrating for an annual reunion for nearly 50 years. FRIENDSHIP....LIFES GREATEST TREASURE!!! See everyone in June!!”

Alegra Eunson Dowd Soorus writes, “I will not be at the Reunion because we are in Maine in March, July and October. My dad is 95 and still doing great but we go over to Maine three times a year for two-week stays. Jim and I are both retired and stay busy with grandchildren, church, and Jim’s woodworking this time of year and, of course, in the summer we have a huge garden. Fall is spent freezing, canning and consuming all the great produce. Enjoy the reunion!”

Linda Siller Theodore celebrated her birthday last October 2012 with her husband Manny, children and grandchildren at Sky Valley in Dillard, Georgia for a fun week. She writes, “The northeast Georgia mountains have spectacular waterfalls, rolling hills and foliage was at its peak. We hiked Tallulah Falls and spent a day at Stone Mountain Park. Stone Mountain is a massive bowl shaped granite formation that formed beneath the earth’s surface some 300 million years ago. The children enjoyed the obstacle course with dangling ropes and suspended wooden bridges and the summit sky ride. I organized a Holiday 2012 Fine Art and Craft Show and Sale and continue monthly beading meetings with friends. I am involved in community organizations. My mother, who turned 101 lives with us two weeks a month and then with my sister the other two weeks. Looking forward to attending our 50th reunion.”

Emily “Tudi” Adams Watkins writes, “I have moved to Fairfield Glade, Tennessee! My husband, Al decided to retire from his job in Round Rock, Texas. We decided to look into Fairfield Glade Resort and found a house we really liked, put a contract on it and purchased it on December 19th! Life was pretty hectic for us prior to our moving here as we packed our entire house, had three Penske trucks take all to storage units in Fairfield Glade where everything waited for the move in which took about 3 ½ months. However, on December 18, my husband ended up in the emergency room with a blocked small intestine, and had emergency surgery that evening. He ended up signing all the paperwork for our house in the hospital! It was quite an unexpected experience. I spent a wonderful week in Princeton, Maine with ‘the Brookies.’ Nancy McDowell Nichols was our hostess. You can read about our mini-reunion in her class notes. I am looking forward to our 50th class reunion. I urge as many of you as possible to attend. It is going to be a blast!”

Joan Merrill Weeks has been retired now for a few years. She writes, “My husband Ray is still working three days a week at Blue Rock Industries, where he has been for 45 years. We both like to do garden and yard work, and when the weather is good, that is where you will find us. We did have a large perennial garden out back with a small pond and waterfalls, which last summer my husband dismantled, putting flowers in our vegetable garden, rocks and stones piled into our woods. Waiting for spring to get help on new pond and waterfalls. We are planning a trip to New Zealand and Australia in late February to April. Ray and I are doing New Zealand by ourselves and Australia we will be meeting up with a high school friend of Ray’s. We will meet in Sidney for a week, go to Alice Spring area for a couple of days, fly to Brisbane, where the friend and partner live, for a few days. Then to Cairns and Great Barrier Reef, back to Brisbane for a few more days and finally home.”

Karen Wurzbacher Zerlaut has, for 33 years, been directing handbells at my church and grew it to a three-choir program—elementary, youth and adult. She writes, “I took my youth choir to its last handbell conference at Disneyland this past July. Over the years, I have taken them to Arizona, Texas, Washington, Nevada, Hawaii and all over California. My highpoint was taking them to England for an International Symposium in 2000. I have given up elementary and youth choirs (sigh!) but, I still have great enjoyment directing the adults! Also, my husband and I are still very active in the Coastal Communities Concert Band here in San Diego. You can see what we are up to on YouTube and see our trailer. We give a Christmas concert each year benefitting Meals-on-Wheels, and, over the years have raised over $175,000 for them. Church music and band take up much of our time, but do enjoy being with our six grandchildren best of all.”

