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When Colleges Thrive, *Our Communities Thrive*

Helen Giles-Gee, President, Keene State College

In light of the challenges public higher education is facing in New Hampshire, I feel fortunate to lead a college that has received national honors for programs and contributions to our communities, and is dedicated to promoting civic engagement. Keene State College serves as an example of excellence that others are choosing to follow.

Colleges such as Keene State bring many benefits to our society and communities. Our students and faculty are collaborating with communities to solve problems, provide strategic thinking and policy development, promote civic engagement, support government, bring cultural experiences to people, and contribute mightily to economic growth and stability. These experiences prepare our students to join the thousands of successful Keene State alumni already making an important difference.

Our college collaborates with communities and state organizations for their mutual benefit. Examples include Keene State's Architecture Department, which developed the Communicorps Program to enable students to use their knowledge in the field. Students working with Southwestern Community Services designed a 20-unit housing facility for seniors in Winchester, New Hampshire. Geography and architecture students are conducting a health-needs assessment and analysis for the town of Troy, New Hampshire, in order to set the stage for future community health interventions.

Leaders at Keene State College share their expertise by serving on boards for organizations such as the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce, the Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and many others. These are only a few of the organizations that have invited our staff to develop policy and strategic plans that will improve the lives of New Hampshire citizens.

I firmly believe that public higher education institutions should help students become responsible citizens. Keene State College has partnered with the American Democracy Project (ADP), a nonpartisan initiative begun in 2003 by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), to inspire and equip graduates to become active and involved in their communities. Our college has developed a variety of faculty, staff, and student initiatives aimed at engaging

students to become active citizens and fostering a passion for civic engagement beyond their college years.

Keene State supports state agencies. Our faculty and sociology students increase the resources available to agencies by assisting them in writing grant proposals and compiling data. Keene State also joined with Governor Lynch and the Department of Environmental Studies to retain the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA) consultancy center in New Hampshire. Keene State College currently operates one of the top five (out of 24) OSHA centers in the United States – with 18 sites throughout New England – keeping workers healthier and safer every day.

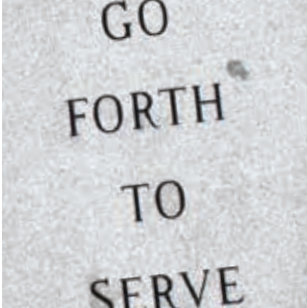


Public colleges and universities contribute to economic development. Keene State employs over 900 people and serves as an economic stabilizer for the Monadnock Region. We help to develop educated citizens who possess the critical thinking and communication skills, quantitative and information literacy, and teamwork

that are desired by today's employers around the world. Our faculty develops programs that respond to the expressed needs of employers, such as undergraduate and graduate programs in Safety Studies and Occupational Health, Environmental Studies, Architecture, Sustainable Design and Innovation, and nursing. The Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing (RCAM) partnership among Keene State, River Valley Community College, SAU 29, and the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce is building a workforce that will help sustain the economy of the Monadnock Region and New Hampshire.

And public colleges are trying to do more. Our faculty and students are comparing the health effects of burning biodiesel versus diesel, and testing the quality of biodiesel developed from waste grease. Collaborating with Dartmouth College, we are developing the next generation of leaders in research from our students who are receiving grants and preparing to enter graduate programs.

As president of this amazing public college in New Hampshire, I can attest that we are doing our best to serve the citizens of this state and beyond. We believe that a public college should provide its students with complete access to a high-quality education. And the benefits from this high-quality education will be felt by students and our surrounding communities and state for many years to come.



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Reconsidering Service by Reconsidering Myself

by Will Wrobel '09

When masons laid the bricks for the Appian Way arches at Keene State College, did they pause to think about the implications of their task? They must have seen the symbolic nature of those gates and Margaret Sanger's exhortation framed within the brick. Their work took place in a matter of days; it took me years to understand the significance of that structure.

I see myself as three different men walking through those gates. I have grown and changed since the first time, just as the meaning of those arches and the engraved statement "Enter to learn; go forth to serve" has changed for me.

If you had asked me as a prospective student to define what it meant to serve, I would have looked at you with a mix of bewilderment and blankness and, after a moment of reflection, given an answer that was pieced together from many simple ideas. I didn't know what I could do to serve, and held only a romanticized definition of service I had seen in Marine Corps commercials and newspaper stories of volunteers. I had never been challenged to explore the concept. In my entrance application to Keene State, I described such a poorly considered and shallow idea of service that I cringe at the memory of it.

As a student, service became what I believed it to be – more apparent. I surrounded myself with people who felt that they had the ability to make a difference in the world and refused to just “live and let live.” We believed that KSC trained us to go out and reshape the world. The faculty only emphasized the idea that the world was malleable. They had us convinced that as soon as we walked through those gates as graduates, we would overhaul the world.

I believed that I could change the world through photography, righting wrongs and exposing injustice on a global scale. At that point I could tell you exactly what I wanted to do, the things I wanted to change. I thought I had it all figured out, but there was one more evolution that remained unforeseen, though it should have stood as a glaring discrepancy between my aspirations and reality. The discrepancy stemmed from my lack of insight into how the world outside school operated. College is a community where much is given to the student but little is asked in return. I equated the way college worked with the way the world worked.

Throughout my years at KSC, professors often asked what it meant to serve. Each time, the question received an answer that included ideas from superhero comics: helping the weak, dealing in retribution, and adding to the general good of the world. For me, these ideas came alive when I traveled to Atlanta, GA, during spring break to perform community service work with inner-city children. I believe that’s when I really began to understand what service meant, that I could define that elusive word.

Today, as a college graduate, I know that service commonly misrepresents itself as something I can do for others. Rather, it is often that which I do for myself that positively affects others. Walking through those gates, I looked out for my friends and classmates in a way that came naturally, and they constantly supported me. They acted as my life preservers, my safety nets. Throughout my years at KSC, professors and friends assured me of my success and gave me every chance to better myself. They held me in a close-knit group and guided me. Serving others seemed to be easy because I had backup.

Now that I am out of college and working, my dream of changing the world is riding shotgun with reality, neither one taking the backseat. I’m surprised at the way the real world and idealism coexist, challenging each other, but both asking for much more giving and much less receiving. I juggle to uphold beliefs while managing responsibilities. The safety net is thinner, so putting myself in precarious situations becomes much more unsettling. With higher stakes, the responsibilities can be overwhelming.

When I get scared, I’m reminded that being responsible for myself means assuming some responsibility for helping others. I feel that I grow from lending a hand, from providing a little support and safety for someone else. Now I try to build service into my work, knowing that if I can help myself I might be solid, solvent, and strong enough to offer support and safety to others. For instance, I am working three jobs in three fields to amass as much experience as quickly as possible and move into a position where I can make a larger difference. I am improving myself, acquiring advanced skills to help those in need.

So I ask myself again what it means to serve. This time my answer is concise and much more pointed. To serve is to contribute to the good of a community – local, national, or global – by pursuing my own personal success. Though sometimes represented in uniforms or clerical robes, service is a broader ideal; it is the mortar that holds communities together. And much like that mixture of sand and cement, service can wear thin and crumble, needing restoration. And that’s when places like Keene State College step in, encouraging people to understand their potential to serve and preparing them for that task.

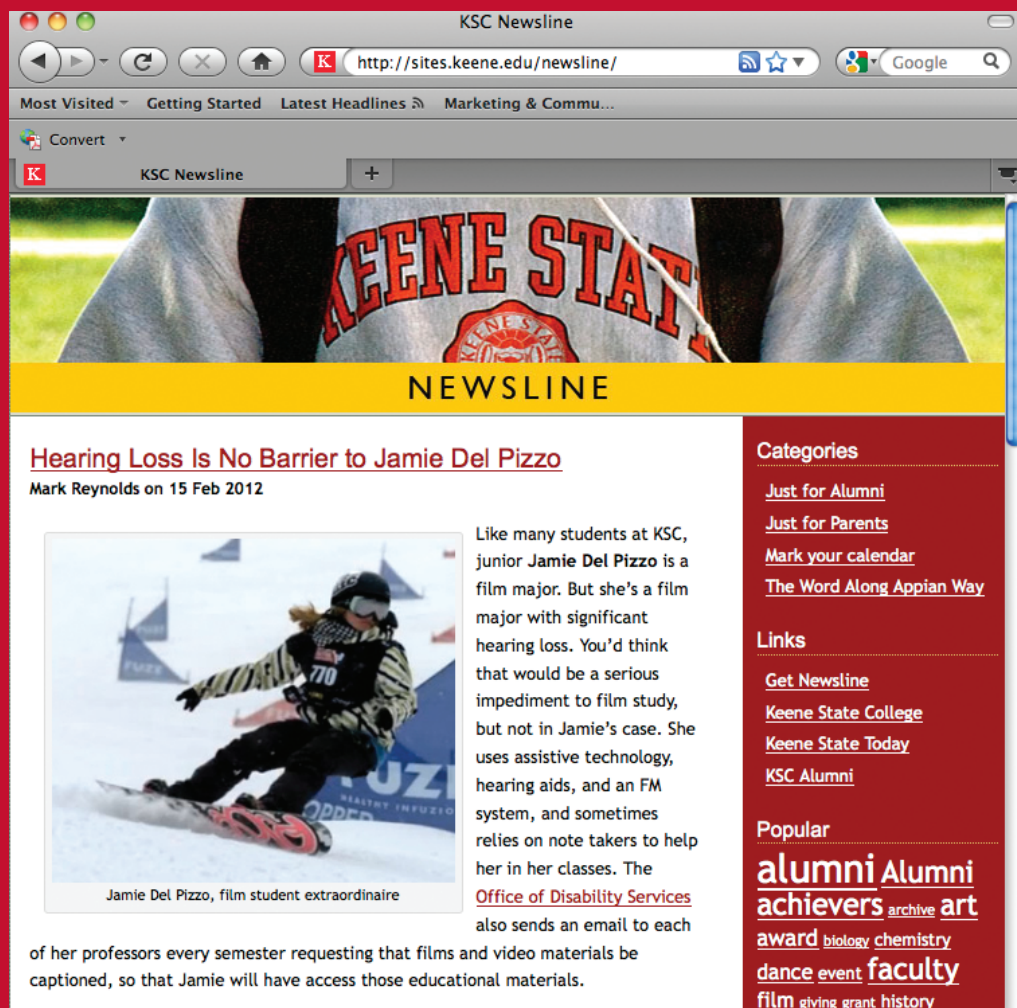
My mind wanders back to the bricklayers who built the Appian Way gate. Did they already know what took me many years to learn – that you can’t serve others unless you can serve yourself? And did they realize that they were building a passageway through which many of us would start a journey of understanding? I think they knew this for sure: they were crafting strong columns to honor small seeds of wisdom. How we nurture them is up to us.



Chris Palermo

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Hearing Loss Is No Barrier to Jamie Del Pizzo
Mark Reynolds on 15 Feb 2012

Like many students at KSC, junior **Jamie Del Pizzo** is a film major. But she's a film major with significant hearing loss. You'd think that would be a serious impediment to film study, but not in Jamie's case. She uses assistive technology, hearing aids, and an FM system, and sometimes relies on note takers to help her in her classes. The [Office of Disability Services](#) also sends an email to each of her professors every semester requesting that films and video materials be captioned, so that Jamie will have access those educational materials.

Jamie Del Pizzo, film student extraordinaire

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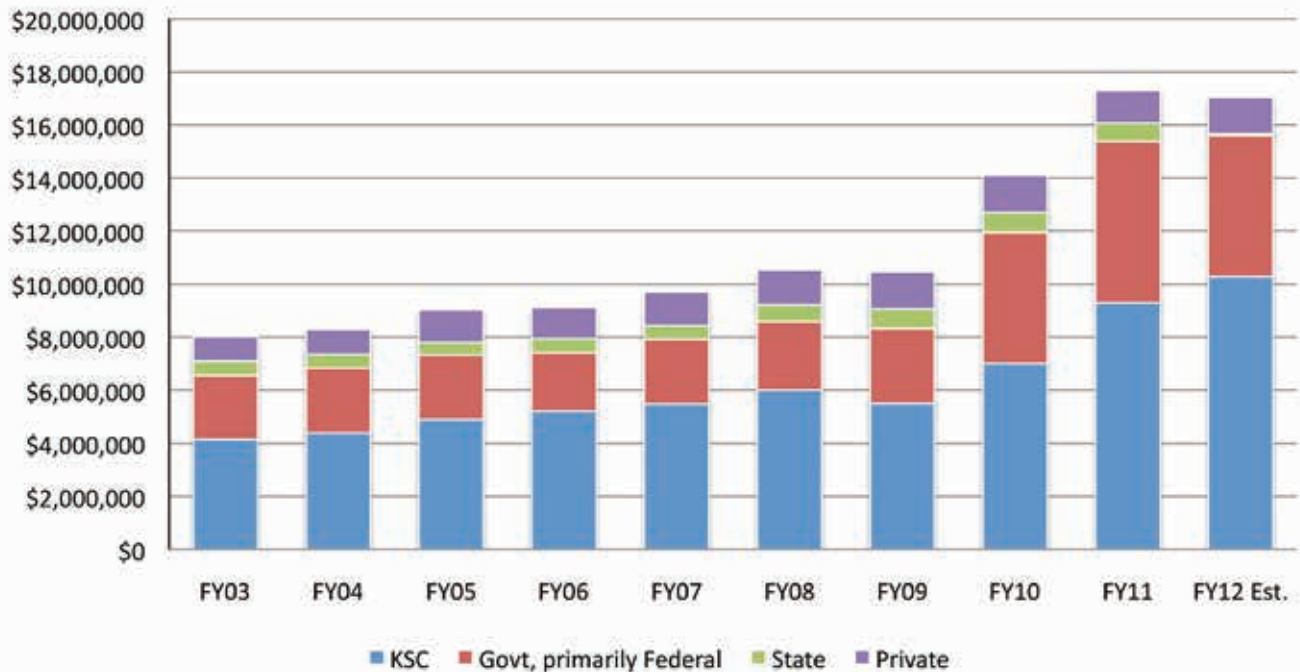
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Marathon Logo Design Winner

Senior **Kevin Sherry '12** shows his winning logo design for The Clarence DeMar Marathon. His entry was selected by marathon sponsor, the Keene Rotary Club, in a competition open to Keene State students, that included a \$1,000 scholarship for the winner. With Sherry, from left to right, are Bob Kostick of the graphic design faculty, and Rotarian Alan Stroshine.

