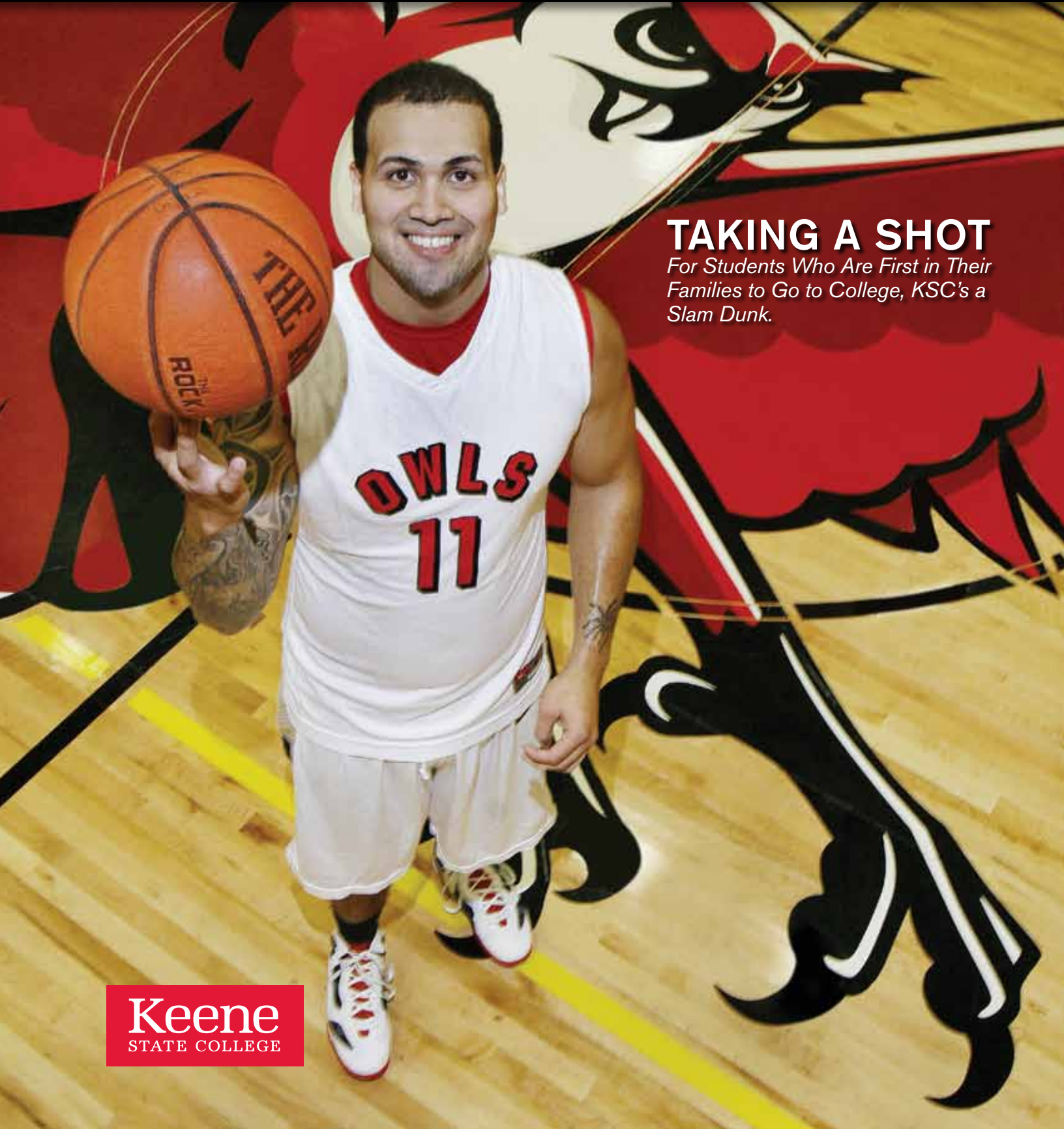


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TAKING A SHOT

For Students Who Are First in Their Families to Go to College, KSC's a Slam Dunk.

Choosing a *different path* and *inspiring* future generations

I was honored to be asked to provide an introductory narrative for this issue of *Keene State Today*. While preparing this piece, I thought about the choices that I'd considered and the experiences that I'd had that set me on a path leading to college, to graduate school, and, ultimately, to a career in higher education.

I grew up in Carmel, Maine, where the opportunities available to most adolescents included working in a family business or in the retail or manufacturing sector in nearby Bangor, or enlisting in military service. College was a rarely discussed topic and an option that very few graduating seniors pursued. In my graduating class of 96 students, only four of us pursued college degrees. We were all friends and we all became first-generation college students. Each of us also had had a transformational moment or experience that had opened our minds to going to college.

Mine occurred in eighth grade when my science teacher, Mrs. Elaine Jones, invited the class to write an essay about science and its impact on the natural world. She challenged our creative writing with the promise that she would select one student to accompany her to the Department of Marine Resources in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, for a summer research program. I spent hours developing my essay and was fortunate enough to be selected. After two weeks as a young apprentice to marine biologists and shore land scientists, I discovered a world of deeper learning and investigation, and the role that science can play in helping to preserve the natural world. I began to dream that I, too, could become a scientist, but I was well aware that a college degree would be necessary to realize this dream.

My parents were incredibly supportive and both encouraged me to consider a college education. This choice had been out of reach for them. It was not the path that my older brothers sought for themselves, and it was not the path that many in our town believed was achievable. My parents and I worked with guidance counselors and researched admissions requirements and financial-aid opportunities. My mother and I also spent hours in the driveway, developing my skills in basketball – hoping I might be able to merge my academic and athletic passions.

Our collective work led me to Keene State College. I remember traveling here on move-in day, the fears my mother had as she drove away, leaving me at Carle Hall, and the strength my father showed, assuring both of us that I would be okay. It was a very emotional day. I had

no idea what to expect from college, and my parents had no idea what to expect for their daughter in her collegiate pursuits. I was fortunate to be welcomed into a community of athletes and an academic program in environmental chemistry. I was surrounded by a group of supportive faculty and staff who cared deeply about their students and colleagues alike, who helped to demystify college and to challenge my development.

Keene State College is an academic community that remains committed to supporting one another and helping students reach their greatest potential. Those first-generation students who have taken a different route from that of their parents or grandparents (44% of our current entering first-year class) have peers, faculty, and staff who understand and support them as they blaze a new way for others in their families to follow. Although an unknown path, at Keene State College, it isn't a treacherous one.



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Our global society demands, as never before, that we all possess the capacity to work with technological advances and cultural diversity – making the value of a college education more important than ever. Collegiate study opens the mind, expands one's views, and instills in those who pursue it the intellectual nimbleness and skills to adapt to an ever-changing world. Our alma mater continues to excel in preparing graduates for the world they will inherit.

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ORLANDO ECHEVARRIA

From “No Way” to a Way Out

by Stuart Kaufman

Like many kids growing up, Orlando Echevarria '12 had dreams. He wanted to graduate from high school and play basketball at a four-year college.

It hasn't been easy, but Echevarria is fulfilling his dream. He graduated from Chelsea (Massachusetts) High in 2007 and is on track to receive his degree in Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences with a minor in Criminal Justice from Keene State College in May.

The fact that Echevarria is only months away from walking across the stage on Fiske Quad and being handed his diploma, instead of hanging around on the streets of Chelsea, demonstrates where hard work and determination will take you – even if the deck is stacked against you. “As a junior in high school, if someone had asked me if I was going to college, I would have said, ‘No way,’ ” Echevarria said. No one in his family had gone to college. “Every day I think back and I’m thankful to the people who gave me a better life.”

Life growing up in Chelsea, a densely populated city across the Mystic River from Boston, can be harsh. Especially if you rely on the streets rather than the schools to provide you with an education. At times, Echevarria felt he had no choice. While his mother, Rosame Dejesus, did her best to provide Orlando and his three siblings with a loving, comfortable upbringing, the lack of a consistent father figure in his life forced him to seek affirmation and acceptance on the streets. And once you're out there, it's difficult to escape. “It's something that sucks

you in. You have no control of it," he said. "It becomes attached to you and it doesn't come off."

School was no better. Placed in special-education classes, Echevarria became a pariah. Looking for direction, he found instead condemnation. "The teachers didn't care," said Echevarria. "I was told I was going to be a failure."

By his own admission, Echevarria was no saint growing up. He succumbed to the pressure and temptation of the streets, ran afoul with the law, and developed a gang mentality. Day-to-day life became a battle for survival. "I feared nobody," he said.

Echevarria believes his street-smarts and inner strength have been more help than hindrance in getting him where he has wanted to go in life. He was also strong enough to realize that he was making the wrong choices. "When I was young, I made some bad choices," he said. "But at the end of the day, I also made the choice that I wanted a better future."

Echevarria never saw sports as his ticket off the streets. Overweight as a child and weighing 300 pounds by the age of 13, Echevarria faced further ridicule from his peers. In fifth grade, he began playing baseball and picked up a basketball for the first time. Gaining more confidence with every pound he shed, he played in the local leagues and later at Chelsea High, developing into one of the team's top players. While his time on the court served as a welcome respite from the daily grind and pressures of life, Echevarria couldn't turn off the temper, stubbornness, and frustration that led to numerous skirmishes on the court. Fighting a losing battle, Echevarria realized he needed help. "I wasn't dumb," he said. "I knew I could do it, but I just needed someone else to tell me I could."

That person was Chris Jones, the head basketball coach at Bunker Hill Community College in Chelsea. "I thought if I got an opportunity to work with him, I could turn him," said Jones. "He struck me as a kid who just needed some guidance." Recruited heavily by Coach

Jones to play at Bunker Hill C.C., Echevarria instead decided to follow his high school sweetheart down to Georgia.