Suzin Garfield Zimble is looking forward to the reunion and seeing the girls from Goddard Hall. She writes, “It will be the first one that I’ve attended. Don’t know why it took me so long! I remember so clearly the Chinese fire drills. I’m still on Cape Cod in the summer and FL for most of the winter. Staying active with biking, golf, gardening and anything to do outside. Family are all well and doing...
their own things. 10 grandchildren—9 boys and one girl. They are a treat. Wishing everyone a healthy new year.”

1964

Jocelyn Taylor Barbour writes, “I am staying busy in retirement by developing programs for seniors (Vertical Village concept) and serving on several committees and commissions. We visit Hawaii yearly to see our son who has a lab at the medical school. Our daughter lives nearby, Friends and family keep us busy and happy—my mother Elizabeth Josslyn Taylor is Class of 1940.”

Martha Wentworth Sanborn sent a photograph (see previous page) from a get together at Becky Spencer Svensson’s home in NH in August 2012. She looks forward to planning for the 50th!

1965

Daniel Devlin shared a fun Huffington Post story from April 2012 about Gerald “Jerry” F. Pope. Jerry dropped a message in a bottle into the ocean near his home in Niantic, CT in October of 2010, and 17 months later he received a postcard from the Isles of Scilly, 2010, and 17 months later he received a message in a bottle into the ocean near a get together at the MIT Endicott House.”

1967

Andrea Staples Abbott writes, “Hello to Westbrook College Alumni. My husband Walter and I live for eight months of the year in the Sarasota area. We still love Maine and our cottage at Crystal Lake in Gray. We have two sons, one in Cleveland, OH and the other in Falmouth, ME. They are both married with two children each. We enjoy our visits with each family. The Lake is the perfect place for family get-togethers. We are so fortunate to enjoy both climates and always look forward to our sojourns in each state.”

Jean Stalker Mann writes that she is winding down from her years as a school writing consultant. She is living in rural NH and pursuing artwork, gardening, landscaping, as well as running a local farmers’ market. Jean has three grown children and one grandchild. Her youngest daughter is enrolled in the UNE Masters in Social Work.

Carolyn Hansen Miller writes, “Remember that...? Graduation? Just wanted to drop a note to you all. My husband Greg (Gregory Miller SFC ‘69) and I were in New England in fall of 2012. We have family in CT and ME. It is always wonderful to visit Maine and our new UNE campuses - first time in many years I have done it. The old campus has lots of new buildings but still lots of memories. We didn’t go in any buildings, just enjoyed driving around the campus. Greg and I then ventured to his (St. Francis) UNE campus. It looks gorgeous. Fall trees were in color, a beautiful cool fall day, blue sky and river flowing along campus. We went into some of the newer buildings and enjoyed the atmosphere. The ole dance (gym) hall is still there but not danceable anymore. Remember that? Good times, just like yesterday. Anyway you need to trip around these campuses. Even got a UNE sweatshirt. All is well in San Diego. Two of three children are living in the same town as we are. We have one son living in Hawaii with wife. Guess where we vacation? Our three grand kids are in town so that is very special. Hi to everyone. Keep healthy and happy.”

1968 45th Reunion

On a recent trip to the interior of Maine, Coach Jim Beaudry introduced Joe Valenza to a fellow Mainer (below).

Frances “Frank” DiZoglio writes, “I’m living in Jamestown, RI and retired in 2002 from DiZoglio & Sons Paper and Plastics Distribution Co. and Abbey Packaging Brokerage Inc. I’m presently growing grapes and making wine at Jamestown Vineyard which I founded in 2009 and spending a great deal of enjoyable time with my grandchildren Jake, 12 and Lily, 8 at the vineyard, in an effort of having them involved in the wine making process. Hopefully they will follow in their grandfather’s footsteps. I’m also fishing for salmon and steelhead in upstate NY from the Salmon River Lodge, which I built in 2007, and also plenty of canoeing, and the grandchildren love that. My world has been guided by my grandchildren as they grow.”
John “Jack” Marshall writes, “I am doing extremely well during retirement. Living 60 miles north of Tampa in Sugarmill Woods, a village within Homosassa, Florida. The area is a fisherman’s paradise and is called the Nature Coast of Florida. Manatees are abundant here! I have been blessed to be able to continually travel throughout the world and see what lies beyond our horizons. My best to my former classmates and the great times we had at during the 60s.”