Grants & Scholarships to KSC Students by Source



Mark Corliss

President Helen Giles-Gee led a corporate roundtable in Manchester, NH on February 9 to hear directly from business and industry leaders on how the college can continue to prepare graduates for work in New Hampshire businesses. Twenty-seven private sector leaders and ten Keene State faculty and administrators participated in the event, held at Boynton's Tap Room, which is owned by **Josh Boynton '96**.

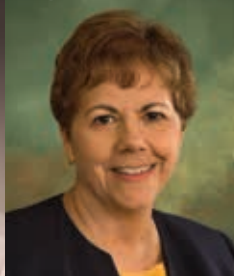
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Ramona Anderson



Ann Atkinson



Beverly Ferrucci



Jose Lezcano



Penny Miceli



Daniel Patterson



Sally Southwick

Dr. **Jose Lezcano**, professor of music, performed his “Canciones para Alfonsina” cycle with soprano Carrie Culver at the College of Wooster (Nov. 1) and a solo recital at Oberlin College (Nov. 4), where students also performed a complete program of his chamber music (Nov. 5). He also performed solo recitals in Ecuador, featuring his own works as well as those of Latin composers, at the Casa de la Musica in Quito (Nov. 28) and at the International Guitar Festival of Cuenca (Nov. 29). In addition, he taught master classes or gave guest lectures at all these institutions. With harpist Francizka Huhn, he played a duo concert at Middlesex (MA) Community College (Nov. 18).

Prof. Daniel Patterson of the Theatre and Dance faculty has been asked to adjudicate for the David Mark Cohen National Playwriting Award given by the Kennedy Center. This will be the second year in a row that Patterson has adjudicated for that award. In addition, Patterson has been asked to participate in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Region VIII (California, Utah, Arizona, Nevada) as a festival respondent and adjudicator for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship award. Patterson will be on sabbatical in the spring of 2012 and is working on two scripts for possible presentation at KSC when he returns.

Director of Campus Safety **Amanda Warman** recently completed a program at the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators’ (IACLEA) Executive Development Institute at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL. Warman received a Motorola Foundation scholarship to attend the program.

Ramona Anderson, assistant director of the counseling center, had an article published in the online newsletter Student Affairs eNews. The piece is about the Critical Incident Support Team at Keene State, and has initiated a number of inquiries from other institutions around the country about our special work in this area.

Biology faculty **Karen Cangialosi** and **Scott Strong** received a grant of \$550 from the Turks and Caicos Reef Fund to support their coral-reef monitoring work, including a pilot of a snorkeling education program with students from the Clement Howell High School on Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands.

Lara Bryant, geography faculty, served as an invited member on the opening panel session for GIS (Geographic Information System) Educator’s Day at the New England ArcUsers Group Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, on November 13. Entitled “Educating Indispensable Geospatial Professionals for the 21st Century,” the panel was moderated by Richard D. Quodmine from the New York State Department of Transportation, and also included Tora Johnson from the University of Maine at Machias and Tao Tang from Buffalo State College. This panel was sponsored by the New York State GIS Association. The panel members shared the methods used in their courses, as well as their ideas about what skills are needed for employees in the current geospatial workforce. Bryant discussed the need to be able to not only apply learned GIS skills and knowledge in the classroom but also determine which technology and skills are most appropriate in a variety of settings to enhance learning within a variety of disciplines. There is also a need for educators to build a foundation of GIS skills that can begin in public elementary schools. The panel also focused on the two different types of skills needed in a geospatial career, the knowledge and capability to use current technology, as well as the ability to think critically and work with others. Much of the discussion focused on service learning and community involvement. All of the panel members discussed how they require their students to complete meaningful projects that are relevant to their local communities.

At the same Saratoga Springs conference, KSC senior **Kayla Reeves** presented a vernal cache lesson she and her senior seminar group created. The lesson is one of four piloted as part of her senior geography seminar project and utilizes GPS (Global Position System) technology. Instead of teaching GPS as a separate skill, this lesson teaches students to use the technology in the context of learning how to identify vernal pools. Her presentation was attended by educators from many organizations, including the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and the New York iMapInvasives Program, and was very well received.

Penny Miceli, director of Sponsored Projects and Research, co-led a half-day professional development workshop entitled “Compliance Issues for Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions” at the 53rd Annual Meeting

of the National Council of University Research Administrators in Washington, D.C., on November 6. The workshop was presented with colleagues from Agnes Scott College and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and was attended by research administrators from around the country.

Alex Brown, coordinator of Greek Life and Student Leadership, recently presented a program entitled “Fraternal Inception” at the New England Greek Summit at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The summit brought students, professionals, and volunteers together from across the Northeast to address challenges and issues within fraternity and sorority communities, and to find new, revolutionary ways to create stronger leaders, organizations, and communities. Alex’s program weaves pop culture with education by connecting plot points from the hit movie *Inception* with tangible lessons helping students understand the importance of taking ownership of their current reality, recognizing the power of ideas, and initiating change.

Sally Southwick, associate director of Sponsored Projects and Research, organized and co-led a half-day professional development workshop entitled “Finding the Right Research Administration Situation” at the annual meeting of the Society of Research Administrators International in Montreal, Quebec, on October 23. The workshop was presented with colleagues from Dakota State University and Christopher Newport University, and was attended by research administrators from six countries.

Three Keene State College professors presented their research on a panel about “Seeing Gender” at the 20th Annual Women & Society Conference at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Running from October 21 to 22, this interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary conference covered a wide range of issues related to women’s and gender studies and modeled feminist inquiry for undergraduate students. **Ann Atkinson**, an associate professor and chair of the Department of Communication, Journalism, & Philosophy, presented her paper entitled “Seeing Supreme Court Justices: A Feminist Rhetorical Analysis of Images of Sandra Day O’Connor and Other Women on the Court.”

Sara Hottinger, an associate professor and chair of the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, presented her paper entitled “Visualizing Rationality: An Examination of Portraits in History of Mathematics Textbooks.” **Jamie Landau**, an assistant professor in

the Department of Communication, Journalism, & Philosophy, presented her paper entitled “From Myopia to a Hybrid Gaze: The Visuality of Halle Berry.”

Beverly J. Ferrucci, professor of mathematics, and **Craig Sheil ’03** presented a workshop entitled “Blending Mathematics and Technology Meaningfully” at the annual conference of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England (ATMNE) in Warwick, RI. Their workshop shared ways in which technology can be incorporated into mathematics courses for grades 7-12, and they included examples of mathematics activities for teaching algebra, geometry, trigonometry, statistics, and calculus. A discussion of other mathematical resources, along with projects and lessons that can help students and teachers, followed the presentation. More than 600 mathematics teachers at all levels were in attendance at the conference.

Professor Ferrucci also presented a talk entitled “Cases in Technology-Enriched School Mathematics” at the 15th Asian Technology Conference in Mathematics at Abant Izzet Baysal University in Bolu, Turkey. The presentation discussed research that Ferrucci conducted with colleagues while on sabbatical at the National Institute of Education in Singapore. She also presented a workshop, “Technology-Rich Learning Experiences from the Web for the Secondary Mathematics Classroom,” for a group of Turkish teachers. Mathematics teachers, professors, and education professionals from 25 countries were in attendance.

Professor Ferrucci has been awarded the Richard C. Evans Distinguished Mathematics Educator Award by the New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics. The intent of the award is to highlight creativity and innovation in the teaching of mathematics to all students. The recipient of this award is recognized as representing Evans’ philosophy, passion, and knowledge of mathematics education.

Ferrucci was recognized for her unsurpassed passion for mathematics education and for the improvement of mathematics teaching for all in the State of New Hampshire, and for her significant contributions to and advancements in the field of mathematics education on an international level. She has been invited to conduct research in more than 70 countries and has published more than 80 research articles. In addition to being a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, she is the first female editor of the *New England Mathematics Journal*.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS 2011



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(Modern Language)



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(Education)



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(Political Science)



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Making Connections for Surprising Rewards

by Lindsay Taflas

We all know how much we like answering phone solicitations. But many of us have the courtesy to hear what the call is about, and sometimes we can be pleasantly surprised. Imagine what it's like to actually make those phone calls. After the first few moments, the students who call during KSC Phonathon often get much more than courtesy from our alumni; they get an outpouring of good will, generosity, and a commitment to making a difference.

Last year alone, 2,107 alumni contributed \$101,786 to the KSC Fund through Phonathon. Given that 78 percent of KSC students receive some form of financial aid, these gifts have a critical impact. But Phonathon also means much more. It completes a circular spirit that rises out of the dedication of the callers and the support, belief, kinship, and reinforcement of ideals that our alumni offer in return.

After being involved with the Keene State Phonathon Program for almost six years, I know that Phonathon is about coming together for a purpose larger than any of us alone. When you answer your phone and a KSC Phonathon caller says hello, you are beginning to reconnect with your alma mater, or you're strengthening that connection. You are transported back to your college days and, if only for a few minutes, you may get the chance to relive a moment of your college experience or think about all that you've become since then.

The Phonathon Program employs 22 to 24 callers who have been selected mostly because of their passion for Keene State. They are eager to talk with KSC alumni and share stories of what's new at the college and talk about the achievements of all kinds of stellar students. Everyone on campus knows that there are easier jobs for students, and many new callers enter the training program with only slight expectations about how the job will help them grow. But once they begin to make calls, they start developing valuable job skills. They learn how to communicate with people from all generations and make connections – skills imperative to almost any good employer. They learn how to negotiate, ask questions, and truly listen, while spreading awareness about giving back and raising money for their peers.

Meet: Julie Lessard,'12, Phonathon Student Manager. Years working at Phonathon: 3

"I originally wanted this job as a freshman to become more involved on campus and I knew it would be a good way to get connected. As it turned out, I became very interested

in chatting with alumni, learning what they've done with their degrees, and learning where their education has taken them. Yes, we're looking for donations, but the conversations we have are just as important to me. After all, the alumni have helped me get where I am. Their support has made it possible for students like me to stay in college, and I know I'll give back, too, so other students can get the same opportunity I have had. After a shift I feel great! I'm so proud of the callers and I love going home to my roommates and bragging about how much money we raised. I especially like being a student manager because I get to hear all about the wonderful conversations that the callers are having with alumni."

Meet: Kaleigh Liupakka, '13, *Phonathon Student Manager*
Years working at Phonathon: 2

"When I first took this job everyone thought I was crazy. They thought people were going to hang up and yell at me all the time. It's really just the opposite. Fewer alumni say no than you might think, and many are interested in what's going on at Keene State and want to give back and support the school that provided them with so many memories and possibilities. Of course, I love coming to work because I love talking – and listening to the alumni's stories. Who wouldn't like a job like this? We always share stories and have a few laughs. There's never a dull moment. My roommates and friends always ask me about work and they love the stories I tell them. They think they're inspiring!"

Meet: LeeAnn Clark, '11, Years working at Phonathon: 4

"Being a student caller helped to give me a backbone and ask strangers for their time and money. Once I got into it, I loved helping alumni find a way to give back, and the experience has definitely shaped my career. After graduation I dove right into development work, as a volunteer for the United Way, calling and visiting area businesses and asking for gifts that help the neediest people in our community. Today, I work at a retirement consulting firm, making calls to local businesses. Nearly everything I know about doing this difficult but important work comes from all those calls and hours at Phonathon. I couldn't wait to join the ranks of the generous Keene State alumni – our donations make a tremendous difference for students."

Meet: Sarah Comeau, '14, Years working at Phonathon: 2

"My calls to alumni have allowed me to reach out and connect as well as be part of something bigger, and to help the school. I had one conversation with a Hollywood television producer who makes shows I actually watch! And, as a cat lover, I've learned a lot about some interesting cats and their owners. I also just love the atmosphere of the call center and the fun of being around positive people. When alumni find out that I'm an education major, they offer me great advice and some have asked me to student teach in their classrooms or call them after graduation. The calls give alumni a chance to ask questions about what's going on at Keene State. It's a cool job; my parents think so, too, and everyone should know that we appreciate every single dollar!"

Meet: Renee Giles, '13, Years working at Phonathon: 2

"The best encouragement I get from this job is when friends on campus thank me for doing it. They know how much alumni contributions mean to all of us. I love having a campus job where I can bridge the gap between students and alumni, and I also love hearing stories from alumni about how campus has changed. Do you know how many babies were born in Elliot Hall when it was a hospital? And it's heartwarming to hear story after story about couples falling in love here and getting married. With every call, I'm reminded how important it is to appreciate my time here at Keene State. We should all maintain a willingness to help each other for the benefit of everyone. The Keene State College Fund provides students with opportunities that would not exist if it were not for the generosity of our alumni, which we will practice ourselves after we graduate. I try to help alumni understand how significant and appreciated every pledge is; they add up, and that's why getting the absolute most participation is important. But that's not all of it. On my walk home from work, I reflect on my conversations with alumni and there is always something about them that sticks with me for good."