When things didn't turn out well in Georgia, Echevarria turned again to Jones. "I started to believe in him because he believed in me," said Echevarria. "He was the one guy I could actually say that I'm here for him."

Returning to Chelsea, Echevarria enrolled at Bunker Hill, becoming a full-time student in the fall of 2008. Coach Jones found a mobile front-court player and Echevarria found a lifelong mentor. Echevarria didn't disappoint Jones, starting two seasons and earning all-region honors his second year. "The thing that strikes me most about Orlando is his work ethic," said Jones, now in his ninth year as the athletic director at Bunker Hill. "He is a workhorse and will do whatever it takes to improve."

"Basketball was the driving force that helped him change and mature," said Jones. "Orlando began to realize that basketball was going to be a way out for him, and the last thing he wanted was to jeopardize his ability to be on the court."

Maturity also means taking responsibility. The birth of his son, Adrian, during his second year in school, became a driving force for Echevarria to succeed. "I wanted my son to know that I'm his dad and I love him," said Echevarria. "I wasn't going to run from my responsibility."

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choice that I wanted a better future."*

Echevarria's play on the court began drawing the attention of several four-year schools, including Keene State. He had never heard of the college, but KSC Coach Rob Colbert and his staff knew all about him. "We went to see him at an all-star game and loved the way he competed, so we recruited the heck out of him," said Colbert. "We were what he needed and he was what we needed."

Echevarria laughs when he recalls his first trip to Keene. "I had no idea where I was going," he said. "But when I got to the campus – it was beautiful."

Keene State filled all of Echevarria's wishes on his college criteria list. It was a place to get his education and play basketball, and, just as important, far enough away from home. "If I was close to home, I wouldn't be able to focus and concentrate," he said.

Away from the lure of the streets, Echevarria could concentrate on his studies and relax. No longer did he have to look over his shoulder every time he left home. "Up here, you don't have to worry about anything," he said. "You can go out with your friends at night and just chill. I can't do that back home."

“Coming to Keene State was the best thing for me,” said Echevarria. “I’m getting my education, staying out of trouble, and having fun enjoying the college experience. It’s everything I dreamed about as a kid.”

One of those experiences occurred last season when he took his first steps on the Spaulding Gym court. “Nobody knows, but I cried in the locker room because I made it,” he said. “That was my goal. That was my dream.”

who roomed with Echevarria last year. “He’s been a great addition to the team.”

His other family might be back in Chelsea, but they’re always with him. Echevarria has a tattoo of his mother, uncle, and siblings on his right arm. “They mean everything to me,” said Echevarria, looking down at his arm. Echevarria also found a special friend – Ellyse Davis – a member of the school’s volleyball team.

hustle and bustle of the city. For Echevarria, small things like mowing a lawn was a brand-new experience. “It was loads of fun,” he said. “We don’t do that back at home.”

These days, Echevarria doesn’t talk much about his past. As far as he’s concerned, it’s all about the future. After graduating, Echevarria plans to go into law enforcement and work as a police officer on either the State of Massachusetts or Chelsea force. He recently was overcome with pride and satisfaction after scoring 96 on the exam.

“I tell anyone who’s been in my shoes not to give up, and to keep on fighting.”

Off the court, he’s had no problems maintaining his grades and has bonded well with his basketball teammates. “They’re like my little family in Keene,” he said. “You can never go wrong with family.”

“We welcomed him with open arms,” said team captain Steve Boudreau,

Although Orlando has a difficult time explaining the connection, given that she’s from affluent Londonderry, New Hampshire, and he’s from the tough inner-city, the two click. Echevarria has brought a little city into Davis’s life and Davis has given Echevarria an opportunity to experience life away from the

Over the summer, Echevarria worked with kids back home. He hopes his message of defying the odds and making something out of his life resonates with them. “I tell anyone who’s been in my shoes not to give up, and keep on fighting,” he said. “At the end of the day, you’re going to open your eyes and be surprised to see how far you’ve gone.”



Lynn Roman

Orlando Echevarria finds time for the library as well as the courts.

Make the Most of Every Opportunity

By Genny Alexander

Two First-Generation Alums Share Wisdom Spanning 35 Years.

Over the years, Keene State has grown and changed. From Keene Normal School to Keene Teachers College to Keene State College, the institution has educated thousands of students from across New Hampshire, New England, the United States, and the world. The campus has expanded from the original building surrounding the quad to today's sprawling campus.

One thing that has stayed the same, however, is the institution's commitment to educating first-generation students. Patrick F. McDermott '76 and Jade C. Halsey '11 are both Keene State alumni who were first-generation students during their respective times at KSC.

From an early age, the necessity of receiving a college education was instilled in Pat McDermott. Pat grew up in Peterborough and spent a lot of time in Keene

during his youth. Both his parents were insistent that he attend college because they wanted their son (an only child) to have a better life than they had. Pat came to Keene State because of its excellent mathematics department and because he felt comfortable on the KSC campus.

Similarly, Jade Halsey came to Keene State College so she, too, could continue her education and get a good job. Jade spent the summer before her senior year in high school at the Upward Bound program at UNH-Durham, and the program changed her life. Before attending, she wasn't sure if she wanted to go to a New Hampshire college, but after the summer program and some encouragement from her high school trigonometry teacher, she visited Keene State and loved it.



Patrick McDermott '76

Jade's college "a-ha!" moment came one day during her high school job at McDonald's. She realized that if she didn't go to college she might be working there for the rest of her life. So, in order to do what she wanted to do, a college degree was a must.

For Jade and Pat, coming to Keene State made them leave their comfort zones, but they both loved the college once they arrived. For Pat, that was orientation the summer before he started at KSC. He had felt very comfortable in high school

but was apprehensive about going to college. However, during his two-days/one-night orientation program, he totally changed his mind. Pat still remembers all the wonderful people he met during those first days on campus.

When Jade came to Keene State, she had very few expectations. She did, however, love that the campus was so small

and that she was able to quickly meet new people and become involved in areas that interested her.

Both are quick to say that college is what you make of it. Take advantage of every opportunity that is presented to you and don't just sit in your room waiting for someone else to make things happen. Both agree that college is the best four years of your life and that it will go by very quickly.

Pat got the most out of his college experience by taking a wide range of classes. Although a mathematics major, he took an introduction to music course and had the opportunity to visit the Boston Symphony; and an introduction to art class took him to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. He encourages students to travel abroad as well. Jade strongly

urges students to become something bigger than themselves. For her, that meant becoming part of an undergraduate research team that had a huge impact on her life.



Jade Halsey '11

Since graduation, both have followed successful career paths. Pat McDermott graduated from Keene State in May 1976 and went to work for Public Service of New Hampshire in July of the same year. This past summer, he celebrated his 35th anniversary with the company and currently serves as manager of Economic and Community Development.

Jade Halsey graduated last May. Her mentor at KSC, Dr. Susan Whittemore, connected Jade to a woman who worked at New England Peptide. Jade now works there as an analysis technician. Jade strongly believes that networking is the most important thing when conducting a job search.

Jade and Pat made the most of their college experiences and made their families proud by being the first ones to graduate with a college degree. And while they have both moved on to successful careers, Keene State College still holds a special place in their past.

WILLIAM SEIGH

By Kelly Ricourte

Last August Keene State named William Seigh, professor of dance, the 2011 Alumni Distinguished Teacher of the Year. This award is presented annually by the Keene State College Alumni Association to recognize excellence in teaching, encouragement of independent thinking, rapport with students, and effective student advising. Professor Seigh is the 41st recipient of this distinctive honor.

Professor Seigh received an MFA in choreography and performance from the University of Colorado–Boulder. For more than 30 years, he has taught on the faculties of several universities, including Wesleyan University, James Madison University, and the University of California–Irvine. As a dancer, choreographer, and teacher, he has worked throughout the United States and Europe, creating 52 original modern dance works. Current projects include new works for the concert stage and choreography for video installations. In 2010 he completed a five-year term as president of the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) and now serves on its advisory board. ACDFA exists to support and affirm the role of dance in higher education, and Professor Seigh was proud to host the 2011 New England ACDFA Conference at Keene State College.

Faculty and students are clearly inspired by Professor Seigh's excellence, as demonstrated by his numerous nominations and praises. One former student wrote, "As my advisor, William encouraged me to take risks in my work and to accept positive, constructive feedback, thus giving me the confidence that I needed to be successful in my college career." In another nomination, it was noted that Professor Seigh "doesn't



Michael Moore

William Seigh (back) inspires dancers Riley Anne Ahern '12, Deidre Lewis '12, and Anna Peterson '12.

merely transfer information that will get me to the next class, he weaves the knowledge of his field with the knowledge of life and creates a lesson so essential that we can't forget. He's worth so much more than whatever his paycheck may tell him at the end of the month, and this letter is only the beginning of my repayment to him."

Professor Seigh shared his thoughts on the opportunities that are available to KSC students, and particularly those who are the first in their families to attend college. "First-generation students in dance, or in any other area of study, can find inspiration here at Keene State to pursue an education that is truly fulfilling. They will be met by a talented faculty who will encourage and advance their growth. I hope that this genuine support inspires our first-generation students to embrace the college experience, trusting that here they can realize their potential to make a positive difference in the world."

PAUL BESAW *In his own words*

I am the fifth of six kids and none of my siblings went to college. This actually could have discouraged me from going, too, but I felt different from my siblings. Many of my friends were going to college, and I was in the honors program in high school as well as college prep, so this helped put me on that track.

My parents didn't blink at my taking the opportunity to attend college. They supported me in my choice of major as well. I feel very fortunate. The financial aid forms were probably the most difficult part for them.

I knew I wanted to get involved in theater and as it turned out, this happened much sooner than I thought possible. The Redfern had just been built, so timing was perfect.

I've been asked to share what I'd tell others who are the first in their families to go to college. To begin with, choose a school that makes some financial sense. Keene State offered this to me. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but I do now as I see some of my friends continuing to pay off their student loans.