Cynthia Corkum Masiero writes, “My fiancé and I are getting ready to head south for the winter. We’ve bought our first RV and are very excited.”

Thomas N. Seyfried, MD published his first book Cancer as a Metabolic Disease (Wiley 2010). Thomas has taught and conducted research in neurogenetics, neurochemistry and cancer for over 25 years, at Yale University and at most recently at Boston College, where he is a professor in the department of biology.

1971

Sharon Goodell Anderson has just recently retired from the Post Office. Still living in Brockton in an antique Cape, she loves taking care of her home but it does take quite a bit of her time. She is very involved with her church and now has time to do a little relaxing and travel.

Joan Gibson Aseltine writes that she and Rick are enjoying their first grandson, Dylan Richard. This fall they traveled to Europe for the first time since the 70s, with Lynne Crowley Doxsey and Debbie Dyer. They traveled to Heidelberg, Strasbourg and Barcelona. Joan still works full time at Community Teamwork, Inc. in Lowell helping older adults with volunteer placement and also fall prevention helping older adults with volunteer Community Teamwork, Inc. in Lowell.

Debbie Dyer sent an email saying that she is currently at home with her 12 year old son who is now in the 6th grade. Debbie is working for herself in the wealth management business. She and her husband are enjoying Marblehead and she sometimes sees Gay Martin.

John Dyjak writes that has been retired for six years from his work as a school principal, and has two grandchildren, Ella and Alex. John and his wife Nancy still play tennis when they are in Florida for the winter.

Diane Fulk writes that she is still working as an RN for Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, IA on the Adult Mental Unit. She lives on an acreage with her youngest daughter and two grandchildren, Micah, 6 and Ayla, 5. They have goats, horses, geese, guineas, dogs and cats. In September she went on an Alaskan cruise of the Inside Passage, which was beautiful and quite different from her farmland in Iowa.

Tina Segalla Grant, her husband Larry, and Sheri Higgins were able to come up and spend an overnight with Holly Bishop Howland at her place in Jefferson, ME on Damariscotta Lake.

Tina is the director of College Counseling at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT. She is busy this time of year and we have a hard time trying to set aside some time to get together for a shopping day in CT.

Sheri Higgins and Sharon Goodell Anderson traveled to Arizona in October. Experiencing the Balloon Festival and getting to ride in a balloon was a great treat. They also spent time in Santa Fe and Taos. Sheri is busy in Portsmouth with friends and taking care of her mother, who is now in a nursing home facility and getting much better care.

Holly Bishop Howland writes, “I received a note from Alexis Hendershot informing me that her aunt, Florence Ann Lima Church, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 16, 2012. Alexis said that Florence always reflected fondly on her college experience, and she thanks the school and her classmates for giving her that happy time in her life. As for me, my husband Mark and I traveled to Austin, TX and New Orleans, LA in Jan. It was strictly for fun as we have friends in Austin and Mark’s brother and family live in New Orleans. It was the first time we had visited either city and it was quite an experience! We also were able to buy a small summer cottage located next door to our current place in ME.

So much of the summer was dedicated to renovations and hopefully we will be able to use it full time in the spring for overflow and rental. Our kids are great. Michael, 24, has joined the family construction business, with brother Mark, 32. Melanie, 30, is still with Riverbend Medical in Chicopee, MA as a Business Associate. I still work part time with the dentist in town as a receptionist and we try to get up to ME every Thursday night from April to Oct. with a few weeks relaxing in the summer.”

Penny Jessop and I (Holly Bishop Howland) met in Gardner, ME for a great lunch and a bit of shopping at the farmers market. It was great seeing her and it seems like the years slipped away and we were back in Ginn! Penny is still teaching and was enjoying her summer break. All is well with her boys and David, her husband.