Meet: Rebecca LeClerc, '13, Years working at Phonathon: 3

"I'm excited to get back to the call center every year because the work we do and the contributions to the KSC Fund really make a difference to so many people, including myself. But mostly I love the stories I hear. One alumna told me all about the Hurricane of 1938, how the trees fell across Main Street, all of campus lost power and the only light in Huntress Hall came from a single candle on each landing of the staircase. Another donor told me about mandatory winter swim classes and how the girls' hair froze solid while they walked back to their rooms. Not only did they have to dry their hair, they had to melt it! Some have been away a long time but they still want to know what's going on. For instance, 'Do you still have to dodge cars when you're running late down Appian Way?' He was happy to hear that it wasn't a road anymore. Here's one thing I like about telling people I work for Phonathon: they always say, 'So you get hung up on all the time?' and I get to say, 'Not as often as you would think.' Many of our alumni tell me they worked their way through school and they know we are doing the same, so they give back to help us succeed and enjoy our experience here as much as they did."

Students' success comes from more than perfect grades or perfect essays. They succeed because of the connections they make. Veteran callers thrive by mastering the art of communication and by nourishing relationships with others. They make the most of connections and real interactions. Callers in the Phonathon Program have a chance to make these skills a natural part of life. They empower themselves with the confidence to join the world and make positive changes. As students they work to serve the greater good; and as alumni, they continue to do just that.

LIFE OUTSIDE THE WIRE

by Paul Hertneky

Instinct seldom travels along a prescribed path. Following impulse and opportunity with intense interest, **Josh Tuscher '06** recounts an adventure that weaves outside the bounds of familiarity, ending in unimaginable circumstances – and leaves the impression that many more twists and turns lie ahead. As we spoke, he swiveled his desk chair away from his view of the most recognizable residence in America. His rapid recollections rise to a pitch you might expect from a man who is repeatedly pinching himself.

“I didn’t go to college right away. Didn’t know what I wanted to do. Traveled across country and just had fun, partied a lot. **Chad Cassin '01** was my first good friend to go to college, and I went to visit him at KSC and it was like, yeah, this is cool. So my brother and I rented a house in Richmond [NH] and my brother started taking classes. I got a job as a janitor at a car dealership. My journey started there.

“One day I was cleaning the toilets at 6:30 in the morning, and I thought, ‘Whoa, what am I doing with my life here?’ I was 23; it was 1997. I immediately looked into Keene State. I needed a way to pay for it, so I talked to the New Hampshire National Guard recruiter. I decided I would go for the Mountain Infantry Company because I thought that would be the hottest thing I could do and still go to school. Plus, I wanted a physical shock because I was way out of shape.”

Do you get the sense of an older freshman, trying to feel his way along? It gets better. “I came back from basic training to live in a house on Pearl Street – six of us, a cat, and a dog. It was a big crazy house. I didn’t know what I wanted to do at school.” He signed up for a few courses but nothing in particular caught his fancy. But then, “I took German and I was interested in that right away. Professor [Helen] Frink and I got pretty close and it used to bug her because I was pretty bad with the

Josh Tuscher in his turret.

English language, let alone German, but she always worked with me. She's a great professor. Whenever she saw a student who was genuinely interested she would stay after and help."

"He was older than the average student, and he was drifting," recalls Frink, who retired in 2009. "German, at first, it wasn't terribly easy for him. I remember he would get out of one class and come to my office, and he very

[Yuan] Pan really helped me develop artistically. We're similar in age, and he talked to me about entering KSC's newly formed Bachelor in Fine Arts program, which had just started up. I went for it, extending my studies by a year. That was another fork in my road, but I had him as an adviser and mentor."

Learning a new art form while trying to assemble a senior thesis threw Tuscher into a spin. In late 2003, he

"Reporting for duty actually saved me from what I thought was going to be a terrible, half-baked thesis."

much wanted to know things, wanted to be sure he got it. And he was very thorough. He wanted to understand." Hearing him talk about studying in Germany, and wanting to support his newfound direction, Frink suggested Marburg, a medium-size university city. He dove in, and stayed for two years.

"That's typical of Josh," says Cassin, who knew Tuscher as a boy and at Keene State. "He may seem like he's wandering, but once something captures his interest, once he heads off in a particular direction, an almost maniacal need to understand takes over. He immerses himself. In Germany, he hung out almost exclusively with Germans. If his fascination hadn't landed on Germany and German, he would have dived into something else." And he did. According to Cassin, Tuscher pursues his interests with complete absorption so as to feel them in his bones and inhabit his understanding. For instance, Cassin says, "when he put on his uniform, he didn't look much different; he already was a soldier, through and through."

During his first year in Germany, Tuscher took the usual required courses. "But after that I did some really cool stuff," he says. "I had a German minor but was majoring in graphic design, so I took some art classes – a lot of printmaking. To fulfill the requirements we only had to do two etchings, but I took it to another level and made a print and etching art book."

Tuscher hoped to stay beyond two years. He had transferred from the National Guard into an Army Reserve unit stationed there. To enter the University of Marburg and finish his degree in Germany, he would need to pass a language test. He failed by a half point. "It was one of those things that drastically altered the course of my life – that half point," he says. "I would have gone to Iraq for the invasion with the 1st Armored Division."

His book of etchings and prints helped him gain footing back at Keene State. "None of the art professors knew me; I had been gone for so long. But Professor

was plodding. Disappointed with his state-side Army Reserve unit, he struggled, and eventually succeeded at returning to the New Hampshire National Guard – the 172nd Mountain Infantry Regiment. By Christmas break, he needed to travel, and spent the holiday in Germany.

Perhaps the scene of his love affair with language and art would supply the inspiration he needed for his thesis





project. But that inspiration would come only after life took yet another turn.

“When I got back to the States on the day before New Year’s Eve, I noticed a pile of mail from my [National Guard] unit. I’d been called to active duty two weeks earlier! Then I played my answering machine and the messages were getting angrier and angrier, sort of an audio montage that was pretty funny. Reporting for duty actually saved me from what I thought was going to be a terrible, half-baked thesis. So I had a

protect those convoys, and that job fell to units like Tuscher’s.

“When we got there it wasn’t bad,” says Tuscher. “Then the insurgency kicked off and we thought, ‘Oh, man, this going to be a long year.’ We also did personal security details, and training of Iraqi police. I got to video a lot of different aspects of Iraq, outside the wire every day, which was fortunate in many ways. I didn’t really want to sit on the base for the whole year.”

“For someone like me...this is sort of like getting drafted into the NFL.”

new project as of January 4th.” And he packed his video camera.

Tuscher’s unit landed at Camp Anaconda, the largest U.S. base in Iraq, with a PX the size of a Wal-Mart, which required a steady stream of supplies that went far beyond food, water, and fuel. Someone had to

Life outside the wire, though, meant IEDs and roadside firefights, real danger for Tuscher, who manned a 50-caliber machine gun atop a truck. His three-man team encountered their share of tense moments, and although his Staff Sergeant Patrick Clarke appreciated Tuscher and his driver, he knew none of them would be career soldiers. “We had a poor squad leader and that really takes its toll on the guys. I didn’t think Josh

would stay in any longer than he had to. Between him and my driver, I came home with no hair, my blood pressure was through the roof. But I came home with all my parts and pieces, so they did something right," says Clarke.

Tuscher returned to Keene armed with fresh ideas for his senior thesis and loads of video footage, some of which would earn him a screen credit on the award-winning documentary *The War Tapes*. He began to blend his footage with poetry, music, and paintings, riding a creative high, only to be interrupted by Hurricane Katrina and deployment to New Orleans. After less than a month he was back home and working on his thesis piece again – an installation that Professor Pan said “questioned the nature of war and of human beings.” It won top honors in the annual graphic design student exhibition.

“That was a night I’ll never forget,” Tuscher says. “It was a closure-thing – good for me as a veteran, good therapy to spend a lot of time with that footage. I think it helped me adjust. It was a lot of reflection, a way for me to get my feelings out in public, and it was well-received, luckily!” says the janitor turned Germanophile, turned soldier, turned artist.

Add waiter. To pay the rent throughout college, he waited tables at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant, a job he could leave after graduation when a marketing firm in Hampton hired him as a graphic designer, a position that led to a year of freelancing and other jobs in hot marketing companies. He also said good-bye to the military, if not to his unit mates, a tight corps of Iraq veterans with whom he mountain-biked and hung out on weekends. But something was missing.

“I don’t want to say that [working in businesses] was pointless, but it lacked *flavor*,” says Tuscher, searching for a way to be uncharacteristically philosophical. “I missed having a purpose bigger than making one man rich.” That unshakable blandness propelled him into a nine-month federal hiring process after learning, during a trip to see a Guard buddy in Washington, that the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA) was looking to hire vets with his skills.

The newly repurposed VA, energized by the innumerable needs of a million new veterans and increasing wherewithal to serve them, desperately needed communicators like Tuscher. Today, he’s a new media technologist for the VA’s online communications team. “I’m actually helping people I really care about, who need it, getting the message out about veterans’ benefits, veterans’ issues, and getting vets who can use the VA to come to us. They earned it. And it’s here for them.”

Battling a stigma among veterans, the VA is going all-out to change its image. “It’s exciting to be part of that team,” Tuscher says. “We’re at the top of the organization as far as messaging and public affairs.

I’m still in shock, though. Every day I come to work and pinch myself because I can look out the window and see the White House across the street.

“The other night I went to happy hour with friends, to a place right near the office, and we got locked into the bar because Michelle Obama was having her birthday dinner nearby. It’s inspiring,” says Tuscher. “I’m overseeing big contractors and I want to make sure the taxpayers’ money is helping veterans the best way possible. For someone like me, what I went to school for, doing what I was doing, this is sort of like getting drafted into the NFL. When I got out of the Guard, I was kind of done with the military, but as time went on, I missed something.” He missed his team; he missed the flavor. “And now I know what it really was,” he says. “I missed serving.”



ATHLETES FIND RESPONSIBILITY IN ADMIRING EYES

by Stuart Kaufman

A junior forward on the Keene State College men's basketball team, **Eric Fazio** is used to playing in front of a lot of people. You want a clutch reverse layup before a packed-to-the-rafters Spaulding Gym? No problem. Or how about a rough rebound in enemy territory? A piece of cake.

But how would he do in front of a classroom of young students at the Marlborough School in Marlborough, New Hampshire? Although Fazio and the Owls were looking forward to the team's 38th annual visit to the school, they felt pre-game jitters as they entered the classroom to be grilled by 7- to 13-year-olds.

Sitting in Mrs. Rilda Letourneau's wicker chair in the corner of the kindergarten room, Fazio handled the questions like a pro. How tall are you? What's your favorite color? What's the *highest* you ever shot a basketball?

"I like hearing all the funny questions the kids have," said Fazio, from Hopewell Junction in New York. You want to be a good role model because all the kids look up to you, so you want to say the right things."

The arrival of the Keene State players is treated like a holiday at the school. "It was like Santa Claus had come through the door," said Letourneau, who has been at the school for almost 20 years. "You have no idea what kind of impact the players have on the students."

Although the venue has changed over the years from the high school to the old middle school to the town's spanking-new K-8 school built two years ago, the message has always been the same: "This is my third year going to Marlborough and before leaving I always tell the students there's no substitute for working hard in the classroom," said Fazio.

It's a prominent point reinforced by other members of the team. "One of the kids asked me what I have to do to go to college and play ball, and I told him to keep his grades up," said Montel Walcott, a sophomore from

New Haven, CT. "Without the grades, you won't be able to get into college."

The Owls' migration to Marlborough dates back to the '70s, when then Keene State Coach Glenn Theulen began to bring his teams to the high school. The partnership with Keene State also extends to the classroom. Over the years, many KSC students got their first teaching experience at the Marlborough schools.



Skip Mason '74, who has been a gym teacher in the Marlborough school system for 36 years, says it's a win-win for his students and the KSC team. "Many of the players are majoring in education and it's probably one of the first times they will get in front of an audience, not to play but to stand up and talk about their lives, what it's like to be a Keene State player, and reemphasize the importance of doing well in the classroom to the students," he said.

"It's really important for our players to see how they are viewed," said Coach Rob Colbert. "They're looked upon as superstars and that's a powerful place to be. Your perspective can change when those little eyes are looking up at you."

"A lot of these kids go to Coach Colbert's basketball camp and attend Keene State games, and their eyes light up when they come in," said Mason. "This is it. They know the Celtics and they know Duke, but Keene State is their Duke and Coach Colbert is Coach K."

After meeting with the players in their classroom, the students filed into the gym for a brief basketball clinic that included demonstrations, dribbling drills, and a free-throw competition. Coach Colbert then summoned teachers to the court for a hula-hoop contest. With a pizza party on the line, the teachers

did their best Elvis Presley hip moves, gyrating the maddening hoops to the delight of their students in the stands.

Several students, including members of the school's basketball team, the Marlborough Dukes, joined the Owls on the floor for the big finale – an exciting relay race. The highlight of the race went to Walcott, who somehow slipped his six-foot, eight-inch, 235-pound frame between the legs of a startled seventh grader to win the race.

Captivated by the physical presence of the players, the students left the gym all smiles, hearing words of encouragement meant to bring out strong performances in the classroom. "It was really fun," said Erika Farhmy, a sixth grader. "I want to play in college, so I know I'm going to have to work hard in school and practice."