Select a school that will challenge you academically, and take advantage of the many resources that are available to college students. I wish I had tapped into more of the opportunities that were offered at KSC, as this could have helped me do better. By having help and resources in place, you won't have to deal with one crisis while you're in the middle of another.

In addition, get to know other students and faculty. Instead of staying in the safety of your room and circle of friends, stretch yourself. Think of three things, say, that make you feel uncomfortable or awkward and then do them. You'll know you're

adjusting well if you can do this. A big part of transitioning into college is getting connected to the place.

I'm really proud to have gone to Keene State. After I graduated, I felt prepared for what life might bring.

I earned my MFA in dance at UNC-Greensboro. I came back to New Hampshire for a while and worked for Upward Bound at Keene State – a program that provides services to help high school students prepare for college. I did some guest teaching at this time as well. I spent one year at the University of Texas as a post-graduate student. I taught at Catawba College in North Carolina and also at Sacramento State University.

In 2006 I started the University of Vermont's dance department. It is a brand-new program that has expanded from just myself to include two-and-a-half faculty positions. Our program currently offers a minor in dance, but we are thinking about the steps that would need to be taken to have a major in dance. We're expanding performance opportunities for students as well. I also am on the board of the American College Dance Festival Association.

In 2010 I received a university-wide teaching award at the University of Vermont. It was the Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching award for the rank of assistant professor.



Professor Paul Besaw '88 works with a student at the University of Vermont.

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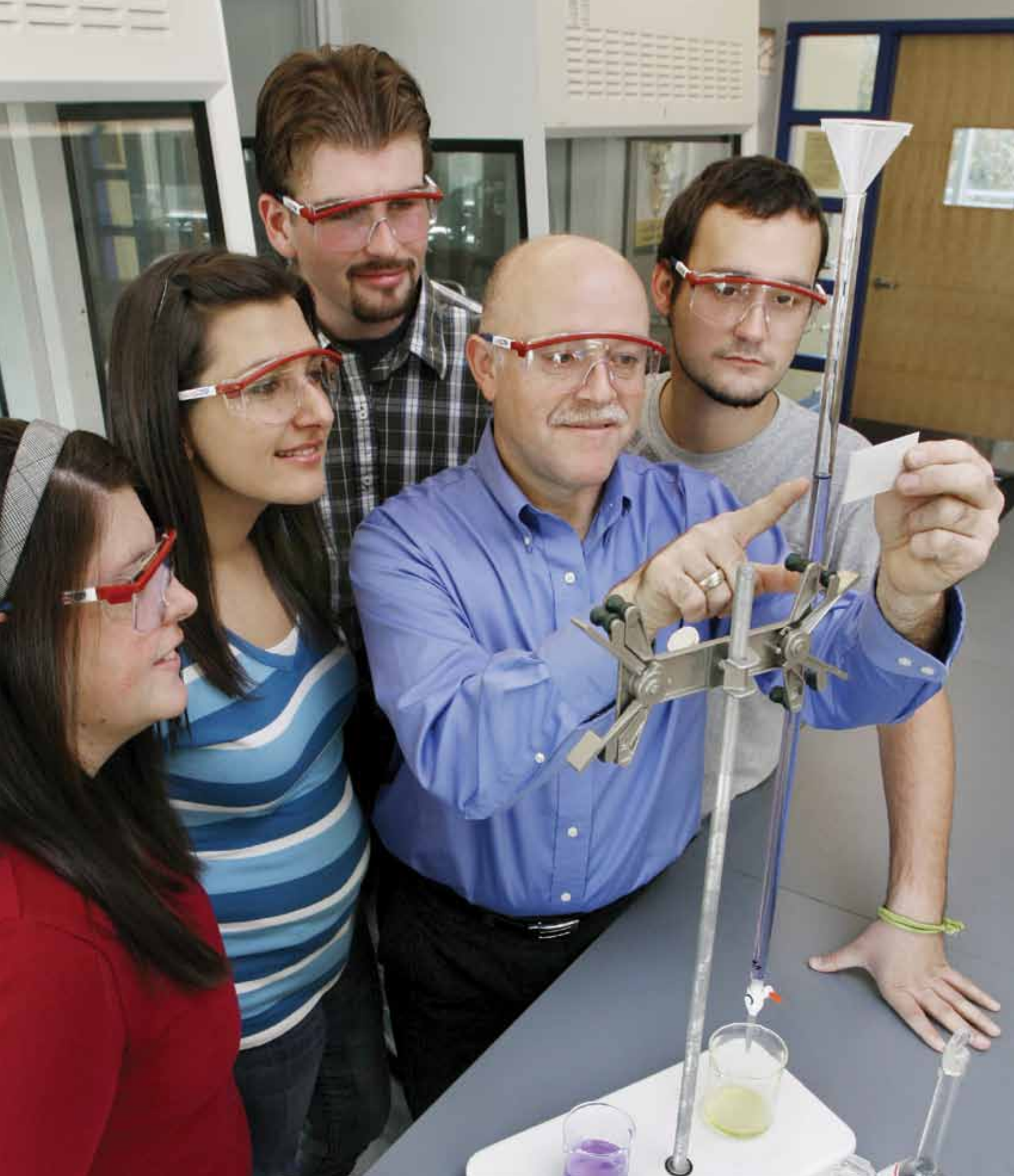
Keene State College is a preeminent public liberal arts institution, a little-known fact we think everyone should know. But we didn't get that way alone. We literally couldn't do what we do for our students without the help of our alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and neighbors. To everyone who has given gifts or contributed time and talent as mentors, internship supervisors, community service

providers, and the myriad other ways in which you all give so generously to Keene State College, we thank you!

What difference do gifts make to our students? Well, 4,453 of them receive assistance so they can attend KSC, but their needs are met only to a small degree. With virtually all needing financial assistance and 39% being first-generation college students, scholarships make it possible for bright young people to better their lives and enrich our communities. Some gifts enable students to conduct research with professors instead of having to work multiple jobs to pay tuition. Some donors choose to fund vital projects, such as the Alumni Center, used to bring students together with employers, professionals in their

chosen fields, or mentoring alumni. Whatever you choose to support, you can be sure that your gifts are of critical importance to the college and to our students.

We are committed to using our resources judiciously. To that end, **we have moved our delightfully long donor lists to our website** (the report lists donors who gave between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011). You can find it at http://www.keene.edu/kst/2012Winter/honor_roll.cfm, along with stories, photos of the college and our students, and lots of other interesting information about Keene State. We hope you enjoy this new way of expressing our gratitude. You are an essential part of Keene State's success – many, many thanks!



Dr. Paul Baures illustrates the method of reading the fluid level in a buret to Lauren Wallace '12, Marie Avery '12, William Miller '12, and James Hendrickx '12.

chemistry for the greater good

The new David F. Putnam Chair to the chemistry department understands that the value of higher education is real and tangible.

by Gordon Leversee

Dr. Paul Baures started with Keene State in the fall 2011 semester. A Wisconsin native, he didn't envision a career in chemistry when he was a senior in high school. In fact, he wanted to own a feed mill at that time. It wasn't until his second year at Winona State University that he got hooked on chemistry.

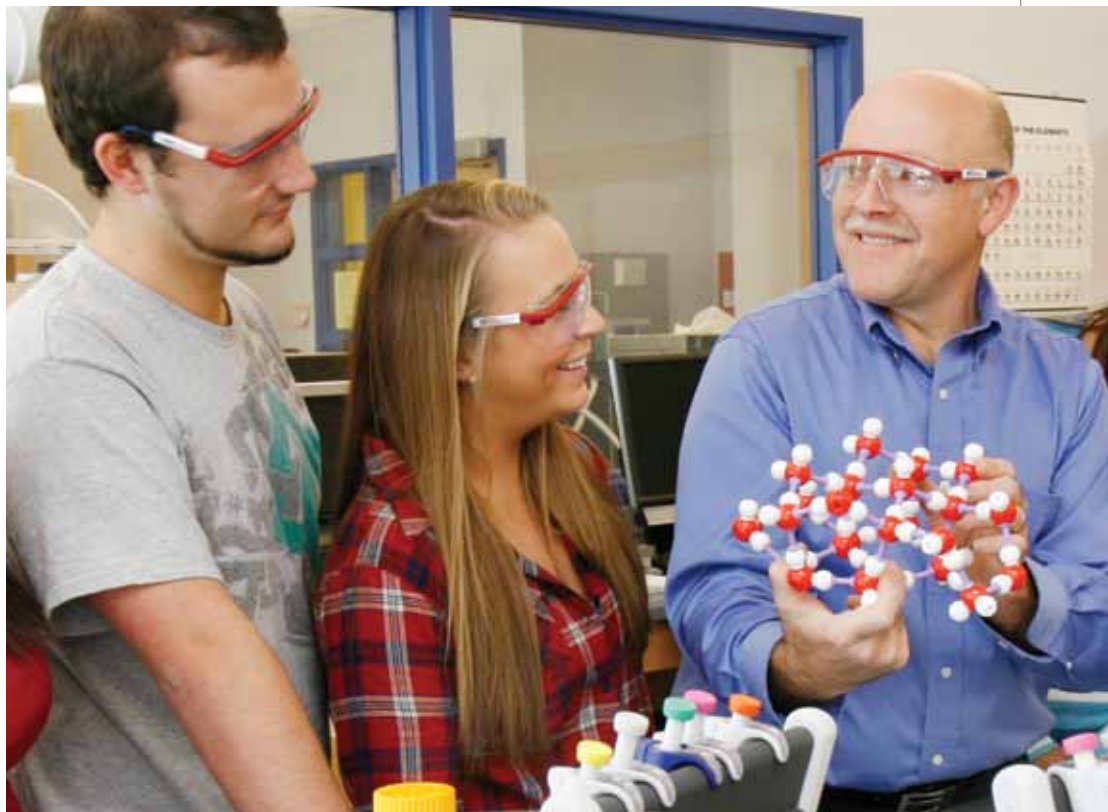
With more than 20 years' experience in biochemistry and medicinal chemistry, Dr. Baures has been conducting applied and basic research as well as teaching in the field. As a David F. Putnam Chair, his work is supported by the Putnam family, who have invested greatly in Keene and have deep roots here. He is the recipient of numerous awards and grants from institutions such as the National Institutes of Health, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, and the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Baures is inspired by Keene State's focus on student achievement and its goal of providing access to higher education for students who are first in their families to attend college. "A student at Keene State is an individual with his or her own set of talents to be developed and nurtured – not just a number, as it can sometimes feel at a large university. The college is filled with faculty and staff who have been very inviting and helpful. I think this is important for first-generation students, as they will not always have someone from their family or hometown friends to turn to for guidance through the challenges that students often face in their first year."