Julie Stearns King is busy in TN singing with the Song of Atlanta Show Chorus. They competed in Denver in November and are now 4th in the world. Husband Bill is busy with bridge, church and work. Son Brooks is in CA with children. Daughter Sami has her masters in school counseling and is working at Lowes International in NC. In December Julie got a Labradoodle puppy!

George Kudlacik writes, “I’m happy to report the marriage of our son Michael to Devon McIntosh on September 8th in Rockville Md. It was great to see some classmates that attended from the class of 71—Linda and Jack Cloonan, Pat and Tim Lenehan and Nancy and John Dyjak. We have been back to the campus a number of times and it’s amazing to see the growth and new buildings.”

Peggy Mueller Shore graduated with her PhD in health policy from the Muskie School of Public Service. The dissertation was a financial analysis of small rural hospitals nationwide. She is still at Maine CDC as coordinator for the Maine effort to reduce Healthcare
Associated Infections in Maine. She plans to return to teaching next fall. She has two grandchildren whom she adores. Sharmon Avery Toner writes that she will graduate from the University of Southern Maine with a BFA in the spring.

1972

Gail Jacob Eldredge writes, “My second grandchild is due in February. Now I will have one granddaughter and one grandson. Terry will be semi-retiring and our son will be taking over the business. I will be working for him!”

Carol Gray Williams writes, “I am still working as a dental hygienist in various capacities—two different types of community clinics, and with a project called From the First Tooth where I work with hospitals in Maine that work with medical practices educating them with an oral health curriculum called Smiles for Life. I enjoy biking and do several benefit rides during the summer and fall. Two of the great rides I did were the Tri for the Cure (photo above) with over 1000 women in Maine and the Challenge the Cure sponsored by Eastern Maine Health Systems. I also spend as much time as possible with my family and my grandsons. Wyatt is 5 years old and enjoyed hiking and spending time with me at our camp at Kezar Lake in Maine. My other two grandsons are Caleb who is almost 5 and Ryder who is 2. They live in Colorado and came to Maine with parents Jason and Nichole this last summer for a week at camp. I am going to visit them over Christmas and then Wyatt and his Dad and I are going to Disney in January. I sure do enjoy the grandkids.”

1973 40th Reunion

Dennis Grossano writes that he has been an oncological pharmacist for 35 years, and is with the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He has been married to Patricia for 28 years and they have three children, Dan 25, Jenna 22, and Stefanie 19.

Suzanne Wyer McNeil writes, “I’m looking forward to a good turnout for our Reunion!”

Irene Ferland Theriault is managing a free dental clinic for Space Coast Volunteers in Medicine in Brevard County, FL, and welcomed a new grandson Logan J. Cody on Sept. 1, 2012.

1974

Denis M. Rioux writes, “I’ve been retired since 2008 after 30 years of delivering bundles for UPS. I’m volunteering many hours at a nursing home of 140 beds, where I’m spending lots of time with activities in the Alzheimer’s unit and the 4th floor where residents are mentally challenged, which I fit right in with. Happy days to all.”

1976

Joseph R. Kenneally, ’76, DMD, a UNE Trustee, was elected Vice President of the International College of Dentists, for the year 2013. The ICD is the largest international dental honor society in the world, with over 12,000 members in 122 countries. It has a charitable and humanitarian purpose, in addition to its honorary function. Joseph will ascend automatically to President-Elect in 2014 and President in 2015.

1983 30th Reunion

Alexis Roy D’Ascanio writes, “This is a picture of me (Westbrook College/Dental Hygiene Class of ‘83) and my daughter (Lauren D’Ascanio—UNE/Environmental Science Class of 2013) in Seward, Alaska. I joined Lauren in Alaska for the last week of her Summer Internship experience at Denali State Park in Alaska this summer and I thought I would share! It makes me smile to think that my daughter will graduate from UNE 30 years after I graduated from Westbrook College!”

1984

Lisa Forrest Mathews writes, “I have been working at Dr. Alan Rich’s office since 2004 here in Portland. My husband Steve and I have been married for 26 years and have a Caribbean cruise planned in the winter with our kids Geoff (17) and triplets Shannon, Erin and Colleen (15). I recently lost my dad Walter to pancreatic cancer this past May.”