"It takes a lot of practice and a lot of hard work to be like them," echoed seventh grader Allyson Patnode, gazing up at the giants in front of her. "You can't give up."

Lessons in commitment and sacrifice came through. "You have to get up at five in the morning [referring to the Owls' preseason bonding ritual]," said Emersyn Blanchard, a 13-year-old. "I'd do it, but I wouldn't like it."



photographs by John Napolitano

LOCAL LEADERS EXPLORE COMPLACENCY AND COURAGE

The lessons of history can impart knowledge—done right, they can impart wisdom.

by Mark Reynolds

Last October, 24 civic and campus leaders from Keene huddled in the Baltimore airport, on their way home from visiting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. As if touring the museum hadn't been affective enough, group exercises that revealed how the genocide gained momentum in Germany brought them face-to-face with eerily familiar

Studies, which had organized the trip. "Here are these men who, as young men and teenagers, had witnessed the very things we had seen secondhand in the museum. Their presence brought affirmation, hope, and respect for what these guys had done to stop the evil that was Nazism. So that moment, right before we boarded the plane, was healing and warm, and brought tears to our eyes – and gave us hope. To see these

more connected to the world than you've ever thought possible. You look at the implications of your thinking in new ways. And there's hardly a better and more unsettling example of the ramifications of one group seeing individuals who are different from themselves as 'others' than at the Holocaust Memorial Museum."

The Washington trip is one of many ways the Cohen Center reaches out to the larger community. Others include the *Kristallnacht* Remembrance it holds each year in the Colonial Theater, its annual Hildebrandt and Herman Awards night, its commemoration of Yom HaShoah, and its educational outreach to area schools. But Hank Knight and Tom White saw the need to carry the center's message in a more powerful way to those leaders who are influential in the community, those people who might apply the lessons in ways that could affect many others.

"Looking at the purposeful determination by a 20th-century European state to mass-murder everyone of a certain ethnicity," explained Prof. Paul Vincent, "will hit you every time you visit the museum. That's the point of taking people down there. The lesson is not simply one of 'Germans and Jews'; the lesson is about what modern, educated human beings are capable of doing. It doesn't matter how educated they are; nearly every one of the leaders of the *Einsatzgruppen*, the special task forces that were on the Eastern Front for the purpose of mass-murdering Jews, had a doctorate."

Because the social transformation that led up to the Holocaust took years to develop and swept up members of every profession and occupation in the society, the CLI participants could see how their own professions and analogous institutions played a role, if not actually participating in the oppression, then in the shared guilt of standing by and doing little to stop a movement bent on justifying



attitudes and behaviors they see every day. The intensity of the day's workshops drew them into intimate, reflective conversations at the gate, suddenly drowned out by the airport's loudspeakers.

The announcer introduced a group of World War II veterans who were making their way through the airport. They had been visiting the WWII Memorial in Washington and were now heading home. Spontaneously, everyone in the airport stood to cheer and applaud. New Hampshire State Senator **Molly Kelly '83**, a member of the Keene contingent, shook each vet's hand, thanking them for their service.

"It was a profound moment," noted Tom White, coordinator of educational outreach for the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide

old veterans, most of whom were in wheelchairs, who had been so young and vital but now were in need of help and respect, brought home the very messages we had learned at the museum."

That serendipitous event was a powerful conclusion to the Cohen Center's outreach effort, the first Civic Leadership Initiative (CLI) program, designed to use the lessons of the Holocaust to enhance its participants' social and civic awareness – all to help them be more effective at what they do. As Center Director Dr. Hank Knight explains, the center's focus helps people "realize there are significant consequences to how they see other people, how they see themselves in relationship to other people. You often come out of this kind of encounter seeing yourself as

extermination. "All of our participants, these professionals and individuals, began to see connections to their fields in ways they hadn't understood before," Tom White explained. "Suddenly, they see the implications for the whole society, and they're able to deal with it more honestly."

Facing complicity isn't easy. "Often, people turn away from the really difficult stuff that implicates them when it has to do with their world, their way of seeing things," Hank Knight pointed out. "But they can be more able and willing to open those doors if they're respectful of what that resistance is about."

The Keene contingent began to see that what happened in Nazi Germany could happen again, even in our sophisticated society. The currents and human tendencies that were at play then are still very present in today's world. Antioch University President David Caruso explained that the group exercises led by the museum's staff "really delved into the ways that German society cooperated with the Nazis that allowed such a complete takeover – the collaboration of the judicial system, the police, the fire departments, the education system, people who just a few years earlier were typical, average folks in the community. It really changed my understanding. You can't just blame the Nazi leadership and the military machine; it was much more pervasive than that and the machine wouldn't have been effective without the cooperation of most people in the society."

As Tom White asks, "Have we really learned the lesson of the Holocaust? You've got to take the experience from history and transform it into what's going on today, because the human experience hasn't changed – just the context of that interaction." Some of the participants stayed an extra day and visited the U.S. Congress. After what they'd seen at the Holocaust Museum, they were deeply disturbed by the rabid partisanship of a legislative body that consistently vilifies "the other."

And yet, those who attended the CLI came back hopeful. Tom White

said, "They were asking themselves 'How do I take that experience in the museum and not only change how we talk to each other here in Keene, but also ask how we can project that through the state, through the region, through the nation to change some of the trends we're seeing?' There was a real hope that we can have an impact,



The eternal flame in the Hall of Remembrance at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Photo courtesy of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

with other like-minded groups and institutions, to really change the trend of some of our discussions in America these days."

Dr. Rudy Fedrizzi, a community health leader, admitted, "I had mistakenly thought the Holocaust

"....this human catastrophe involved... thousands of bystanders whose complacency allowed those in power to continuously expand their cruelty."

involved a relatively small number of Nazi monsters and mostly was a war-related tragedy. But the time at the museum made me realize this human catastrophe involved thousands of non-Nazi perpetrators and collaborators whose direct actions contributed to deaths and the thousands of bystanders whose complacency allowed those in power to continuously expand their cruelty."

Will what he learned really affect his personal life, or his life in the community? "I hope I will have more awareness and courage to confront social forces that seek to turn one

group against another, or bully others, or pressure a targeted group with unjust political power," Dr. Fedrizzi said. "In my community health work, I now find myself more mindful about the concept of equity and the idea that we are all better together, when everyone shares meaningfully and fully in health improvement opportunities. As a parent I find myself trying harder to express empathy, model acceptance of different views, stress kindness and gratitude, and remind my kids that, regardless of the other person, we are almost always more alike than different."

The deteriorating balance of power in the German government struck New Hampshire State Senator Molly Kelly. She took note of how the judicial branch steadily lost authority, allowing members of the other branches to run roughshod over the rights of minority groups. "My job as a state senator is to make sure that we keep those branches balanced," she said. "When I saw how the judiciary fell, I went 'ah ha!' We need to continue to work to maintain that important balance."

Mark Hayward Jr., principal at Westmoreland School, said, "The trip made me more patient and reflective and also reminded me of the importance of not always accepting what is handed down to you but instead having the courage to challenge the wrongs you see around you. It has made me more assertive when it comes to calling someone on something that I see as harmful or destructive."

Participants in the CLI trip were given an opportunity to explore more deeply the museum's messages. "In this computer age, lots of people have knowledge, but very few people have wisdom," Tom White noted. "A trip like this allows you to discover wisdom, rather than simply acquire knowledge."

"And it's a wisdom that starts with knowing yourself," Hank Knight added, "in relationship with others, in relationship with the world, even in difficult and unsettling ways."



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by Lucy Webb

Founded to prepare teachers to serve American children, Keene State has a long history of educating workforces. Combining academic classes and field training, Keene Normal School dispatched teachers into countless communities. Today's technology, design, and safety studies students face similar opportunities – but with farther-reaching implications than industrial arts students of a century ago could have imagined.

Back then, vocational-technical programs, from wood shop to driver education, formed educational disciplines that were distinct from each other and eventually occupied two buildings on campus – Adams Tech and Butterfield. But the old programs became “Balkanized,” according to Vice President of Finance and Planning, Jay Kahn.

Over time the Safety Studies, Architecture, and Sustainable Product Design and Innovation Programs had been building partnerships with outside organizations. Students in all three majors are gaining experience solving real-world problems through collaborations with local businesses and nonprofits. Keene State's biodiesel research project is a partnership with the City of Keene and the Monadnock Biodiesel Collaborative.

Partners in Safety

RCAM is not the only collaboration the TDS programs have up their collective sleeve. In fall 2011, Keene State announced a new partnership with the New Hampshire Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) consultation program. As part of the federal OSHA and through its partnership with Keene State, the group provides free, confidential initial consultations to businesses to ensure they're operating a safe and productive work environment.

By partnering with Keene State College, the consultancy can continue to provide critical services, with the additional involvement of students and faculty from Keene State's Safety Studies and Occupational Health Program. And in addition to those opportunities for students and faculty, Keene State gains federal funding of more than \$400,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Keene State also continues to direct an OSHA Training Institute Education Center in Manchester, NH, as it has since 1994, through a cooperative agreement between Keene State College and the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the past six years, the college has expanded its impact by establishing a network of 18 OSHA training centers throughout the New England region.

According to President Giles-Gee, "The college is investing in this field to build a skilled and adaptable workforce for the manufacturing industry, which will help our state, and ultimately, our country, to compete on the world stage."

Kelly Ricaurte

A few years ago, as it became clear that the old buildings could no longer serve the new, innovative programs, dean of professional and graduate studies, Melinda Treadwell, and assistant vice president of finance and planning, Karen House, among others, started planning renovations to make the buildings work. They found a need for improved energy-efficiency, new equipment, and infrastructure that could support that equipment.

And as the list grew, it became clear that these fixes were really stopgap measures; the buildings would eventually need to be replaced with something better: More open space. Classrooms without obstructed views behind pillars. Carbon neutrality. Faculty offices clustered together to improve collaboration.

The programs are ready to cross-pollinate, to provide more opportunities for students and faculty from each program to work together. The questions for a new building's design became, Kahn says, "How do you give a physical form to that evolution?" and "What kind of synergy will this building spawn?" After careful and collaborative planning KSC faculty, Physical Plant, and Finance and Planning arrived at a plan to eventually build a Technology, Design, and Safety (TDS) Center.

And then a bad economy created a new opportunity as projects like the TDS Center – bound to serve public good, effective at maintaining economic momentum – became targets of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or "stimulus money." Thanks to lists and planning and pipe dreams, thanks to lots of hard work by faculty and administrative staff and outside consultants, the TDS Center was shovel-ready.

The new building will lend itself to hands-on, minds-on learning, according to Treadwell. Every classroom opens collaboration – removing both the physical and technological hurdles of Adams and Butterfield. Wayne Hartz, an associate professor of Safety Studies, is pleased by the sudden ease of cross-pollination of ideas. The safety field, he says, has evolved – and employers want diverse perspectives and prevention through design. The new building and recent programmatic changes fit with the changes to the field. "There's this tempo of opportunity," he says, "about diversity in its richest sense."

As if to confirm Hartz's observation, another collaborative opportunity arose during the planning phase, and that collaboration will also be housed in the TDS Center. The Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing (RCAM) brings together the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce, the Keene School District, River Valley Community College, and Keene State in an effort to support advanced manufacturing

in the Monadnock Region. Each academic institution is developing new courses and using existing classes to support local manufacturing. In turn, local manufacturers offer training and mentoring to RCAM students. RCAM director, Norm Fisk, points out that without the program, the region was in danger of losing manufacturing employers who needed a more educated workforce.

And because RCAM connects with Keene State's Continuing Education Office, Fisk says, "We remove those hurdles for people to get back into school." The work RCAM students do transfers between the three schools, which allows people who may have been out of academic life for a while to find their place on the ladder. The RCAM model, Fisk says, shifts from a seat-time model to ensuring that students have the skills and proficiencies they need.

Placing RCAM in the same building with Safety Studies, SPDI, and Architecture exposes matriculated Keene State students to people who are actually working in the industries they'll be going into, encouraging them to build connections and to solve real-world problems. It also gets people who work in local companies back into the classroom, where they have opportunities to bolster their existing knowledge and potentially work toward degrees.

Fisk describes the partnership as an example of how "liberal arts colleges contribute to the immediate needs of the community in tangible, functional ways."

As helpful and timely as it was, the public funding Keene State secured for the TDS Center doesn't quite pay for the whole project (for more on opportunities for giving, see www.keene.edu/development/tds_center.cfm). But it's an excellent start on a project that is necessary for Keene State and will prove vital for New England's workforce.

Groundbreaking took place during the summer of 2011. By the time you read this, construction will be in its final phases. (If that's the kind of thing that delights you as much as it does us, you should check out the construction webcam at <http://www.keene.edu/tds/tds-center-webcam/>. It's particularly cool at dusk on days when there's welding.)

How Can You Help Build a Safer, More Sustainable World?

Every gift to the TDS Center is important to its completion, and to the local and regional manufacturing community. You can support TDS in a variety of ways, long-term, visible, and at all levels. To discuss a gift, e-mail Ken Goebel, Director of Development, at kgoebel@keene.edu or call him at 603-358-2378.



Ben Caulfield

On January 30, Keene State College welcomed state legislators to discuss legislation under consideration this session. State legislators from Cheshire, Hillsborough and Sullivan Counties, including Speaker of the House William O'Brien, pictured, turned out to engage with KSC President Helen Giles-Gee and other community members.