Understanding that access to higher education is essential for the success of future generations and their ability to contribute to science in meaningful ways, Dr. Baures says, "I think my history captures a lot of what a first-generation student faces in deciding to go to college. I think there is a question of why they

should go to college, as well as what to study, if they have not had a lot of role models in their life with an advanced education.

"People are smart, creative, or intellectual without earning a college degree, but college can certainly provide a student with a breadth of understanding, a deeper appreciation for people or ideas different from their own, and an advanced skill set for navigating life's waters. The value of the college degree to success, whether measured financially or in terms of happiness, is proven in comparisons to adults without the advanced education."



Dr. Paul Baures uses a model to explain the forces in crystalline ice to James Hendrickx '12, and Allison McGinnity '12.

For our campus community, and his students specifically, Dr. Baures offers knowledge and experience that impacts the lives of people every day. "My goal is to impart my knowledge and inspiration to a new generation of students. I hope that by sharing my experience, students will go on to conduct their studies and research in ways that will change the world for the better."

SHAPING HIS OWN FUTURE

by Maria Dintino

I love asking students how they ended up at Keene State College. Everyone's story is unique. Yet, I believe the most intriguing ones are those told by first-generation college students.

Corey Austin '13 is a first-generation student who grew up in Claremont, New Hampshire, with his mother, two sisters, and brother. Although his mother didn't go to college, she impressed upon Corey the value of education. "Education's going to support you; your friends won't," she'd remind him. "She was there to give me the mindset that I needed to succeed," Corey says. "I am truly grateful for her." Corey attended elementary, middle, and the first part of high school in Claremont. He didn't really apply himself, even though he loved to read and learn. "Teachers always told me I had potential. I just didn't have the patience in classes, partnered with not having the strongest work ethic," Corey admits.

Halfway through high school, at the age of 16, Corey decided to move in with his father in Charlestown, New Hampshire, as a way of developing more of a relationship with him and his other siblings. Moving from Stevens High School to Fall Mountain Regional provided Corey with a "change of scenery." While meeting with the school counselor, there was talk about his future and mention of Upward Bound, a Trio program that prepares students for success in high school and enrollment in college. So Corey, at the urging of his school counselor, attended an Upward Bound informational session, applied, and was accepted. He spent the next summer on the Keene State College campus, participating in the Upward Bound (UB) program. "UB at Keene State was my first impression of college and it set deep," recalls Corey.

Corey had never had structure imposed on him like he did in Upward Bound and this helped him see what he was capable of accomplishing. He learned how to be task oriented, and he rather liked the fact that "UB gave me a routine for every day, from when I woke up to when I went to sleep." Returning to Fall Mountain for his senior year of high school, Corey continued to work with Upward Bound, meeting with his UB counselor, Laura Mielke. Corey says, "My academic year counselor, Laura, helped me most. We met once a week, and during that time we talked about a lot of things. A majority of it was self-reflection, which is what I needed.... Our meetings helped me to discover who I was and what I wanted out of life, and I am very thankful for that."

When asked why he picked KSC, Corey says, "I chose Keene State College because it was close to home and I had already been on the campus for Upward Bound...so, I decided to go with what I knew."

Because of his high school transcript, Corey was not initially admitted, so he set out to prove to Keene State that he really wanted to be here. Corey enrolled in the Keene State College Summer Link Program, an introductory program for incoming students, where he "learned a lot about the academic and social atmosphere...and how to balance these." He also discovered "the college resources on campus and how to be an actively involved student...and that the professors are willing to help those students who seek help in the appropriate manner." Corey excelled in Link and attended River Valley Community College during the fall of 2009, matriculating at Keene State in January 2010.



First-generation student Corey Austin '13 with Maria Dintino, associate director of Aspire

According to Corey, "The combination of UB and Link helped me to establish who I am as a person, set goals for myself, combine my interests and goals to make them more tangible, apply myself to my academics, and be open minded to others along the way." What Corey gained from these programs is matched only by what he contributed through his hard work, insight, compassion, and commitment.

Currently in his junior year, Corey is a computer science major, resident assistant in Pondsides III, and project manager for Habitat for Humanity. "Being a resident assistant is a great way to give to others the same support and guidance that was given to me through UB and Link.... Being a project manager for HFH is a great opportunity to make a difference for the greater good while getting my education."

As associate director of Aspire, another Trio program on campus designed in part to support first-generation college students, I have had many exciting discussions with Corey about his evolving goals. Corey explains, "I saw that technology is always going to be influencing us so I went the computer science route. My goal now is to take computer science and make an impact in the world with it through artificial intelligence."

He goes on to say, "There are people out there with disabilities that prevent them from functioning fully in society. Imagine if we had the technology to counteract the disability, whether it be physical or psychological. This technology could help individuals develop to their fullest potential and achieve their goals, just as I am going forward to achieve mine. My passion is to help others just like others have helped me."

When asked how his parents feel about him being in college, Corey says,

"The hardest part for my mom is that I'm away from home and busy all the time.... She always tells me she's proud of what I'm doing." Corey's father also lets him know he's proud of him, and to show his support, he recently bought Corey a car, which allows him to get to work on Fridays.

Corry passes along some tips for others who are the first in their families to go to college: "Students should not let cost be the main factor. There are so many scholarships...sometimes there are financial restraints, but if one goes in with an ambitious attitude, then he/she can make things happen." Corey is living proof of this, having received Aspire grant awards and a scholarship from the New Hampshire Educational Opportunity Association.

Another bit of advice is to "immediately start utilizing the resources that are on campus. Keene State College has the academic and career advising

department, and I've gone there for resume building and into the Aspire wing for class tutors. These resources have always helped me as a student at KSC."

One last tip: "Don't be afraid to ask questions. I know I had a lot of questions coming into the college application process and then had more questions once I was at college.

"I find that I am completely shaping my own future, which is really satisfying. I'm not following in other footsteps, I'm creating my own. I saw that I wanted to make a change in the world and that education was going to help me get there."

It is certainly a privilege for those of us at Keene State College to work with students like Corey as they strive to overcome barriers on their way to achieving their goals and having a positive impact on our world.

Stick With It No Matter What. It's Going to Get Tough. by Genny Alexander



Kenney Kelley '15, right, and his proud mother, Stacey Kelley

FOR KENNEY KELLEY, NOT GOING TO COLLEGE WAS NEVER AN OPTION. THE HIGH SCHOOL HE ATTENDED, MATCH CHARTER SCHOOL IN BOSTON, HAS A 100% COLLEGE PLACEMENT RATE OF THEIR GRADUATES. THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN AROUND FOR NINE YEARS AND THE CURRICULUM ACTIVELY PREPARES STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE.

Kenney came to Keene State College because he liked the school and KSC had the best financial-aid package. His sister had attended UNH, but Kenney wanted to make his own way, not follow in her footsteps at the same school.

Keene State was not, at first, what Kenney expected it would be. He was used to being at a school where there was a very diverse population, but KSC was very "white." Kenney and his mother, Stacey, laughed about how, during freshman move-in, they counted the number of other black students they saw – maybe five. But Kenney is quick to say that even though Keene State is not as diverse as he assumed it would be, he has not had a hard time adjusting to being here.

When asked what advice he'd give students who are the first in their families to go to college, he said, "Stick with it no matter what. It's going to get tough. You're going to experience things you never thought of before, and you're going to miss your parents and your family. But as long as you stick with it, you'll do fine."

Thanks to the excellent high school that Kenney attended, the application process was not challenging for the Kelley family. The hardest part for Stacey was having Kenney leave their home, as he is the only son and the baby of the family. It's been a difficult transition no longer having him there.

Kenney, as a first-semester freshman, is taking a wide variety of classes to help him find his way. But he is very definite about his plans after graduation: Get a good job!

PARENTS DELIVER 21ST-CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Mason Library Dean Irene Herold, shows off the new West Wing Collaborative Media-Enhanced Learning Space to Jamie Martin '13, Amy Derick '13, and Diana Schaller '13.

By Irene Herold

Thanks to a gift from the Parents Association, Mason Library recently dedicated a new space on the second floor that contains seating for 24 at four media:scape tables with dual flat-screen monitors, an interactive white board, and regular white boards. The tables provide wiring for up to six laptops that can connect and display without the need for additional software. So, students are no longer limited to a laptop screen or two. Now they can work collaboratively in a larger group on a shared document on one screen while another screen displays further content for consideration. Also, at the touch of a button, multiple students

can show and share their discoveries with up to six connected devices at one sitting. This enables students to further develop their team skills – something that will benefit them not only during their time at Keene State College but also later in the workplace.

universities because of its ease of use and functionality for research and study. The West Wing Collaborative Media-Enhanced Learning Space is the first of its kind to be installed in a library in New Hampshire.