Lesley Amidon Perkins writes, “I am in my 14th year as School Library Media Specialist at ConVal High School in Peterborough NH. I would love to hear from some of the other library technology grads from any year! Where did you all end up? My husband and I bought our retirement home in Fairhaven MA this past spring. We have a sailboat there and look forward to spending time in the area as that is where my husband Tom is originally from. I have a four year old granddaughter who lives in Maine but visits often. My son is a PhD student at Northeastern University in Boston and my daughter is a special education teacher in Falmouth ME.”
1986
Jennifer Collins-Brown writes, “Happy 2013 to all! We hope you had a great holiday season spent with friends and family. With the tremendous tragedy surrounding the holidays, we are reminded again of the most important things in life. Charlie is still working as a Physical Therapist in a private practice in North Andover and branching out into teaching the Hesche Method of manual therapy. I am still working as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Topsfield Fire Department. We have been anxiously awaiting college acceptance letters for child number three. Her acceptance to UNE came last week. She was so excited. We would love for her to follow our lead, but time will tell. Conor our oldest just graduated paramedic school and Kiki is a sophomore at Framingham State University studying nutrition. Griffin is a sophomore in the local Vocational/Technical High School studying in the Electrical Program. We are kept busy with all of their activities, two dogs, and the horse. Hope you are all well and we are looking forward to hearing what is going on in your lives. Be well, have a safe New Year.”

With regard to working with in the rehabilitation world, I obtained my board certification as an Industrial Ergonomist and Kristen is a Certified Hand Therapist. In the spring of 2007 I formed a partnership and opened a private practice, Premier Orthopedics & Work Rehab (POWR) located in North Kingstown RI. Kristen joined the practice in January of 2012. Therapy services include orthopedic-based care with a clinical focus of treating and managing work-related injuries, hand and upper extremity rehab and consulting services inclusive of ergonomic analysis and injury prevention trainings for both industry and workers’ compensation insurance carriers. We can be reached at home email (kjbspb@cox.net) or work email (sbaxter@powrr.com or kbaxter@powrr.com).

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1987
Debra Reich-Sobel, DO writes that she is the president, founder and CEO of Caring Family Medical, Inc., a primary care family medicine practice in Linden, NJ. She is married with three children—Nathaniel is a graduate of Rutgers University, Carly is a sophomore at the College of New Jersey, and Daniel is in 7th grade. Debra’s husband Stephen is the Senior VP of ICC Lowe, a medical communications company.

1988 25th Reunion
Shawn Baxter (OT) writes, “Kristen Baxter (PT) class of 89 and I were married in October of 1990. We have three beautiful daughters: Taylor who is 18 and a freshman at Lasell College studying Communications with a focus in Fashion Journalism and is a signed model out of Boston and New York City. Hannah is 15 and a sophomore in high school. Her interests center around music as she is currently an all-state violist. Katherine (Katie) is in third grade and enjoys going to school with her friends and taking her acrobats class.

Jillian Morris ’05 and Duncan Brake, photo by Matthew Potenski

1995
Leah Perocchi Wright writes, “A busy year at VNA for me as the project manager for a new electronic medical record system. We’re making our first trip to Disneyworld at Christmas with Melanie 11 and Delaney 8, can’t wait. We’re also going to the Rose Bowl with Darryl Wright’s parents. Happy New Year!”

1996
Todd Cesca sent in this photo of UNE Alumni celebrating Dr. Jay Fulham’s 40th birthday.

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2005
Charissa Wong Godfrey writes, “We welcomed our son Kallen Micheal Godfrey on August 22, 2012.”

Jillian Morris writes, “On April 14 of this year I married Duncan Brake in Bimini, The Bahamas. Our wedding was very sharky, including sharks in our wedding photos. The sharks are used for education and research at the Sharklab (Bimini Biological Field Station), where Duncan and I have both volunteered.”