PROFILE: DR. MARK NEWTON '87

The Simple [*chemistry*] of Sustainability

by Paul Hertneky

Everyone remembers the turning points in life, when unforeseen forces blow open a door and, without hesitation, we step forward. Mark Newton, Timberland Corporation's new VP of Corporate Social Responsibility, has had a few turning points, but the most powerful one changed more than his life, it changed the world as we know it.

When Newton came to Keene State in 1983, he knew little about applied chemistry, but once he got a taste, he couldn't get enough. "It was like drinking from a fire hose for me. I gulped it. And when I took p-chem [that's physical chemistry to the rest of us] with Professor Jasinski, it became a language I could suddenly speak. I could visualize it. I had to go to grad school."

Over his seven years of graduate work and industry internships at the University of Texas in Dallas, Newton witnessed an explosion in personal communication devices. He cruised into a Texas job fair, sporting a shiny new PhD in chemistry and a fluency in polymers. Upon meeting him, recruiters from Motorola closed their booth and took him to lunch.

Motorola, at the time Newton was hired, was a leader in developing the gadgets we all carry today – mobile devices, largely made of polymers. Leveraging what he had learned during his internships at manufacturers such as United Technologies, which bathed aircraft parts in boiling vats of chromic acid and cyanide, Newton tried to get the most out of toxic and expensive materials before they had to be treated and disposed of. His work improved products and saved money.

Soon after Newton started at Motorola, the company got a letter from a customer, the likes of which they'd never seen. The Netherlands, a massive buyer of two-way radios, had passed tough environmental laws governing chemicals in discarded electronics. They had ground up and analyzed the Motorola products and found a list of now-illegal chemicals. "Nobody ever asked about what was in this stuff; it was all about performance," Newton says.

He took the assignment and solved the problem by using other materials. But the manufacturing paradigm had shifted. "It caused us to start thinking more intentionally about design."

One of the first design-for-environment programs – entirely common today – was born, with Newton and a new Motorola research team in the delivery room. Only the research leaders – IBM, Lucent, Bell Labs – were in the game. "It allowed me to question the status quo – things that scientists are trained to do. And because materials were the first focus of sustainability in companies, my area of expertise led me into working with the suppliers, design groups, manufacturing groups, communications teams, and legal teams."



But did Motorola executives see sustainability as profitable, as value added? "They thought I was crazy," Newton says. Fortunately, the company had a blue-sky approach to research and development. "Everybody talks about Google doing that today, but that's what a whole bunch of companies used to do."

The boom in electronics and demand for design-for-environment programs blew open a door for Newton. He returned to New Hampshire as a principal scientist for the visionary Dean Kamen's DEKA Research [think inventions, from arterial

stents to Segways], then moved on to Apple, and to Dell, where he became Executive Director of Global Sustainability. Along the way, he's traveled the world, and with his wife, Dee, who also holds a graduate degree in chemistry, raised three children: Emily (once a student at KSC), 24; Daniel, 21; and Sam, 13. The admittedly "overachieving" dad is an Eagle Scout and re-engaged with scouting as an adult. He credits it with teaching him pragmatic skills, confidence, and leadership. He says, "I learned the difference between being a boss and a leader in scouts."

Newton admits avoiding the environmental teams at his early jobs. "Everybody hid under their desks when they came, because they weren't seen as adding value, just creating constraints." Over the years, though, his work has likely preserved countless natural systems.

He says he didn't set out with an agenda. But once he got to Dell and his creativity with materials focused on energy efficiency that dovetailed with environmental compliance, which in turn led to health and labor conditions in the supply chain and concerns about the products' end-of-life, he realized that he had a full-blown, integrated sustainability program on his hands.

And yet, he says, when it comes to social responsibility, "the social side of it...I was happy not to touch it with a 10-foot pole. It wasn't my background, I hadn't worked

I really didn't. And then I saw them shut the place down twice a year, putting 500 to 600 of us, plus our partners, shoulder-to-shoulder, working on doing things like building five Habitat for Humanity houses in the parking lot, in one day! Well, that's transformative. It breaks down walls in the company and creates a real culture. And, it catalyzes real impact in the community!"

Newton understands that, since 1993, he's been working near the nexus of commerce and justice. "It's been about doing well and doing good, feeling good about it...but

"I look back fondly on my days at Keene State. I fell in love with chemistry there. It was idyllic."

with it, and it's a can of worms. Working conditions, wages, hours, rights – it wasn't until I was in a leadership role for overall sustainability that, oh, man, I had a lot to learn. Again, I do like drinking from a firehose."

Until he came to Timberland, he had seen the local, civic, and community service aspects of corporate social responsibility relegated to philanthropy. "I never saw it in action. It never clicked for me. It had always been about writing a check. Yeah, I admired Timberland's climate leadership and benchmarked the company for its excellence while at Dell. I had worked with Jeff [Swartz, founder and president] on panels but I didn't really know about their commitment to community service.

"I was shocked. At first, I was almost saying, 'Jeff, you take your folks here and line them up to do service projects. I mean, why are you such a cheap bastard? Write a check like everybody else.' Because I didn't get it.

not nearly the way it is at Timberland, a highly profitable entity, serving individuals well and doing the right thing. The philosophy and ethos here is: if it's the right thing to do, go do it."

When Newton was a student, he worked mornings at UPS and evenings cooking at the legendary Folkway in Peterborough, paying his way through school. He says, "I look back fondly on my days at Keene State. I fell in love with chemistry there. It was idyllic.

"And I'm glad I went to a liberal arts college. I'm a real advocate of having a specialized field, but having a liberal approach, a more well-rounded approach to that discipline has really served me well. Because that's what it's all about," says Newton. "If I had wanted to become a bench chemist or a research scientist, that would have been fine. But, opening up my blinders and considering other perspectives has created a world of opportunity for me."



Making a real impact in the community: Timberland employees build houses for Habitat for Humanity.

From: Alan Hodsdon, President, Keene State College Alumni Association

While thinking about this letter, I did what most folks do. I thought about my experiences, continued relationships, and networks from my days at Keene State College and their effects on my professional work. This got me thinking about other involvements, those not directly related to business and employment, where we try to give back to our communities.

When I moved to Canterbury, New Hampshire, a couple of classmates and friends from KSC lived there, and one of them, **Bill Egan '68**, asked me to serve on the town's planning board. I learned a great deal from that experience and am grateful to Bill for asking me. While serving as the chair of the planning board, I ran into **Dick Amarosa '67**, who was serving in the same capacity for his community. **Jim Ashworth '69** and his wife, Carol, who attended Keene State, also lived in Canterbury and they both were involved in the community. Jim had served as selectman and Carol served as the administrator for the planning board. Later, my wife, **Sandi '71**, served on the zoning board. So, as a small network of friends, we made a contribution to our community.

Once I started to think about KSC alumni working for the public good, I thought of **Dave Gagne '73**, who got me involved in the Nashua community with a program called Adopt a School. I could go on and name many other KSC grads who have given back to community groups and charities. I'm sure you could, too.

Every year, we ask a number of people to serve either as members of the Alumni Board of Directors or on various committees to promote the college. Their willingness to help proves to me that "Go Forth to Serve" is more than

a slogan; it's an exhortation we take to heart as members of the KSC family.

This year, the board and the Alumni and Parent Relations staff are reaching out to our fellow alumni through a host of activities—major events, homecoming, reunion, Winterfest, and many planned social and networking gatherings at locations throughout the Northeast and around the U.S. At a recent event in Hooksett, I ran into some old acquaintances, including **Don Nelson '69** and got caught up. It was nice and informative to learn about the lives of interesting people, both younger and older.

Other events are being planned and you'll want to be sure to attend reunion June 1-3. These are great opportunities to re-establish friendships, to learn about others, and to have lots of fun doing it. Who knows what pleasant surprises and new experiences await you when you get together to celebrate your association with Keene State College?

If you haven't been in Keene for a while, it's constantly changing for the better, as is our campus. Do yourself a favor and come to what's sure to be a great summer weekend in June.

See you there!



KSC Alumni Association

Here's What's on the Horizon

Bylaws revision information online Spring 2012

Alumni-Student Career Mentoring online volunteering

Alumni Board 2012 Election

Come back and stay connected. Look for more at: www.keene.edu/alumni

Class Notes

1927

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From **Norma Walker '51**: "Always nice to receive a phone call from **Margaret Grover Colburn**. She is well and still living by herself in her own home. We did chat about the unusual weather. There is a little pond by her house where some geese were swimming. Other years the pond has been frozen so her children and grandchildren had skated on it as early as Thanksgiving, but not this year.

"I had another recent phone call from Margaret saying she had only lost power for a short period of time during the last snowstorm. She said her family takes good care of her at all times."

1932

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Marjorie Clark celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends. She is recovering from a fall that did damage to her pelvic bone. **Norma Wright Walker '51** presented her with a certificate signed by **Dr. Helen Giles-Gee**, president of Keene State, along with a bouquet of red and white carnations.

From **Norma Walker '51**: "**Olive Ames Edmunds** always sends beautiful holiday cards. We have missed Olive at the Golden Circle luncheons."

1934

From **Norma Walker '51**: "Kari, the granddaughter of **Ida Thompson Skinner**, enclosed a delightful picture of the two of them and Ida's cats Edmund and Caspian. Last summer, they took a three-week trip to New Hampshire. Kari was delighted to meet and hear about relatives she doesn't see very often. Next August, Ida will be 100 and they are starting to plan how to celebrate that special day.

"Holiday cards were received from **Ruth Nelson Towle** and my good friend **Doris McQuade Rebidure** who lives in Milford, NH."

1935

Bernice "Bunny" Adams Michael writes: "Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant is the one nearest and so I do try to join in the Golden Circle there each year."

1936

From **Norma Walker '51**: "**Velma Peirce Smith** will be 96 in June. Her home is in Upsala, ON, but she is still living with her daughter **Martha Campbell '65** in Bradford, ME, since she fell and broke her hip. We wish her well.

"Lovely cards arrived from **Ferne Coffin Fogg** and **Trudy Emerson Carmichael**. They are two faithful alumnae."

1937

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1938

From **Norma Walker '51**: "**Marion Thorell Sabin** recently broke her wrist so was unable to write her usual message. We wish her a speedy recovery so she can use her hand again soon.

"**Blanche 'Scottie' Bean Smith** was planning a quiet holiday because of the recent death of her husband. We understand how you feel, Scottie.

"**Audrey Wells Curren** writes that she enjoys reading the articles in *Keene State Today*, especially the one about the Owl with its picture. [Ed. Note: You can find this story in the Winter 2012 issue of *Keene State Today* or online at www.keene.edu/kst/2012WINTER/class1951.cfm.] She would like to attend some of the Golden Circle luncheons but due to health problems is unable to. She sent her e-mail address so now we can keep in close contact with her.

"**Gertrude 'Trudy' Emerson Carmichael** missed only one

Golden Circle luncheon this summer. We are all looking forward to having her with us in 2012. We would like to thank her son for bringing her to each of the luncheons.

"At the annual Golden Circle luncheon held at Havenwood/Heritage Heights it was wonderful to have two very faithful Keene Normal School alumni present. They were **Doris Dekware Piper** and **Blanche 'Scottie' Bean Smith**. Scottie had recently been interviewed by Mark Reynolds, writer for *Keene State Today*. Doris is one of the stars of *Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve: The First Hundred Years of Keene State College*."

1939

The ever-effervescent **Ruth Berry Dodge** joined other Keene teachers and Keene Normal School alumni for lunch at Havenwood/Heritage Heights, Concord, NH. Also present was **Louise Whitten Perkins '43**, whose husband was a member of the class of '39.

1940

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A memorial service for **Barbara Eaves Craig** was held at her home in Peterborough, NH. **Norma Wright Walker '51** was invited to attend by Barbara's son Richard because his father, **Clayton Craig '33**, had been her 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-grade teacher in Hancock.

1941

Virginia Rollins Flint
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Milan, NH 03588

Barbara Jeffery Stimson
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Bath, NH 03740

From **Norma Walker '51**: "A phone call to **Ginny Rollins Flint** found her with a touch of the flu so she asked me to write some notes about classmates because she hadn't heard from anyone recently.

"**Barbara Jeffery Stimson** is still doing workouts to strengthen her bones. It has helped her tremendously.

"**Ginny Rollins Flint** still drives around the North Country and beyond — even to Concord for a Golden Circle luncheon and to Keene for Reunion '11. Talk about dedication!

"**Irene Nelson Koski** and I had a visit. Irene is dealing with some health problems at a nursing home on Main Street in Keene.

"**Emelyn 'Skip' Ayer Krause** writes that she often chats with **Barbara Rowe Freese** on the phone. They were in the home ec classes at Keene Teachers College. Skip also shared that she had worked for many years at Camp Wawona with **Betty Harris**, **Jean Dudley**, and **E. Scribner** (who came East from the West for a visit last summer).

"There was a note on **Frances Day Bolles**'s card saying she missed getting to the Golden Circle luncheons. She looks forward to every issue of *Keene State Today*. It helps her to keep up with the happenings on campus."

At a recent meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma International held at The Balsams Resort in Dixville Notch, **Ginny Rollins Flint** and **Barbara Jeffery Stimson** assisted at the initiation of **Audrey Evans Nankerois '71**. Audrey is the daughter of **Jane Jeffrey Whitney '39**. Jane, Virginia, and Barbara have been members of DKG for 40 years.

We have received thank-you letters from **Erin Cogan**, **Henry MacCormack**, and **Alexandra McCusker** for scholarships from the Teacher Education Scholarship Endowment that was started at our 50th reunion by **Neal Perkins '41**. Classes '42, '43, '44, and '49 have adopted it also. The class of '51 added a donation at their 60th reunion in May 2011.