“Wow! I hope that I have technology like this in my classroom when I’m a teacher.” -Kalie Randlett, first-year student

The collaborative workspace, with its interactive equipment, was originally conceived for businesses as a means of meeting and sharing information. However, equipment like this has found a new home in colleges and

Student learning in an engaging, enriched environment is a strategic priority for Keene State College. So when Patty Farmer, director of Alumni and Parent Relations, heard about a grant proposal the library was working on to create

Media Viewing Room Moves Into the *SPACE AGE*

by Irene Herold

Jointly funded by the Provost/Academic Affairs Office and the Mason Library, the media viewing room has been transformed from a dark, 12-carrel, individual viewing station into a bright, attractive, technologically enhanced space. Room 103 now has a media:scape table, with dual flat screens, that allows four laptops to be plugged in simultaneously. In addition, there's a U-shaped lounge with countertops where laptops can be connected to the back of the lounge pieces. The room seats up to eight on the lounge, includes six stools, and has space for two more chairs.

Seeing it is easier than explaining it, but first-year students on an orientation tour described it well: "The media viewing room looks like a spaceship" command module. "The Starship Enterprise has furniture in the media viewing room."

When asked what they learned about the library, student responses included "We can use the media viewing center to have movie nights," and "You can preview your PowerPoints on a big screen."

A student who came in recently to view a video thought the room was great. "Oh, I want to use that screen!" She had planned to use the TV screen, but instead chose the big screen, using her laptop as a DVD player.

Faculty from several departments have been exploring the space as well. A film studies member commented that the media viewing room, with its dual screens and laptop connections, would provide an excellent space for viewing and critiquing films – particularly with smaller groups. And an ITW faculty member has already used the room to view a film with her class.

technologically enhanced learning spaces, she brought it to the attention of the Parent Association. Its president, Richard Schleckser, immediately saw the potential. As a businessperson, he understood that this kind of collaborative workspace would offer Keene State College students what they need to successfully navigate the post-graduation world. It was a very quick three-and-a-half months from proposal to implementation, but Mason Library was determined to have the space in place to welcome the class of 2015. The Parent Association's desire to support projects that benefit all students dovetailed beautifully with the role the library plays on campus.

Students love using the space because it makes collaboration so much easier. A first-year student was overheard saying, "Wow! I hope that I have technology like this in my classroom when I'm a teacher." A geography senior seminar student stated that he liked being able to work together on a project and see the screen while the person typing is working. Another student talked about how helpful this setup would be for peer editing. A senior, who works in interlibrary loan, said he'll want to return to campus often to see what else Mason Library adds after he graduates.

Information Literacy Librarian Elizabeth Dolinger said, "Having the ability for students to share sources they are finding by projecting them onto the monitor screens during the session has changed my teaching and allowed for more collaboration, discussion, and peer-to-peer learning to occur." Not only is this space making a new way of collaborative learning available to our students, but also helping to make our information literacy instruction better.

The more we can engage our students with technologically enhanced collaborative learning spaces, the more successful they will be during their college careers and beyond.

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The 1909 Society, which commemorates the college's founding year, recognizes Keene State College's most generous annual donors. We are deeply grateful for the society's dedication to the success of students and programs at the college and its support of the KSC mission: to prepare students to think critically and creatively, to engage in active citizenship, and to pursue meaningful work.

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GRANNY D COMES TO KEENE



Mark Corliss

Portrait of Granny D., Sissi Shattuck, 2007, oil

Congratulations to Keene State's Mason Library for receiving the Granny D Collection! The recent donation from the estate of political activist and icon Doris "Granny D" Haddock includes letters from Pete Seeger and Vice President Joe Biden, photographs, and other memorabilia. Part of Mason Library's New Hampshire Social Justice Collection is available to students, faculty, the local community, and the public at large as a vital resource on social justice.

KSC provides \$12.3 million in financial assistance to students, of which only a third is provided through gifts or grants. The remaining amount comes from operating funds.

Is College Necessary?

*A letter from Alumni Board
President Alan Hodsdon '68*

After spending 13 years in education I changed careers, and for the past 20-plus years, I've been a recruiter in the high-tech industry. I have recruited numerous professional-level folks, from new grads to PhDs. So when someone asks me if I think education – and particularly a college education – is necessary to success in today's world, I have to curb my response a bit so I don't come across as sarcastic.

My dad was a truck driver, my mother worked part-time as a clerk, neither had a college degree. I was born just ahead of the “baby-boomer” generation, so my family was influenced by the tremendous growth in the United States after WWII. Since my parents, like many others, believed that education was the key to getting ahead, there was little doubt as to whether their children were going to college. My two older brothers went on to higher education after high school, so the question wasn't *whether* I was going but *where* I was going.

During high school I was inspired by one of my teachers and decided that I wanted to go into teaching. I knew that this would require a college degree. So I joined my brothers in becoming the first generation in our family to go to college.

Choosing KSC was easy. I wanted to become a teacher but I didn't want to follow my brothers to their schools. I also wanted to be independent and Keene was far enough from Rochester that I could be. In addition, the college was affordable, it was a nice size, and it accepted me. I wasn't a very good student, but KSC was willing to give me the opportunity to mature. I am not sure that the larger schools would have.

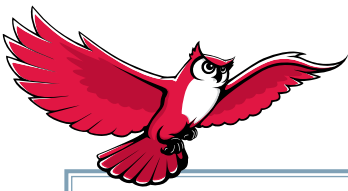
I still have a letter my dad wrote me when I was about to quit and join the service. His words were supportive; he reminded me why I was in college and where it would potentially lead me. If I was going to succeed, I needed

to start succeeding at school. Unfortunately, my dad passed away during my junior year so he never saw me graduate and never saw the support that I received at KSC. The college became for me not only a place to learn but also a place to grow. By the end of my experience at Keene State, I had learned – through my studies, my friends, my activities, and my professors – how to be successful.

Someone asked if I knew anyone else who had experienced a major cultural change by graduating from college. I didn't have to look far: my mother-in-law. She had been widowed with two young daughters, but with the help of her parents, she attended Keene Teachers College. She had a successful career as a teacher, as a New Hampshire state consultant in consumer and homemaking education, and then again as a teacher. One of her proudest moments was graduating with her master's degree from Keene State College on the same day that her elder daughter received her bachelor's degree – also from Keene State.

Both of my daughters had some learning problems, so school was a struggle for them at times, but they saw the value that education had provided their parents. We'd been able to move successfully from one career to another and to adapt to ongoing changes. I am proud to say that both daughters are college graduates, and they are successful today because of their education.

I have worked in the educational field, helped people with career development, enjoyed a wonderful marriage, brought up two great daughters, and had a successful career in human resources. Now, as I am about to retire, I've asked myself if this is all because of a bachelor of education degree from KSC. No, it isn't, but I can tell you that I have lived a more prosperous, fulfilling, and exciting life as a result of my education. And I got that at Keene State College.



Of KSC's entire student body, 39% is first-generation; 44% of the incoming class is first-generation.



WINTERFEST

Be sure to mark your calendars to join us on-campus February 3-4 for Winterfest 2012! Whether you are seeking a few snowy thrills, entertainment for the family, KSC spirit, or an opportunity to get with friends – we've got you covered! The weekend will feature snow tubing, outdoor competitions, a rail jam, KSC athletics, and much more.

All KSC Owls near and far,—and their guests—are invited to attend! If you have a group (department, major, student organization, etc.) that wants to get together, let us know! We will be happy to help you connect.

Stay tuned for updates to the schedule and on the ways that you can be involved!

Find Winterfest 2012 at:
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REMEMBER REUNION, June 1-3, 2012! Save the date and start getting in touch with classmates now!

1932

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1935

From **Norma Walker '51**: "At the Golden Circle luncheon held at Hart's Turkey Farm on August 4, **Bernice 'Bunny' Adams Michael** received a yellow rose for graduating before the rest of us. It is always a pleasure to have her with us, which is thanks to **Moe Bowler '50**, who brings her with him."

1936

Norma Walker writes: "**Gertude Emerson Carmichael** is planning to attend all of the Golden Circle luncheons this year and so far she has, thanks to her son driving her to each of them. She also was the pride and joy of Reunion 2011.

"**Ferne Coffin Fogg** was at the Warren's Lobster House for an alumni luncheon where she met classmate **Trudy Emerson Carmichael**. Always nice to have Ferne back in New England so she can be with us now and then."

1937

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1939

Ruth "Bunny" Berry Dodge is so grateful to be well. She and her husband, Cap, enjoy the daily meals prepared by the friendly and capable staff at Havenwood in Concord, NH. They spent nearly a week at their home in York Beach, ME. They enjoyed beautiful weather, the ocean, and lots of company. The family of former Class Notes Editor **Sarah C. Johnson** rented the cottage for a week and had a wonderful time. Sarah writes, "Thank you, Bunny, for sharing your cottage at the ocean. We enjoyed walks to the beach

Brown's Old-Fashioned Ice Cream, and Nubble Light."

1940

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1941

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1942

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Ruth Callender Mackenzie Lee enjoys good health. She lives in FL, but spends summers in Littleton, NH. She particularly enjoys going to Plymouth to the wonderful concerts each week.

1943

Caroline Nichols Pregent
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Class secretary **Caroline Pregent** writes: "I miss the cool and clear water of Sand Pond, where we lived for 20 years. However, I'm glad to live near Keene State and its activities. Reunion weekend was a great success. I was the only member from our class to attend, so I carried the banner in the parade. A Golden Circle meeting was held in the David F. Putnam Science Center. President Giles-Gee spoke about the latest news on campus. The weather all weekend was pleasant and all events were enjoyed. Our first Golden Circle luncheon was at Makris Restaurant in Concord. We met **Louise Whitten Perkins** there. Lou's happy at her new, cozy home at Heritage Heights. I keep in touch with **Lois Moore Querin**. She and her hus-

band are doing well. It was sad to hear of the passing of **Harriet Thompson Perkins**. It was always a pleasure to see her and **Neal '41** at our reunions. Our second Golden Circle lunch was held at KSC's Centennial Hall. Jay Kahn told us about the new building coming this fall.