Matthew Lincoln, DO and Katherine Demaree Lincoln, DO ’05 continue to build a wonderful life. Their son James Joseph was born January 30, 2012. Matt will finish his gastroenterology fellowship at Brooke Army Medical Center in July 2013. Katie continues in an underserved family medicine clinic in San Antonio, TX. Baby girl Lincoln is scheduled to make her arrival on March 21, 2013.

2008 5th Reunion
Casey Westcott Boucher and Bradley Boucher welcomed Hailey Anne Boucher on Sept. 1, 2012. The Bouchers live in Old Orchard Beach.

Nicole Gunn was married to Chris Clements in May of 2012 at the Salyards Center for the Arts in Conway, NH. She is employed by Harborside Dental in Center Harbor, NH.

2011
Mark S. Umphrey II, DO writes, “I’ve moved to NYC to complete a family practice residency. I’m also engaged with a November 2013 wedding planned.”
### ALUMNI

**1935**
- Jean C. Schnurle  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  August 19, 2012

**1936**
- Evelyn Bragg Croteau  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 20, 2013

**1937**
- Olive Pullen Palmer  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  July 26, 2012

**1938**
- Beverly Alexander Boardman  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  September 30, 2012

- Ellen Stevens Staley  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  November 25, 2012

**1939**
- Marjorie Clark Walker  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  October 2, 2012

- Helene Rabb Cahners, Trustee Emeriti  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  November 2, 2012

- Priscilla Jones Grove  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  July 22, 2012

- Virginia Morton Rodgers  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 10, 2013

- Jane Gray Young  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  October 29, 2012

**1940**
- June Merrill Tukey  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 6, 2013

- Lena Wentworth McDonald  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  October 29, 2012

- Adelaide Jack McGorrill  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  November 9, 2012

**1941**
- Ruth Pollitz Richmond  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  November 9, 2012

**1942**
- Elizabeth French Greeley  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  September 22, 2012

- Marion Amelia Korda  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  December 27, 2012

- Gloria Delong Vicker  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  September 24, 2012

- Ruth Wormwood Bachelder  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 1, 2013

- Barbara Ann Eells  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  October 18, 2012

**1943**
- Priscilla Winchenbach Edgecomb Nicholson  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  May 30, 2008

**1944**
- June Merrill Tukey  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 6, 2013

**1945**
- Joan Melvin Gorman  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 10, 2013

**1946**
- Barbara Carey Willey  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  October 27, 2012

**1947**
- Elizabeth “Betsy” Allen Gage  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  November 20, 2012

- Frances Terezevich Pigna  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  September 1, 2012

**1948**
- Beverly Smith Worrall  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  December 9, 2012

**1949**
- Barbara Lane Gurney  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  April 22, 2012

**1950**
- Joan Bauer Howard  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 4, 2013

**1951**
- Bartha Barnett Beamer  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  January 10, 2013

**1952**
- Priscilla Chase Ketchum  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  June 25, 2012

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  Westbrook Junior College  
  June 25, 2012

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- Priscilla Chase Ketchum  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  June 25, 2012

**1955**
- Norine Johnson Temple  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  May 30, 2008

**1956**
- June Merrill Tukey  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  April 22, 2012

**1957**
- Joan Sweetser McEwen  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  December 9, 2012

**1958**
- Judith Whitehead Gough  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  December 9, 2012

**1959**
- Kenneth D. Cormier  
  St. Francis College  
  January 10, 2013

**1960**
- Norma J. Tate  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  March 26, 2009

**1961**
- Rev. Lawrence Joseph Conley  
  St. Francis College  
  November 30, 2012

- Joan Cook Soule  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  November 14, 2012

**1962**
- Florence L. McCashin  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  June 25, 2012

**1963**
- Shirley Ann Robbins Hartley  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  October 30, 2011

- Pamela Evans Huntington  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  November 13, 2011

- Bonnie MacKay Kesselman  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  May 27, 2012

- Priscilla Chase Ketchum  
  Westbrook Junior College  
  June 25, 2012

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  Westbrook Junior College  
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Theresa Ketchum, JD

Theresa Ketchum, JD, former trustee and widow of founding UNE president Jack S. Ketchum, passed away on January 25, 2013. The Ketchums commitment to the University spanned nearly three decades, from Jack’s role in fostering creation of the UNE and UNE’s College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1978 to Theresa’s establishment of The Jack S. Ketchum Endowed Scholarship in 2006.