Our class sends its sympathy out to the family of **Neal Perkins**. He was a class leader and a great inspiration not only to our class but

also to many Keene State alumni. He will be missed.

Our class celebrated our 70th reunion last May. **Ginny Flint** drove down to celebrate it. We were the first class to get a degree.

1942

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Peggy Smith Campbell
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1943

Caroline Nichols Pregent
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From class secretary **Caroline Pregent**: "Christmas celebrations are over and we all can look forward to 2012.

"**Norma Walker '51** visited recently. She had attended the graduation of her granddaughter from the University of Arizona.

"**Rita Sughrue** wrote that she was experiencing congestive heart failure. She tires very quickly.

"**Lois Moore Querim** wrote that she and her husband had spent a pleasant year in Florida enjoying whatever their frail bodies will allow. Lois has turned 90 and Ned is 92. Their location on the 'Top of the World' has allowed them to enjoy many active years and has given them the pleasure and company of many good neighbors and friends.

"**Barbara Adams** has had an active and pleasant year of several celebrations of her 90th birthday with family and friends. She did not spend Christmas with her relatives in Maine. 'It is too cold,' she remarked.

"**Marge Howe Herlin** is in a new location in Meredith, NH. She says the staff there is very supportive.

"We are sorry to hear of the death of **Margaret Sweeney '42**. We

enjoyed chatting with her and her sister, **Christine Sweeney**.

"**Marjorie Paulson Hilton '44** died recently. She usually sat at our table (class of '43) during the reunion luncheon. She was a loyal class secretary for many years.

"**Norma Walker '51** called to tell me **Art Shedd** died in November. **Pat Shedd** had written a letter telling her of his passing at the age of 91. Art contributed much to education, especially in New York State. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

"**Andy Moynihan** also sent Norma a letter saying he was now living with his daughter Lisa and son-in-law in Gilford, NH. He has been recovering from a heart attack in September.

"I was surprised to read in our last edition of *Keene State Today* that **Edith Buxton Hadley** died.

"I also received cards from **Phyllis Buxton Bodwell** from Concord and **Barbara Brown Charbonneau** in Florida.

"In November, **Louise Whitten Perkins** and family attended a ceremony at West Point where her son David Perkins was honored as a three-star general.

"In October, a group visited Havenwood/Heritage Heights. It was good to see **Marilyn Bushnell**, **Ann Bridge**, **John Freeze '42**, and **Barbara Freeze '41**. We enjoyed a luncheon with other alumni of KSC.

"On October 25, a small group of Golden Circle members enjoyed a pancake luncheon at Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH.

"On November 9, we had our last luncheon of the season at J.P. Stevens restaurant in Rindge, NH. I am very fortunate that **Joyce Smith '56** and **Harry Winther** offered to include me when they attend these luncheons. "Stay healthy in 2012."

1944

From **Norma Walker '51**: "Our sympathy goes out to the family

of **Marjorie Paulsen Hilton**, who passed away this past fall. Marjorie had been class secretary for many years and a very active Keene State alumna.

"**Priscilla 'Robin' Chic Sargent** had minor surgery in September but is on the road to recovery.

"Cards were also received from other of my Hancock High teachers: **Janet Joslin Chin** and **Shirley Mills Lang**. Others who shared the holidays were **Ruth Avery Briggs**, **Rosina Digilio Stark**, and dear friend **Harriette Chandler Streeter**."

1945

From **Norma Walker '51**: "Once again **Nancy Scripture Ashford** was able to attend the final Golden Circle luncheon held at J.P. Stephens in Rindge. It's always nice to see Nancy.

"**Carolyn Wynott Goodwill** enjoyed the Golden Circle luncheon held at Havenwood/Heritage Heights, Concord, NH.

"I had a phone call from **Vesta Fenderson Kennedy** saying she is moving to Saco, ME. She has recently spent time in the hospital. We will miss her at the Golden Circle luncheons."

1946

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1947

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1948

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1951

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From class secretary **Norma Walker**: "In December, I attended the graduation of my granddaughter Johanna at the University of Arizona in Tucson. I had the opportunity to meet several of her college girlfriends. How young they all look, these beautiful young people. We did have a chance to visit the Sonora Desert Museum, where the animals are in their

Newsline

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natural settings. The afternoon after graduation we all went to tour the Biosphere 2. That was very interesting to see and hear about people existing for three years within this sphere.

"I always enjoy **Beverly Proctor Boyer's** Christmas letter. She keeps busy between her summers in New Jersey and winters in Florida. Her family is always there to help.

"**Shirley Milnor Keith** writes that her husband passed away two years ago, and now she is living at the Merrimack County Nursing Home due to health problems.

"**Glenna Yeaton Nutter** is enjoying time spent with her two granddaughters. It is great to do that, as many of us know already.

"**Margaret Rhoades Bost** was looking forward to having family for holiday meals and she is an excellent cook.

"**Winnie Schoolcraft** has to spend time in the hospital for a very serious back operation. If anyone would like her address, I have it.

"**Carol Adamson Reidy** caught up on news of classmates and family with **Nina Krochmal Witham**. Nina had called me to say she is doing very well after her bad fall. She still uses a walker but they are planning for some time at Marco Island to enjoy the sun and warmer weather.

"I had my annual Christmas phone call from **Doc Chase**. He and Faye are doing okay. They recently had some improvements done on their home. It's always nice to chat with him for a little while. He did say he had talked on the phone to **Marian Brown Leavitt '52**, who is adjusting to life after the death of Claude.

"I had a note from **Ralph Dwire** saying **George McKeage** was having some health procedures to improve his quality of life, so I called to see how he was doing. We all wish him only the best for a speedy recovery.

"I always enjoy **Martha Bassett Sargent's** letters. They were to spend the holidays in Madison, WI, with family. Their son from Colorado Springs was planning to join them. Martha and Dick are trying to downsize so they can move into smaller quarters in the near future.

"I want to say a special thank you to **Ann Currier, Bicky, Elsie, Joan, Ellie, Sally, Dick, Polly, Stan, Del, Elaine**, and, of course, my faithful roommate, **Rita**, for their cards, notes, and phone calls. My life is complete with the support you continue to give to me. I hope you'll continue to support Keene State College, the college that gave us all an excellent education and many lifelong friendships. Please keep in contact. I love to hear from and about you. I wish each of you a happy and healthy 2012.

"By now you will have seen a picture of our owl that proudly watches over the comings and goings at the Alumni Center. I want to thank **Richard Rogers, Stanley Johnson**, and **Charles Manos** for taking part in the dedication of the owl, which was led by **Dr. Helen Giles-Gee**, president of Keene State.

"**Elaine Schmidt Chelsey** and other classmates have gone to a warmer climate for the winter months.

"**Patricia Parent O'Donnell** is assisting the KSC alumni staff in the organization of an all-alumni gathering in the Clearwater, FL, area. She will locate a restaurant for a luncheon and make phone calls to alumni who are in the area, encouraging them to attend. Her eagerness to help is deeply appreciated by the alumni staff.

"At the Hancock High School Alumni Reunion held in September, there were a number of Keene State alumni present, including **Marion Weston Frazier '63**, sister **Sarah Weston Hutchins, '57**, **Lee McMahon '80**, **Herbert Werdon '60**, and me.

"I did attend my granddaughter's graduation from Marine boot camp at Parris Island, SC. It was very impressive. Her orders for MP training have been changed to San Antonio, TX. She seems to enjoy what she has chosen to do. I'm very proud of her.

"I'd like to thank not only my classmates who attended one or more Golden Circle luncheons this past year, but also all of the Keene State alumni who have attended throughout the season. It is because of all of you that the gatherings continue to be a success. Now I'm looking forward to sharing a lunch or two with you all next summer."

1952

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Class secretary **Irene Parent** heard from **Priscilla Osborn Bechok**, sister of **Rachel Osborn Kidder**. Class secretary **Winnie Langtry** discovered that Rachel lived less than an hour away from Winnie, and called her and visited with her. Rachel no longer drives and finds it hard to get around. Winnie invited Rachel to come to our 60th reunion next June, but Rachel is sure she will not be able to go. They had a nice visit and Winnie learned that Rachel left home economics teaching after a year as she found that the younger children were more interesting. She took extra courses and taught mostly 3rd grade for over 30 years, while raising a family and helping her husband with the garage he ran. They traveled a little and had a wonderful trip to Canada, and, Irene thinks, to Hawaii as well.

Anita Nestor has had a cataract operation and is having trouble with her knee but her spirits are good. Her husband, Alex, is still



Four generations of **Winnie Langtry '52** gather at the wedding of Christin Langtry to Tom Ratcliffe on Dec. 12, 2011. Winnie's son, Gary, is on her left, granddaughter, Christin, is on her right with Tom, and their daughter, Sydney, (Winnie's great-granddaughter) is in front. They had a wonderful time at Disney World that day.

having health problems and has had to have surgery, but they remain optimistic that he will reach his 90th birthday this fall, as he has dreamed of doing. She talked with **Joyce Wick** in Florida and Joyce hopes to make it to our reunion in June 2012.

Marian Leavitt's husband, Claude, died January 12, 2011. She writes, "I miss him terribly, but our family makes me feel connected and needed. My grandson **Zach** attended KSC, and presently my granddaughter, **Hannah Norton**, loves our alma mater. I play bridge, women's poker, and do water aerobics. I belong to a library reading group and I volunteer at our hospital."

Evelyn Bruce Quimby has four children, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a new "green" house. She's been singing and piano-playing in area nursing homes for 10 years. She also participates in the Nashua College Club, raising money for women's scholarships.

Winnie writes: "I was pleased to see that **Dr. Helen Giles-Gee** had a letter to the editor in our local newspaper, describing how difficult it is for students, without scholarships, to complete their education. I pray that we can help students even in small ways with gifts from our class.

"I am busy this fall with church and volunteering at the senior center. This summer I learned how to make a fresh blueberry pie with a glaze on top that was so delicious. No longer do I just have to use cookbooks to find new recipes, as the Internet has everything if I just know how to ask. Facebook is a challenge to me but I keep trying.

"I enjoyed going over and volunteering at Keene State College for new student orientation this fall. I got a chance to see another part of the English Department and all the pictures donated from illustrators of children's books. What a wonderful collection.

"June will be here before you know it. Please start planning on coming to our 60th reunion in June 2012. Hope to see you all in June."

1953

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Bob Morgan writes: "During this past summer, my 46-year-old son-in-law, Remi, had surgery for an inherited rare heart disease, with medical costs of over \$130,000. Also this past summer, another son-in-law, 47-year-old Greg, gave one of his kidneys to the 'bank' so that his brother would receive one; his brother was critically ill. All three men are recovering at this time."

1955

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1956

Mary Ann Pellerin
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Shirley Wright writes: "I enjoyed my recent visit to KSC when I visited my granddaughter there. Lots of nice changes."

1957

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Mary Pickett Hopwood writes: "My husband and I spend our summers at our camp on Moosehead Lake in Maine."

Lee Manston Mackenzie Duncan winters in North Pond, FL, January through April.

Connie Tremblay writes on behalf of the Reunion Committee:

2012 GOLDEN CIRCLE LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

June 21 Concord - Makris Restaurant

June 29 North Conway - Granite State College

July 19 Keene - KSC Alumni Center

Aug. 7 Meredith - Hart's Turkey Farm

Aug. 28 Portsmouth - Country Club

Sept. 20 Charlestown - Sumner House

Oct. 18 Concord Havenwood/Heritage Heights
(residents only)

Nov. 8 Rindge - J.P. Stephens



Prompt reservations, with nonrefundable payment, are necessary so that we can give an accurate count to restaurants.

Invitations will be mailed to all NH Golden Circle members (all classes before and including 1962) three weeks before reservations are due. If you do not receive your mailing, please contact

Kirsten Camp at 603-358-2369 or 1-800-572-1909 (option #6 for Advancement/Alumni Relations), e-mail kcamp@keene.edu, or contact Norma Walker '51 at 603-357-4089.

"A reminder that June 2012 marks a journey of 55 years since our graduation from KTC. This occasion will be celebrated at Keene State College's Reunion Weekend on June 1, 2, and 3, 2012. It's not too early to be thinking about your plans to return to campus and join in the activities and events of the weekend.

"Our class will have a meeting on Saturday morning. We will join all alums for the noon luncheon and will be seated together as a class. A Saturday evening social is also being planned. Housing on campus will be available for one night or more. A Sunday morning brunch is a popular event that closes a fun-filled weekend. Details on all the weekend activities will be forthcoming from the

Alumni Office.

"Your reunion committee invites you to attend Reunion Weekend, where you will have an opportunity to see a beautiful expanded campus, view our class gift (The Centennial Clock), reconnect with friends, and relive a time from your past. Bring your spouse, a friend, kids, grandkids, and enjoy a memorable time. You'll be glad you came."

1958

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In October 2011, **John Faust** and **Cynthia Randall Faust '57** hosted a lunch get-together for



In early September, five 1961 graduates gathered for three days in New Hampshire at Judy Wilson's lake house. Having lunch are **Dotty McGettigan Callaghan**, **Judy Desmarais Wilson**, **Margaret Frain Curtin**, **Cathi White Wolf**, and **Terry Duggan Broderick**.

four 1958 classmates and Theta Chi Delta fraternity brothers and their wives. In attendance were **Al Fischer Jr.** and his wife, Theia, of Merrimack, NH; **Ray Demars** and **JoAnn Daily Demars '60** of Manchester, NH; **Ken Roulx** and **Doris Courteau '59** from Granby, CT; and **Ray Plante** and wife, Betty, of West Lebanon, NH.