"We are having pleasant weather this Fall. New Hampshire is beautiful this time of year. On August 31, Kay Mac-Lean drove **Norma Walker '51**, **Breeze Mosely '46**, and me to a home blessing at Heritage Heights for **Louise Perkins**. The luncheon and gathering of Lou's friends at her home was enjoyed by all.

"**Marge Howe Herlin** is now in Meredith, NH, and living at the Meredith Bay Colony Club. I haven't heard from any other classmates. Have we all celebrated our 90th year?

"Cliff and I are doing well. We celebrated our 67th anniversary in September."

1944

Alicia Smith Harris lost her husband of 66 years last fall. She still lives in Redmond, OR.

1946

Thelma Partridge Mitchell
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1947

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Ida R. Goodell is healthy and staying active with swimming at the YMCA.

1948

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Class secretary **Ellie Butler** writes: "Do you know that **Jean Harding Maxwell '48** is one of the featured stars of a documentary: *Enter to Learn – Go Forth to*

Serve Part 1, The First Hundred Years of KSC? We're proud of you, Jean! You can get a DVD from the KSC Bookstore – well worth watching!

"Our class had 32 women and 16 men graduates – we are fewer than that now and not much news comes to me. However, I get e-mails from **Carolyn (Jo Turner) Davis** in California, and occasional phone calls with **Jean Harding Maxwell**. Like most of us, we have our health issues, but in spite of them, we are doing well. How about you?

"Send me your comments/memories/news and you'll be in the next Class Notes from '48."

1949

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Olive McMorran Dorr is now living at an assisted-living establishment in New London, NH, as she no longer wanted to live alone. She's keeping busy.

Wanda Hale Brooks is recovering from a broken hip. She's doing well. Her volunteer work is on hold for the time being.

1950

Jim Wheeler
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Dr. Giles-Gee at the Golden Circle Luncheon held at the The Common Man restaurant in Claremont, N.H. Also present are **Arlene Parker Tatro '50**, **Ellie Rhoades** (guest), and **Margaret Rhoades Bost '51**.

1951

Norma Wright Walker
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Margaret Rhoades Bost invited classmate **Norma Walker**, **Mary Marcotte Gline '56** with her husband Frank, and **Arlene Parker Tatro '50** for lunch at her home in Acworth, along with other friends. Margaret and Norma went through their Kronicle '51 catching up on news of classmates. It was a beautiful day to share a delicious meal made by Margaret.

From **Norma Walker**: "My first exciting news is that I have seen our beautiful OWL that was our last class gift to the college. It will be dedicated at Homecoming. [Ed. note: For more on the Class of 1951 owl, see the story on the inside back cover.]

"This summer has attracted several of our classmates. **Margaret Rhoades Bost** joined us for the first time at the Common Man in Claremont. Her sister Ellie came with her.

"Always special to see **Charlie Plimpton** when the Golden Circle meets at Hart's Turkey Farm. He admitted that he has finally retired from the NHCTC in Lacomia. Charlie and **Moe Bowler '50** enjoyed catching up on memories of their Keene Teachers days and their lives today.

"It was so good to have **Nina Krochmal Witham** (with Bob) at Warren's Lobster House. She had taken a bad fall in her driveway and has been dealing with hours of PT ever since. Nina is as cheerful as ever.

"Our class sends their sympathy to the family of **Nelson Edoff** who passed away recently. Our class keeps getting smaller each year.

"**Patricia Parent O'Donnell** keeps in contact with me with letters and items with owls on them. She knows I like owls.

"Just want to say thank you to those of you who have had the

opportunity to join us at the Golden Circle luncheons. They are **Richard Rogers, Stanley Johnson, Joan Greeley Simpson, Elaine Schmidt Chesley, Ruth "Bicky" Bickford Peck, Margaret Rhoades Bost, and Nina Krochmal Witham**. There may be others at the next couple of luncheons.

"In October I'm going with my son and his family to Parris Island to my granddaughter's graduation from marine boot camp. She will then be off to MP School in Missouri. I pray all will continue to go well for her and all those who are training to protect us."

1952

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Claire Simensen writes: "The 2011 Reunion was great, with good weather and good friends. Our class only had a few: **Don and Charlotte Carle '53, Irene and Bruce Parent, Norma and Bob Mallat '58**, and me. I hope the rest of you are planning to join us in 2012 for our 60th. We had a chance to see what the 50th and 60th classes did for their special years. It inspired us to get working on ours. We appreciate any suggestions you have. **Norma Walker '51** always makes us feel welcome at the Golden Circle meetings before the awards luncheons. It was special for me because two of the people (one my brother-in-law) who received awards were from my hometown of Salem, which was a small community in those days. The president's brunch on Sunday was a good way to end the weekend. The food

was delicious too! It was a pleasure to hear President Giles-Gee speak about the campus. She is such a vivacious person and a wonderful ambassador for our college!"

Peggy Carr Ambose sent a nice note to **Norma Walker '51** saying she missed the Keene State gatherings in Lancaster. She did say she isn't driving any more. Peggy is looking forward to celebrating her 60th Reunion in 2012.

News from **Irene Parent**: "Thank you to the class of '52 for helping us honor **Don Carle** with the purchase of a bench and plaque in his name. The bench is placed in front of the Alumni Center. Drop by and see it next time you are at the College. Don was honored as an active alumnus, for his service as an alumni director, for his long-term involvement with college activities, and for his continued support of college athletics. Don was deeply touched and sends heartfelt thanks to his classmates. Congratulations, Don! We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's 60th!"

Irene also received a brief note from **Evelyn Bruce Quimby** about her retirement activities. She sings in the Silver Lining chorus and has made several appearances at local senior centers and various nursing homes. During these performances, they sing, dance, and make use of tamborines. Evelyn also sings in the Harmonizing Saints. They are accompanied by an accordion player, guitarist, and pianist. She said the sound is great. The audiences enjoy their performances.

The 1952 class secretaries would like to find the following classmates: **Sally P. Barker, Osie B. Brown, Marian Bunce, Lorraine E. Fistole, Frank Holt, Esther B. La Pierre, Marjorie Leeds, Arvin Miller Jr., and Wilomena Reed**. If you know anyone's whereabouts, please call.

Don Carle writes: "It was great to see everyone at reunion. We want to tell classmates that we are alive and well. Come to our 60th! It was good to see so many younger

classes return to campus for the reunion. Classmates, please also make a special effort to get to games in your area; the kids are great and competitive. The KSC athletic realm has many teams for every season and schedules cover all New England. Next time you're there, take a few minutes to say hello to the coaches and the players."

1953

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From **Norma Walker '51**: "**Beverly Blasenak Sloum** sent some photos of Keene Teachers College students she found as she was cleaning her basement after it was flooded last spring. Bev said she meets with **Dean Corrigan** and his wife during the year.

"**Ken Aldrich** from Waterford, VT, and his wife joined the Golden Circle alumni at Makris in Concord last June. Hope to see him again at one of our luncheons.

"So good to have **Priscilla Partington Sargent** and **Gloria Richardson Matthews** when the alumni gathered at the Common Man in Claremont.

1955

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David Staples received the Granite State Award for outstanding public service at the KSC commencement ceremony on May 7. The University System of New Hampshire and Keene State presented the award to David in recognition of his contributions to the state.

1956

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1958

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Bill Webb kept in touch with **Ruth Jenish Wivagg '40**, his first-grade teacher in Wilton, NH, who is 93 and now lives in Brighton, MA. He also attends wakes and funerals of many of his former students' family members throughout the year and gave the eulogy for two former students. He wrote 1,100 Christmas messages last year to hundreds of his former students, faculty members, and Keene graduates. He is in his 26th year as caregiver and is very active as a licensed lay minister in the Episcopal Church.

1959

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1960

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From **Gail Spevack Sheldon**: **"Richard 'Dick' Peterson** died August 22 at his home in Bedford, NH. An Air Force veteran, Dick taught graphic arts at Manchester Central for 34 years. He also taught driver's ed. After his retirement in 1994, he provided printing services for the city of Manchester. He leaves his wife, **Eleanor Elias '56**, a son, daughter, and four grandchildren. He was a kind, gentle person who will be dearly missed.

"Once again a good class turnout for an August Golden Circle luncheon at Warren's in Kittery, ME.

Attending were **Lefty Joy, Joe and Priscilla '61 Dutile, and Dick and Joanna Cotter.**

"My husband and I joined **Dorothy 'Dottie' McCarthy Bright** and husband Roy for breakfast in Milford, NH, at the end of August. This past year Dottie had some health issues which have since been resolved. She and Roy left Boston for an enjoyable cruise to Montreal just hours ahead of Tropical Storm Irene. After returning to their condo in Portland, OR, they were looking forward to an October return to their home in Tucson, AZ. They are hoping for warm weather and lots of golf times!

"In September **Janet Hutchinson Lutman** wrote from sunny Santa Rosa, CA. She and her husband, Ron, were busy canning their own tomatoes, and also purchased peaches and pears for canning. She was surprised to hear about our strange weather — earthquake, tropical storm, and flooding.

"As many of you also did, I attended my 55th high school class reunion in September. I saw **Madeline Jackson Counter** and her husband, Arnold. Maddie has had some surgeries and now is doing so well.

"**Carmen Nalbone** attended Reunion 2011. He is definitely the class leader in attending the most KSC reunions! Carmen makes his presence known and enjoys a great time. All the leaders and volunteers know him. He always finds time to have dinner with **Ernie Gendron's** wife, Barbara, and her mother.