From 1993 to 2001, Theresa served as a legal advisor and a member of the Board of Trustees. In 1993, she taught a course in medical ethics and was a guest lecturer in the area of access to mental health care. After Jack’s death in 2006, Theresa created The Jack S. Ketchum Endowed Scholarship to benefit a financially needy, non-traditional student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.

During Jack’s 10 years as president, the University established highly successful undergraduate degrees in the health sciences, and the medical school flourished. After stepping down as president, he continued to remain active in UNE affairs, lending his expertise in financial and corporate planning matters.
Helene Rabb Cahners

**First Woman Trustee Chair of Westbrook College**

Helene Rabb Cahners, ’40, left her mark as a graduate of Westbrook Junior College and as Westbrook College’s first woman trustee chair.

With her passing last November, the Boston Globe stated, “In an era when few women sat in the boardrooms of Boston’s nonprofits and businesses, Helene Rabb Cahners was a regular presence in many, elegantly dressed and often working on needlepoint, while ever alert to the proceedings and quick to voice her opinion.”

In the same article, her daughter, Nancy Cahners of Brookline, said that as the result of her mother’s Board service, the family still has “literally 75 throw pillows made out of these projects, several decorated with logos and insignias of the institutions: Mount Holyoke College, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Westbrook College, and others.”

Mrs. Cahners was a civic activist at heart who had two strong philanthropic leaders in her life: her father, Sidney Rabb, founder of Stop and Shop Companies, and her late husband, Norman Cahners, founder of Cahners Publishing, who often consulted with her on business matters.

She grew up in Brookline and Newton Centre, Massachusetts, and became a student in the Westbrook Jr. College Class of 1940.

Her service on the Westbrook College Board spanned from 1966 to 1987, and she became Chair in 1972, with a second term in the 1980’s. She was also a UNE Trustee Emeriti. In 1966, she was presented the Tower Award for Alumni Achievement.

Cahners Lounge in Hersey Hall on UNE’s Portland Campus is a reminder of her legacy.

In a convocation address in 1972 as the new Board Chair, she had this to say in welcoming the new class of students:

“You are absolutely the only reason why the traditions I’ve spoken about have any meaning. And you’re the only reason why a number of busy people are willing to give their time and their dedication to the school. It’s an honor to be asked to serve as Trustee. But the real reward is seeing our efforts and decisions reflecting in making the Westbrook experience happier for every one of you.”
Reunion Weekend
June 7–8, 2013

Mark your calendars, call your friends, and make plans to reconnect on campus!
For more information on Reunion Weekend and Reunion activities, please contact the Office of Alumni Advancement: alumni@une.edu or (207) 221-4377.


Reunion activities will include a special celebration of Dean Richard Bond’s life and the 50th anniversary of the Dental Hygiene program.
The women’s basketball team captured the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) championship with a 69-63 victory over Salve Regina University. The Nor’easters put together a remarkable year, establishing school records for wins in a season (25), as well as consecutive victories (20).

UNE was not done winning after the CCC Championship, however, as the Nor’easters took their first-ever game at the NCAA Championship, defeating Bridgewater State 67-58 in the opening round.

After starting the season 5-4 after nine contests, the Nor’easters went undefeated the rest of the way through the conference tournament. During the CCC Championship, UNE remarkably did not trail for a second in its three games—wins over Wentworth Institute of Technology, Endicott College and Salve Regina University. Dating back to last season, the Nor’easters have won 25 straight conference regular-season home games.

Led by CCC Coach of the Year Anthony Ewing, Big Blue players earned numerous postseason and weekly awards. Beth Suggs ’13 was voted CCC Player of the Year and first team all-conference. Suggs became the 21st player in program history to score at least 1,000 career points. Kelly Coleman ’15 was also chosen first team all-conference, while Lauren Hayden ’16 earned honorable mention accolades.