Ray Plante and **Ken Roulx** had not seen each other for 50 years. The conversation was nonstop for the afternoon. One highlight was an 8mm movie of our KSC days taken by the Faustus. Bits of the film were used by faculty member **Larry Benaquist** in producing *Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve: The First Hundred Years of Keene State College*. Larry made a CD for us from our footage. Everyone present enjoyed the film, with shots of the White Rose Ball, Club Blue Gardenia, and the famous picnics at Spofford Lake.

1959

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Class secretary Carol Riel writes: "It was wonderful to see a few new faces at the Golden Circle

luncheon in Rindge, NH, this past November.

"Doris Courteau Roulx and her husband, **Kenny Roulx '58**, drove up from Connecticut. Doris has kept in touch with a few classmates so I'm hoping to have a few interesting updates to pass along.

"Vin '57 and I took a wonderful trip in July to Transylvania and the Black Sea. Then we took a riverboat excursion from Bucharest to Budapest, stopping along the way in Croatia and Serbia. Many ravages of the past war were still visible.

"Our granddaughter, Cassie Tobey '09, is busy teaching dance at MoCo and some Keene-area schools.

"Please be thinking and planning on coming to Keene in 2014. It is our 55th reunion and you will be amazed at the changes on campus."

David C. Leavitt writes: "I have been very happily retired for 13 years. **Lorraine** and I will be celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary in April. Our memories of the 'barracks' on Marlboro St. and four years at KTC come often."

1960

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Jane "Buffy" Buffington Co-man wrote from Sapphire, NC. She and her husband, Al, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. This past spring their daughter Cristi gave them a trip to Miami to revisit the places where they met, dated, and got engaged. Included were trips to Joe's Stone Crabs and champagne at the Fontainebleau, where they met at a Frank Sinatra concert. On the actual anniversary date (June 24), their two daughters and a son hosted a party for them in Atlanta. Buffy sent a lovely family photo showing them, spouses, five grandchildren, and their great-granddaughter, Nora, three years old. After the party Jane and Al enjoyed a cruise (their first) to Alaska.

Also enjoying a cruise in January 2011 was **Irene Plourde**. She visited Mexico, Costa Rica, and cruised through the Panama Canal. Other trips enjoyed throughout the year were to the states of Washington, Idaho, and New Hampshire.

Janis Brackett also had a traveling year. She attended her grandson's wedding in Morehead City, NC, took a cruise to Italian and Greek islands, and enjoyed a week at Disneyland with her grandchildren, niece, and her sister and husband.

1961

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Ruth Doan MacDougall's 14th novel, *A Born Maniac*, has recently been published. It is the fourth sequel to her best seller, *The Cheerleader*. As the title suggests, the setting is not only in New Hampshire this time but also Maine. Ruth has been signing

books in bookstores throughout New Hampshire. Try to visit her!

Nancy Hancock Cross, the wife of **Larry Cross '60**, died at her home in Nashua on October 4, 2011. Nancy served on our KSC Reunion Committee for 30 years. Nancy enjoyed golf and her seasonal home on Newfound Lake. She was an avid reader; loved her Red Sox, Patriots, and Bruins; taught and retired from the Nashua School System; and volunteered for many civic causes. She was loved by all and will be missed.

Dr. Raymond E. Clarke, of Kent County, MD, received the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association 2011 Individual Community Service Award. Dr. Clarke has served on boards of several community service organizations, including the United Fund and the Chestertown Elks. He has been involved with the Kent County Food Pantry and the "Food Packs" program, which supplies needy children with food for the week-ends. We congratulate you, Ray, on being so active and contributing to make our world a better place.

Robert Dinwoodie lives with his wife, Sandra, in Manchester, NH. He keeps busy with family, including three grandsons, and continues playing the bagpipes with the Clan MacPherson Pipes and Drums in North Andover, MA.

Priscilla Canney Dutile and husband, **Joe '60**, keep busy with grandchildren activities, going to the gym four mornings a week, helping Joe (president of the Manchester Teachers Association), activities of the Manchester Women's Club, staying in touch with her friends, and taking care of her garden. We also appreciate her assistance with the KSC Reunion Committee.

Elaine Chicaderis Ellis and husband, **Bill '62**, keep busy with grandchildren and other family, friends, reading, birding, and church work. She retired from her career as a library media specialist while living in Vernon, VT. She

keeps a close eye over Bill, so we really loved having her take time out to come back to our 50th class reunion. She still looks great with that naturally curly short hair.

Jeanne Lachance Erickson and husband, Dennis, travel a lot. They live in Duluth, MN. They enjoy family and friends in between their busy travel schedule. Frequently, they come back to New Hampshire to visit Jeannie's many brothers and sisters.

Susan Freeman is busy scouting antique shops and shows around her home in Ellington, CT. She has three daughters, their hubbies, and six grandchildren. She enjoys journal writing, reading, walking, "Lunch Group Gatherings," and volunteering at children's reading programs. Can't wait to go antiquing with her someday!

Nancy and George Cote enjoyed Golden Circle activities last spring and their lunch at Parker's Maple Barn this fall. They are now looking forward to a three-month winter stay in Englewood, FL.

1962

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We have just one year to go before we celebrate our 50th reunion! It will be here before you know it! Now is the time to:

- Start planning your return to Keene State College in 2013.
- Think about how you might contribute to the celebration.

50TH REUNION CHALLENGE CLASS OF '62

We're on our way to a great Class of '62 Endowed Scholarship.

Please give, whether you can join us or not on Reunion Weekend, June 1-3. At the class luncheon on Saturday, we'll present a whopping check to President Giles-Gee. Hope to see you there!

- Share your ideas for ways to make our celebration unique and representative of our class.
- Step up and become involved.
- Let us know your latest adventures and important events.
- Most important, make your financial contribution targeting the Class of '63.

To offer your suggestions or help, please contact Kay MacLean or Ken Goebel at Keene State, **Pat Plante Zemianek** via e-mail at paz@sover.net, or **Betty Butterfly Gilman** through the contact information listed above.

1964

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Carol Hobbs Parkhurst of Rye, NH, reads a book a week when she's not decorating, enjoying her

"ladies" and their couples club Bible studies, and antiquing. Two of her grandkids live in Colorado and four live in California, and she makes multiple trips yearly to see them. Carol's four sisters are close to Rye. She saw **Mary and Art Nadeau** for a day this past summer.

Bill Buckler of Winchendon, MA – a first-time questionnaire responder – taught English for 35 years in Ashburnham, MA, before retiring in 2004. His wife, **Gail Barlow '66**, of 33 years died in 1997. He married Helen, a retired teacher, two years later and between them they have three children and five grandchildren. Bill and Helen work part-time helping others and enjoy their friends. Bill has fond memories of KSC, especially the Alpha Opera, **Mac Keddy, Rev. Fay Gemmell, Dean Fred Barry**, Huntress Hall, and the old Spaulding Gym. Great to hear from you, Bill, after all these years!

Carol Jeffrey of Keene likes to partake of senior-citizen discount offerings by taking classes at KSC.

Cathy Gilbert of Keene attended our 45th reunion with **Bev Kovacs Spaven** and **Cathy Ayes Currier**. Great to hear that since the registration desk only had **Cathy Gilbert** as our sole representative! She got a ride in a hot-air balloon as a gift from her husband upon her retirement in 2000. She likes reading, gardening, cooking, and shopping. Last winter she visited **Bev Spaven** in Virginia, and she went to Nova Scotia recently.

Elaine Tuttle of Quincy, MA, is still working part-time as an adjunct tutor at Quincy Community College. After teaching public school for 15 years and doing social work in Boston for 15 years, this is her third career. Elaine has moderate osteoarthritis, so travel has been very difficult for the past 10 years. She has 10 "baby grands," aged infancy to 22 years! Elaine would like to hear from **Karen Tunney** and **Louise Pederzani Pear**.

John Knowles of East Harwich, MA, enjoys shellfishing, reading, and Cape Cod history. John's granddaughter is a freshman at UNH and he has two grandchildren adopted from Kazakhstan by his son. He has been active in "Seniors Helping Seniors," supporting the less fortunate. **Mike and Fran Emond** visited John this past summer. John would like to hear from **Ralph Robinson** and **Vaughn Mann**.

Mike Emond of Granville, NY, has been retired since 1999 but keeps busy playing his baritone sax in a marching band and guitar in church. He also sings tenor and plays percussion in a local chorus as well as guitar, banjo, conga, and tambourine. Mike does a lot of work on his 6.5-acre property, mowing, cutting trees, cleaning up after storms, plus painting and repairing. He and Fran travel to Europe at least once a year and visited Prague, Vienna, and Budapest in 2010, and recently went to Granada and Gibraltar. They winter in Georgia and Florida. Mike serves on the Little League board of directors and parish committee and writes feature articles for a local weekly on Granville alumni and the wonderful things they are doing. He says it is very rewarding for a retired teacher to know that former students are happy and doing well.

Finally, we need to give serious thought to attending our 50th reunion in three years but more important to a class gift to the college to commemorate it. Please let **Richard Doyle** know your ideas on both issues and spread the word to other '65ers!

1966

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Thomas Makela writes: "My wife and I live in Lake Wales, FL in a gated golf community. It has been 11 years since I retired after 35 years of teaching in Mystic, CT. We have not traveled this year, as my wife had major back surgery almost a year ago. We are active

here at Lake Ashton for there are many things to do."

Bill Haggerty, co-executive director and producer of the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, is the recipient of the 2011 Miss America Academy of Honor Award. This award was established in 1996 to recognize one individual who has provided outstanding service to the Miss America level at the state or local organization for the year.

Bill has been involved in every phase and aspect of the Miss New Hampshire program. He is also a volunteer to the Miss America Organization, participating on a committee that collaborated to standardize the scholarship rules for state and local organizations – an extremely important task. In addition to providing his expertise on the scholarship committee, Bill has dedicated his time to helping the state and national programs by creating workshops, website development, newsletters, and public relations initiatives. He serves on the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program Board as vice president, and he also acts as the production consultant for Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen program.

Bill earned his master's degree in educational administration from the University of Connecticut in 1975. After 10 years of classroom experience in New Hampshire and Connecticut, he became a school administrator in 1975 in the Quaboag Regional School District, which serves Warren and West Brookfield, MA. In 1983, he became superintendent of schools in that district, a position he held until his retirement in 2004.

Bill was instrumental in establishing the first Miss Keene State College Pageant in 1965 and served as its executive director. **Cheryl-Leigh Buffum '65** was the first Miss Keene State College in February of that year and went on to win the title of Miss New Hampshire 1965 in the spring.

Bill's inspiration to get KSC in-

volved in the program began in 1962, when as a freshman, he watched the televised Miss America Pageant. **Margaret "Peggy" Wass '65**, was competing for the title of Miss America as Miss New Hampshire 1962. Peggy had won the local Miss Monadnock title, a contest sponsored by the Keene Jaycees at the time, which made her eligible to compete for the Miss New Hampshire title. While she didn't win the Miss America title, she was selected by her fellow contestants as Miss Congeniality.

Bill met Patricia Morin, who was first runner-up to Miss New Hampshire 1969, through the program and they were married in 1970. They have three adult children: Joshua, Megan, and **Katelyn '99**, and five grandchildren. Katelyn was a captain of KSC's women's soccer team.

1967

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1968

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1969

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Ed Forbush writes that he recently retired after 42 years of teaching in Manchester, NH. He is part owner and bartender at the Breezeway Pub in Manchester, which keeps him very busy.

Cathy Derring Koppang writes: "Russ and I are in Naples, FL. We are in a friendly neighborhood, walk every day, and enjoy great free concerts. We still spend the summer months in Wells, ME, so we have the best weather possible all year. After 25 years in retail, it is nice to be free to enjoy the seasons. Our older son, Erik, is an anesthesiologist and lives

with his wife, Susan, near San Antonio, TX. Younger son, Paul, works for Wells Fargo and lives with his wife, Brooke, and children in Charlotte, NC. We try to visit often."

Bruce '69 / M'73 and Linda Cloutier '73 are now permanently residing in Ocala, FL, and enjoying retirement.

Don Nelson went to a KSC alumni get-together in November in Manchester, NH. Don has lived in Manchester since leaving Keene many years ago. He has been retired for seven years and travels most of the year; he recently bought a home in Nokomis, FL.

Mary Ellen Bouchie retired from insurance billing and is now working for herself, sewing for craft shows and sales. Her ninth grandchild was born on July 20, 2011. Emily joins siblings Hannah, Kathryn, Michael, and Nathan and cousins Sara, Guy, Andrew, and Audrey.

1970

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Bruce Nawoj and Donna (Smith) Nawoj '69 are both retired and enjoying their granddaughter, traveling, and their lake house.

1971

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Lucia Clementi Fischer writes: "All is well in Albany, NY. Our son

is a freshman at Cornell and we are enjoying life!"

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From **Joanne Castricone**: "Sadly, my husband, **Frank Castricone '76**, passed away on October 3, 2011. I have very fond memories of KSC as that is where Frank and I met and married in 1975."

1975

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John Berge writes that he is "still alive – and sort of kicking with my new hip."

Michael J. Aumand has just retired from being a contractor and educator for the last 33 years. He has a niece at KSC (**Brienna Aumand**) and a niece at Cornell. He is very proud of both of them.

1976

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1977

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Cynthia (Haeffling) Stinson
writes: "My daughter Hannah E. Stinson married Ben Pickand at First Congregational Church of Swanzey, NH, on Aug. 6, 2011."