"**Bob 'Lefty' Joy** drove to the June reunion from Vernon, CT, wearing his Red Sox cap. He combined his visit with his grandson's soccer game and a trip to Dover.

"**Lee McMahon** drove a golf cart to help transport alumni to various events.

"**Peter Kageleiry, Joe Dutile, and Loren Livengood** came to the reunion this spring with their

'61 wives.

"**Connie Davis** is hoping to visit New Hampshire and KSC campus soon. She continues to enjoy hiking and the beauty of her Colorado Springs home, where she has been living for more than 30 years. Having her three daughters, grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter nearby are a bonus. Last year she had a health issue that is now resolved. Maybe she will sing "Ding Dong Daddy from Dumas" with **Louise Morrill Petelle** as they once did while working in the kitchen at Fiske Hall. Those were the days, and the songs!

"Snow birds, watch for February KSC gatherings in your Florida area."

1961

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Ellen Collins Brouillette lives in Harrisville, NH. She loves to travel, makes her own cards, knits, decorates her old farmhouse, and enjoys entertaining her 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Her days are never long enough.

Ray Clarke lives in Chestertown, MD. As a retired superintendent of schools, he works part-time at the Kent Athletic and Wellness Center, serves on the board of directors of the food pantry, travels, plays bridge, takes courses at Washington College, and loves being with his two granddaughters.

Richard Cole lives in South Windsor, CT, spends February and March on Hilton Head Island, SC, and goes to his summer camp on Lake Winnisquam in Meredith, NH, during the summer months. He is active in his condominium complex. His two wonderful sons, Jeff and Doug, keep him busy attending the grandchildren's soccer and baseball games.

George and Nancy Norton Cote live in Dover, spend January – March in Englewood, FL, and love to go on cruises. Spoiling their grandchildren and holding family gatherings are favorite pastimes. George keeps busy

fly-tying and fly-fishing. Nancy is actively involved with Stratford County Retired Educators Assn., NHREA, and Red Hatters.

Richard Czarnec lives in Chester, NH. He loves to restore antiques, works part-time for the town, maintains his physical and mental well-being, and keeps up maintenance on his property.

Class secretary **Dorothy Simpson** writes: "Our 50th class reunion was a huge success thanks to class committee members and KSC alumni administrators **Patty Farmer '92** and Ken Goebel, who reached out by contacting all of our classmates to invite them to the 50th celebration. It worked! Almost half of the class came back to reminisce and have fun.

Our very own **Robert Dinwoodie** played his bagpipes and led the Parade of Classes down Appian Way and into the alumni luncheon with his class of '61 proudly behind him. **Dr. Richard Simensen** received the KSC Alumni Achievement Award. All of us were honored to have our classmate recognized for his many accomplishments. Dick is a forerunner in genetic studies – he's been published, led seminars, and taught physicians – and he's considered a leading expert in this field. **Fred Morgan** gave a heart-warming grace at the alumni dinner. **Don Sutherland** put together a beautiful memory board for our deceased classmates. **Bob Sauliner** gathered \$40,000 from our classmates for a class of 1961 scholarship. The interest is to be awarded yearly to an education major. Traveling the farthest distances were **Jeannie LaChance Erickson** from Minnesota and **Nancy Kidder Howe and Ruth Smith Jeffords** from Florida. **Priscilla Canney Dutile**, our carnival queen, was recognized for keeping her good looks.

Rinald and Beatrice Precourt have the most children and grandchildren. What a beautiful and accomplished family they have to love. **Don Sutherland** and **Charles Jepson** won the Male Most Hair Award. **Luke and Judy St. Cyr** made great name tags for

all of us. We missed and recognized all of the classmates who did not attend. **Nancy Andrews Fessenden** and her husband, Chet, took lots of pictures to share at the next reunion. We will miss **Kenneth Jenkins**, our former class vice president, who passed away in February following a brief illness."

1962

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Our reunion committee met early in September to begin planning for our 50th reunion next June. We are excited! The Alumni Center, which probably a lot of you haven't seen yet, is beautiful. It will be a fabulous site for our class dinner on Saturday. By now you have received and possibly returned a questionnaire about your life, family, interests, etc. If you haven't returned it yet, there is still time. If you need another one contact **Stephanie Baute** at 603-352-8227. We hope to include something from you in our booklet. Pictures would be great too!

Please plan on coming to the reunion. Let's make an effort to get together and celebrate our time at KTC-KSC. Also, please remember to give to our class gift fund.

Paul Silva sends this update: "I spent early spring in Australia and beautiful New Zealand and am off to Scotland this fall."

1963

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Betty Gilman sends news: "We had a great time in Sturbridge, MA, at Whistling Swan in July. For

those of you unable to attend, there were 14 of us who gathered for lunch, including me: **Becky Abbott, Judy Bryant Black, Mary Ann St. Cyr Brockelman, Jane Hawkins Goland, Claire Lataille Lanphear, Joyce Gilman McKay, Sandy McKeen Scripture, Mary Ellen Sias, Marjorie Merrill Streeter, Jean Sweeney, Marlene Childs Witham, Ellen Given Wright, and Pat Plante Zemianek.** We spent most of the time sharing old memories, talking about our lives as they are now, and bemoaning the fact that we all are celebrating our 70th birthdays (although it has not slowed us down)! We missed seeing: **Floren Maroncelli**, who was back in Massachusetts from her home in Southern Pines, NC, for a few weeks; **Phyllis Woodward**, who was visiting the week before in New England from Berkeley, CA; **Carol Racicot Lord**; and **Linda McLaughlin Tate.** They managed to connect for a day of catching up, too. We would love to have people with us at next year's luncheon, which will be Wednesday, July 18, 2012. Just contact me or **Becky Abbott** at rabbott8@nycap.rr.com."

Paul Bonneville writes: "Marjorie and I had a great trip to Italy, Croatia, Greece, and Turkey in July of 2011. Hope to see a great turnout at our 50th reunion."

1964

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Lennie Knowles likes to boat and canoe in good weather as well as fish and hunt. He has always lived in New Hampshire, so winter is a fact of life! He is retired.



KSC Alumni Trustee **Robert Baines '68** escorts his daughter, **Catherine Baines Hale '08**, on her wedding day.

Robert Wirta of Contoocook, NH, and Venice, FL, likes to fish and travel. He says that KSC gave him the ability to work with young people. He is taking better care of his physical health now as his golden years are turning into his rusty years!

Peggy Bodwell Adams meets every year with her friends from KSC who were pictured in the 2010 winter issue of this magazine. She enjoys traveling, making photo albums, and being with her children and grandchildren. Peggy and John travel for six weeks every year and then return home to get the greenhouses ready in their apple orchard. Peggy wouldn't change much since she is blessed with a great family and friends.

Richard Doyle writes: "At the Portsmouth High 1961 50th reunion in the fall, I was able to make the acquaintance of long-time column contributor **Mary Sullivan Mallery** and her husband, Paul, from Ballwin, Missouri. Mary was a delight to talk to, as was her husband. We chatted most of the evening at the kickoff dinner. Mary has retired from teaching and enjoys her grandchildren as well as coming back to NH each summer. Paul is a retired science teacher and we discovered many of the problems we experience in New England are very similar to those in the Midwest as well. As a result of this reunion meeting, now I can put a

face to the name!"

Julia Jakobiec Fudala writes: "Headed to Manchester in mid-Sept. for my 50th HS reunion. Looking forward to touring Central HS and seeing old friends. Hard to imagine our only forms of communication were face to face, the old-fashioned written note, and the ever popular rotary phone. We've come a long way! Glad to say, we here in VA survived the earthquake unscathed only 40 miles from the epicenter and 'Irene' is just barely getting us."

1966

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Class secretary **Nancy Coutts** writes: "I missed seeing most of you at our 45th reunion in June. I did see a lot of former students from my theatre and speech classes when I taught at KSC (1973 to 2003). My old theatre buddy, **Dan Lein**, showed up and was amazed at the changes on campus, such as the transformation of the old dining commons to the new Media Arts Center. At the dinner on Saturday, President Giles-Gee reported that Keene State is one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. Hallelujah! Other '66ers who attended were **John and Roberta Barry, Randy Locke, John Shean, and Jim Currier.** After speak-

ing with President Giles-Gee about state budget cuts, **Dan Lein** and I discussed the need to try funding from our class. The class of 1961 raised \$40,000 this year. In five years, such a contribution could be an excellent gift from us as well. We are going to try to organize a fund soon. Stay tuned."

Nancy Antilla Lindgren writes: "I'm working full-time at a middle school in Yakima, WA, as an instructional facilitator. My husband and I spend June through September on our 38-foot trawler and travel 150 miles north of Vancouver Island where we fish and relax with friends."

1967

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William Shea and his wife, Dee, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. He works part-time as a writing specialist for the Nashua school district. They spend a lot of time in Falmouth, MA, boating.

1968

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Eugene Preston is still working in the field as a sail scientist, involved with training new employees. They recently finished preparing sail pits for college and high school sail/land judging competition.

1970

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Class secretary **Maureen Hall** sends news: "Our 40th reunion was a fun time, with many classmates who came from far and wide. **John Barry** came the farthest from California and **Bernie Burnham** drove the longest from her home in Upstate New York. The others who came to renew their ties to KSC were **Susan Kelliher Marshall, Nancy Piotrowski Hanagan, Claire Reynolds Jutras, Kiki Smith Branley, Jackie Price Rzasa, Louise Martineau Gustafson, Michael Kray, John Moody, Blake Richards**, and me. If you are in the Keene area, take time to admire all the beautiful changes that have taken place. Also, stop in at the Alumni Center. What a welcoming addition to our campus.

"This past year, my husband, Colin, and I moved to a 55-and-over community in Hooksett. The area

is still close to my home city of Manchester, where I still see many friends and join in the local activities. Our daughter, Sarah, has three children and lives close by in Henniker. Our son, Doug, lives in San Diego, and we have plans to visit him many years to come. We are enjoying the retired life and keep busy with our family and many friends. How lucky we are."