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Class secretary **Michael Trabucco** writes: "Happy New Year, everyone! I was thrilled to hear from so many reunion attendees, and be able to send so many class notes into the last edition of *Keene State Today*. Let's keep it up! If you've never written in, now is the time! You can send me an e-mail (address above) or find me on Facebook and send a message there. After taking two years off from acting, I'm at it again. I'm playing one of the brothers in the Newton Country Players' production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. And later this year, I'm slated to direct a show in Belmont, MA. In my spare

time (ha!), I continue to work on my fixer-upper. Whatever the year holds for all of you reading this, I hope 2012 is your best year ever. Maybe this will even be the year you send a message or update into the Class Notes... And remember, everyone – there's also a Keene State College Class of 1986 Facebook page. Join us!"

From **Steve Fortier**: "On Saturday, September 17, I got together with nearly 100 of my ZBT-Sigma Lambda Chi-Sigma Pi brothers in Keene to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our brotherhood. ZBT started in the fall of 1981. In 1986, when I was president, we decided that we'd be better off as a local fraternity and became Sigma Lambda Chi. Two years ago, KSC required all Greek organizations to be affiliated with national groups. Sigma Lambda Chi went with Sigma Pi. Regardless of the name, we are all brothers, as our celebration in mid-September proved. We are still all about being diverse and leading with our values. I am very proud to have been involved with the creation of such a great organization."

Monique (Cusson) Lavertu writes: "Life is going well here in northern New Hampshire, and there have been many twists and turns along the way. My husband, Robin, has retired from the US Army after 26 years of service and is now working as an office manager for a financial planner. Our three kids aren't really kids anymore, I suppose. The oldest is in her second year of grad school, working toward a doctoral degree in physical therapy. Our second is in her third year of college and is taking steps toward becoming a pilot. And our third, in year two, has just changed his mind about his career plans: culinary arts to business. After 20 years in music education, I've decided to spread my wings and change direction. By the time this goes to print, I'll have earned an MBA. I was hired as an office coordinator for a specialties practice at the local hospital back in September. It's a long way from my original career as a music teacher, but it's a chal-

lenge that I'm very comfortable taking. I've been keeping in pretty good touch with **David DeTuccio** and **Joanne (Pajak) Meegan**. Thanks to Facebook, I've reconnected with my former roomie, **Monique (Nahin) Couillard**, and here and there with **Andrew Neblett**. Keene seems like an entire lifetime ago. I always say that I'd go back in a second...for the weekends! Truth be told, I thoroughly enjoyed my four very quick years at KSC and have returned a couple of times just to check on the place."

Hope O'Shaughnessy wrote in a while ago, but due to changing deadlines for the last issue of *Keene State Today*, part of her update was left out. She does grant writing for Songbird Sings (www.songbirdsings.org) and also enjoys writing music (www.itunes.com/hopealane). She most recently worked at Keene State College, and prior to that, she worked at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for over a decade.

Karen Lee (Eddy) Gray writes that she "attended **Valerie Ann Lowe's** wedding to Tom DiPietro on Sept. 3 with **Robin Dannhauser Lazinski**. I was her matron of honor."

1987

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Joe Bannon sent this note: "The other morning I got up and started my daily routine, which includes reading the paper before coming to work. On the front page of the *Quad City Times* was an article

about an AmeriCorps group helping with a local nature preserve. I know the fellow who runs the preserve, Brian Ritter, because he sits on the advisory board for a preserve my company owns and that I oversee.

"As I read the article, I nearly jumped out of my chair when it noted that one volunteer, **Kristina Hawes '10**, is a KSC grad! I got to work and called Brian almost immediately. I heard him call out, 'Hey, Kristina, wanna talk to another KSC grad?' and her response, which was something along the lines of, 'No way!' I would have offered to meet her and/or the group over lunch but unfortunately, yesterday was their last day and they were heading home. Ms. Hawes and I talked for a bit and shared how much KSC meant to us. Living in Iowa it can be hard to feel connected as an alum, but this brief conversation re-energized my feelings about KSC."

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1989

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Belinda S. Oster, president of Lehman, Wilkinson, and Oster, is hanging a new shingle: The Keene CPA firm is now Oster & Wheeler, PC. Belinda promoted Christopher Wheeler to partner this year. Belinda purchased the firm in 2006 after having worked there for much of her career. As the firm's president, Belinda manages the growth and direction of the firm in addition to serving as its tax expert. After graduating, Belinda taught accounting from 2001 to 2007 at KSC. She returns oc-

asionally as a guest lecturer in the management department. She lives in Keene with her husband, Floyd (the firm's IT specialist), and their two children. Belinda serves on the board of directors of Prospect Place in Keene and as treasurer for the Marlborough Garden Club. She is also treasurer of the Monadnock chapter of BNI, Business Networking International.

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Mark Kadehjian was recently promoted to corporate facility supervisor for a national company.

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Lieutenant Colonel **Patrick Egan**, USAF, says hello. Announcing the birth of Declan Riordan Egan, his brothers, Brennan Patrick (5) and Rowan Thomas (2), say hello from Marietta, GA, where Lt. Col. Egan is the chief pilot of the 22nd Air Force and a recent graduate of the Air War College and National Defense University, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education program. He received a master's of Military Operational Art and Science in 2009 from the Air Command and Staff College at

Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. He is married to Stephanie Bessette Egan, a graduate of Trinity College, VT, and avid Owl supporter!

Heidi (Blish) Welch writes: "I am still teaching music at Hillsboro-Deering High School (this year makes 14 years!), and was honored with being named Best Teacher of the Concord area by the Hippo Press this past spring, as well as being named Music Teacher of the Year by WERZ radio, which gave me the opportunity to conduct "Sleigh Ride" with the Boston Pops at the Verizon Arena in Manchester in December. I was also on campus in November to give a guest lecture in the music department, which was incredible. I am beginning my doctorate in educational leadership this summer, so life is very busy. My son, Noah, just turned two, my daughter, Katie, turned 14, and life is fantastic!"

Kasey and Jake Schoch '94 are married and living in Hopkinton, NH. They have two sons, Ryan (4) and Tyler (1).

Helen Hames has joined creative communications firm North Star Marketing in North Kingstown, RI, as Idea Instigator. Her role is to help position North Star as a strategic partner that brings new ideas to the table, helping clients build valuable business advantages. Before joining North Star, Helen worked at the senior marketing level in the video game, toy, and computer accessories industries.

1997

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Matthew Rorick welcomed a baby boy, Dylan Rorick, on September 4, 2011.

2001

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2002

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2003

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Erin Dineen Zaffini and Matthew Zaffini '01 welcomed their first child on November 16, 2011: Matthew James Paul Zaffini was 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Erin and Matt are very excited about the new addition to the family.

2004

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Kurt Boudette married Carrie Achatz June 26 at Aspen Hall in Bend, OR. Kurt works as a safety manager. The couple honeymooned at Dreams Puerto Vallarta Resort in Mexico. They will settle in central Oregon.

Krista Zielinski married Matthew Rotella on August 6, 2011.



Matt Chasse and Kara Chicoine met as RAs for Carle Hall and were married August 14, 2011, with the support of **Douglas Turner**, who married **Sarah Fanska**, **Don Detoro**, **Jesse Conant**, who married **Erin (Smith)**, family member **Betty Ann Singleton**, **Scott O'Brien**, who was also an RA in Carle Hall, and **Christine Burns**, who was Kara's roommate her first year at Keene State.



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Bruce LeVine Mellion '69 has a great idea.

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Bruce will give \$5,000 for scholarships and financial aid if at least 742 recent grads make a donation of any amount. A generous donor since he graduated, Bruce knows that small gifts can be just as important as big ones.

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Visit www.keene.edu/giving/742 to see the progress of the campaign and make your gift today!



Cheryl Wendt Clark '01 and **Cory Douglas Clark** welcomed a baby boy, **Matthew Cory Clark**, on December 8, 2010. The happy family resides in North Branford, CT.

Send your news to your class secretary or to: Class Notes Editor, Keene State College, 229 Main Street, Keene, NH 03435-1502, classnotes@keene.edu

2005

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2006

Adam Wefers
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Christopher Hughes recently obtained the Certified Safety Professional designation through the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

Joanne Rix and **Normand Mercier '07** were married on June 10, 2011, at Hidden Hills in Rindge, NH. Bridesmaids included **Ro-chelle Bunton** and **Nicole LaBranche '07**. Groomsmen included **Joseph Vaiknoras '07**, **Henry Bailly '07**, and **Jason Blinn '08**.

2007

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Becca (Fuller) Whitehead gave birth to her first baby girl at 12:37 a.m. on January 1, apparently not quite early enough to be the first New Year's baby in Hampton, VA, which was in the next hospital room at 12:31.

2008

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2010

Jenna M. Patnode married Christopher Stromgren on September 4, 2011.



Amber Connary Larareo '05 met her husband, **Jason Larareo '03**, during a summer as an orientation leader. They were married July 23, 2011. Jason is a second-generation Keene State alumnus, and Amber is a third-generation alumna. Jason's father graduated in 1973. Her mother and father met at KSC and graduated in 1984 and 1981. Her grandmother, three aunts, and an uncle also all attended and graduated from KSC. As Amber says, "We are truly a Keene State family." Back Row L-R: **Fran Colton (Blado) '97**, **Tracey Lynch-Clason '90**, **Katje Mickola '97**, **Craig Waring '03**, **Ryan Phelps-Franco '03**, **Jon Zielinski '03**, **Kerry Cussen '03**. Middle Row L-R: **Lauren Dennis (Court) '03**, **Rob Dennis '03**, **Dave Morrill '00**, **Ben Leece '03**, **Tim Guyotte '03**, **Dominic DiBenedetto '07**, **Heather Lancey '08**, **Micci Freyenhagen '04**, **Ed Freyenhagen '79**, **Lori Guyette '90**. Front Row L-R: **Jack Larareo '73**, **Jay Larareo '03**, **Amber Connary Larareo '05**, **Elaine Connary (Freyenhagen) '84**, **Ervin Connary '81**, **Lisa Robblee (Freyenhagen) '88**, **Betty Freyenhagen '92**



Keene State alumni gather at the wedding of **Nick Arroyo '07** and **Sara Joyce '07**.



Alumni gathered in Manchester, NH on February 9th at Boynton's Tap Room, owned by **Josh Boynton '96**. Pictured here: **Anne Swisher-McIntyre '07**, **Dan Saucier '09**, **KSC President Helen Giles-Gee**, **Loren Peet '07**, and **Lilia Nickerson '08**



In Memoriam

Hildreth M. Burke '29

August 25, 1997

Maria Webber '29

June 24, 2011

Bertha W. Saltzgiver '30

September 17, 2011

Barbara A. Parker '39

October 12, 2011

Katherine Bourgault '40

November 26, 2011

Esther Perry Warren '40

December 26, 2011

Margaret Noyes Lovett '40

January 12, 2012

Margaret Sweeney '42

December 11, 2011

Sylvia Tenney '42

September 28, 2011

Dr. Arthur Shedd '43

November 3, 2011

Marjorie Hilton '44

December 15, 2011

**Elizabeth Belle
Fitzgerald '44**

June 12, 2011

**Beverly Fifield
Darby '46**

May 11, 2011

Carolyn J. Hine '46

November 24, 2011

Emery G. Chickering '48

January 22, 2012

Aldea O. Fowler '49

December 4, 2011

**Priscilla Blackington
Ingram '50**

January 3, 2011

Rebecca B. Brusie '52

January 3, 2012

Gordon C. Durnford '54

October 23, 2011

Ruel "Joe" Hall '55

January 11, 2012

John Hazelton, '57

January 11, 2012

Edmund Poor '59

September 10, 2010

Nancy Hancock Cross '61

October 4, 2011

Margery Hanson '65

April 11, 2011

Irene Tucker '67

October 23, 2011

Leonard Goodnow '71

November 14, 2011

Susan G. Bakaian '74

September 21, 2011

**Debra Lynn (Salonen)
Finelli '75**

January 8, 2012

Frank Castricone '76

October 3, 2011

Richard Bragg Jr. '78

October 20, 2011

Carolyn Hadge '78

March 22, 2011

Kathy Jambeck '78

January 31, 2012

Lynn C. Whitman-Mulvey '79

April 12, 2009

Sarah D. Knapp '82

November 1, 2011

Connie J. Owens '82

November 24, 2011

Melinda A. Puglisi M'88

March 13, 2005

Rory D. O'Sullivan '01

January 1, 2012

Elliott Krach '09

December 2, 2011



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Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve: The First Hundred Years of Keene State College, the remarkable film by Larry Benaquist, Lance Levesque and an impressive cadre

of students, is now available at the KSC Bookstore, and on Amazon.com. That makes it easy for anyone to get a copy of this excellent record of the historic events that led from a normal school established in Keene in 1909 to train good teachers to the development of New Hampshire's premier public liberal arts college.

Dead Last (again)

For the third year running, fiscal years 2009 through 2012, New Hampshire ranks **dead last** in state support for higher education per \$1,000 of per capita income. The 2011–2012 figure: \$1.39, is less than half of Colorado, the 49th-ranking state, and compares to a high of \$11.29 in North Carolina. The national average is \$5.62.



Chris Palermo



Michele Moore

Stunning Upset Thrills Owls Fans

The 14-4 Keene State men's basketball team came from behind to upset the undefeated and top-ranked Middlebury Panthers on January 31 in front of spirited fans, including President Helen Giles-Gee. Students rushed the floor to congratulate the players in a strong show of school spirit. Go Owls!

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