Susan Kelliher Marshall had a great time at her 40th class reunion. She writes: "It was nice to spend time with old friends and reconnect with some I hadn't seen in 40 years. Our old campus has had a facelift with new buildings and beautiful walking paths. KSC is still one of the most beautiful colleges in the Northeast. **Dan '72** and I are working part-time now after retiring three years ago. Dan works at Stonebridge Country Club during the summer and still coaches skiing at Cannon Mountain in the winter. I teach at Manchester Community College. Since our children Ryan and Matt both work and live in Portsmouth and Abby lives and teaches in Manchester, Dan and I decided to downsize. We bought a condo in downtown Manchester. We've been here for two years and love 'city life.' We are the proud grandparents of Emma Grace. She will be three in October. We get to spend a lot of time with her and love every minute of it.

"I would like to thank **Maureen Sheehan Hall** for all of the time and hard work she puts into being our class secretary. You are appreciated, Maureen."

Linda Hobbs O'Connor is still teaching and enjoying fifth grade at Fuller School in Keene. She and her husband, Terry, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Their oldest daughter, Jessica, is teaching seventh grade at Bailey Bridge Middle School in Chesterfield, VA. Their son, Ryan, and his wife, Kathleen, are parents of seven-month-old John. They are captains in the USAF, stationed in Ohio. The O'Connors' youngest son, Shaun, lives with his wife, Tammy, in Temple, NH.

Linda Jewell Labaire was sorry to miss the reunion. She retired from teaching public school three years ago and is still teaching for a private company. She says, "Imagine me, teaching safety? I love the job! The best part is I can make my own hours. The only thing I can't figure out is where have the years gone?"

Kiki Smith Branley writes: "Kevin and I have three children: two daughters, Lori and Lisa, each with two young sons, and one son, Mike, who graduated from UNH with his master's degree in public administration and is presently doing an internship in Moultonborough, NH. Kevin and I are both retired from teaching PE in Derry, NH, and reside in beautiful downtown Chester, NH. We are pretty active and enjoy many outdoor activities. I still have a horse that I manage to ride sometimes. We also have many interests, including classic cars, canoeing, tennis, biking, and hiking, and manage a trip or two per year. Kevin still runs a painting business, and I have my own business, Best Health Associates, so we have second careers that we feel really good about. This year's reunion was great, especially seeing friends who have been pretty good at attending regularly: **Maureen, Susan, Nancy, Bernie, Jackie, and Claire, and Jewell** who couldn't attend because of her daughter's high school graduation. If you haven't attended a reunion at KSC lately, put it on your things-to-do list and join in. The campus is beautiful and so are the memories. Write to Maureen and fill us in!"

News from **Sarah "Sally" Bingham**: "I received a PhD from the University of Virginia in education in 1993. At the end of this semester, I retired after 26 years from Longwood University. I was honored with the rank of professor emeritus. My plans for retirement are to go through docent training at the UVA museum, to take a master gardening course in early 2012, spend time gardening at my home, continue supervision of student teachers, and do some

Newsline

Want to know more about your classmates and what's happening on campus? Check out Newsline (sites.keene.edu/newsline/), our news blog for alums and parents. We post news as we get it, but you can sign up for a monthly e-mail reminder to check the latest posts. And if you or an alum you know has done something outstanding, let us know!

traveling. I have not been back to Keene since the early '70s, so that will be one of my travel destinations in the near future."

John Barry writes: "I'm writing a play, *Pygmet-Alien*, a parody of Shaw's *Pygmalion*. I have finished my portfolio, "Visual Verbiage," a collection of visual puns, and I'm taking drawing lessons. I've published approximately 3,200 song parodies on amiright.com. I visit my brother in Gilford once or twice a year. My wife and I recently celebrated our 26th anniversary. My son, Sean, lives in Portland, OR, where young people go to retire. I've also done some traveling and hope to do more. I'm looking forward, except for the aging part, to my KSC 50th."

From **Gail Walter Tremblay**: "I have enjoyed catching up with KSC friends over the years! My husband and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. We got married soon after graduation at the United Church of Christ on Central Square in Keene. We have four beautiful daughters and eight beautiful grandchildren. I love to spend time with family at our cottage in Maine. I retired from teaching and from managing our real estate office."

John Moody completed his eight-year term as KSC Alumni Trustee and considers it both an honor and a privilege to have done so. He says it was great to see former classmates at reunion and is looking forward to the 50th.

From **Karen Denholm LeDuc**: "I never made it to reunion even though I live close by. Thanks, Maureen, for keeping everyone connected and coordinating the news. Darryl and I live in Westmoreland and both are retired from teaching. We now have new careers at KSC. I work with methods students in the Early Childhood Department with **Dottie Bauer**, and Darryl teaches courses in American studies and supervises student teachers for English. Both daughters are on their own, and we enjoy our grandchildren."

Louise Parsons Vallee and her husband, Gerry, are enjoying re-

irement in Port Richey, FL. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in September.

Bernie Burnham wrote: "I worked as a teacher for 35 years at Long Lake Central in the heart of the Adirondacks of New York. I coached several sports throughout the years. I am single. I was married for 22 years and have raised three wonderful daughters. I now have five grandchildren – two just born this spring. I enjoy gardening, kayaking, golfing, and reading. I still do some cross-country skiing in the winter, but more and more I enjoy going to a warmer climate for two months in the winter. I love to travel. Most recently, I was in Texas to visit my youngest sister, who is a recent national bronze medalist at the senior national games held in Houston. I enjoy staying in touch with my college friends and anticipate coming to New Hampshire soon for a visit. I have enjoyed part-time jobs since my retirement – at the apple orchard near where I grew up and at the museum near where I live now. I recently joined a hiking group and plan on hiking and cycling this summer rather than working!"

Louise Martineau Gustafson came to the reunion. She has just retired after 30 years as a library media specialist from the Weare school district. She and her husband, **David '72**, live in Dunbarton. David retired in 2004 after 25 years with the *Union Leader* and loves hiking and fishing. Their children are 39, 35, and 34, and live in New York and Wyoming.

News from **Blake Richards**: "I retired after more than 35 years as a teacher and principal and still miss the kids. I try to make up for that by substitute teaching as often as possible. My wife, Maggie (also a longtime teacher and retired), and I live in Salem, NH. We are the proud parents of a wonderful daughter, Kaitlyn, who married Michael last October. It's always great to come back to KSC and see the many wonderful and exciting changes the College has undergone. The

Alumni Center is especially impressive. I hope to see many more of our fellow graduates from the class of 1971 as we move closer to our 50th reunion."

Nancy Piotrowski Hanagan writes: "My husband, Dan, and I enjoy spending our winters in Florida. Last November we drove our daughter, Bridget, to San Diego, where she now lives and works. She loves it out there! Our son, Shawn, married a lovely KSC graduate, **Katie Taber**, in August. Returning to KSC for our 40th reunion was a wonderful and fun experience! It was a job well done by the reunion committee! I am impressed by the campus, which has greatly expanded and is truly outstanding in so many ways. I enjoyed getting together with friends to laugh and reminisce about the good old days! Looking at photos from the past brought back many fond memories and lots of smiles. I personally want to thank **Maureen Sheehan Hall** for all her hard work as our class secretary! I hope to see many more classmates at our 45th!"

1972

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[Ed. note: Apologies to **Sabrina Brown Maltby**, who was no doubt surprised to see the life of one of her classmates attributed to her in the last issue of *Keene State Today*! The note was actually submitted by **Joseph Palumbo**, who wrote: "My son, James, graduated from Stony Brook University. I run my own soccer academy, and went to play in Italy for the Carpi Football Club this winter. I'm the varsity soccer coach at Somers High School in Somers, NY. I received a Coach of the Year award my first year. I took two teams to Italy to play against the Serie A's, A.C. Milan, Brescia, and Roma football clubs."]

1978

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Judith Breckell's son, Joe, attends KSC and is in the Sustainable Product Design and Innovation program.

Donna McGrath Drouin MEd '91 was appointed commissioner of the Connecticut River Joint Commission in February 2011 and elected president of the Walpole Historical Society in April.

1981

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Audrey French Renaud writes: "Hi. I wanted to catch you up on a few things. I've been living in the little town of Dixie, WA, for more than 11 years. It's quite a lifestyle change, but the move has allowed me to reach heights that I only could wish for in New Hampshire. I am a member and occasional soloist of the Walla Walla Choral Society, have been in a folk band, have been on stage at Walla Walla Little Theater, and have sung at the Walla Walla Fair and at Muddy Frogwater in Oregon. I've made a CD called *Stone Walls*, which has 11 original songs, an original poem, and a rendition of "Amazing Grace" that has made even hard hearts melt. Right now it has to be ordered through me, but I'm going to soon have it available on CD-Baby. I'm also a certified teacher of music and English, but haven't yet been able to find a teaching job. Instead, I work as a program manager at the Adult Day Center in Walla Walla. I make jewelry and dream catchers and lots of other stuff and sell it at crafts fairs. Remember my little daughter, Hannah? She now has five children. She and three of the children recently visited me from New Hampshire. I've been back East at least

once a year. The last time was in 2010 for my mom's funeral. It was nice to have family out here for a change. Very soon I'm planning on making a demo "tape" for Garrison Keillor of *Prairie Home Companion*. It's my dream to be a part of his show. Wish me dreams come true."

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From **Mick Carlon**: "I live on Cape Cod with my wife, Lisa, and our two daughters, Hannah and Sarah. I'm entering my 28th year as a teacher in the Barnstable system. In December, Leapfrog Press will be publishing my young adult novel about Duke Ellington, *Riding on Duke's Train*, which has already been adopted by many school systems around the country. In December 2012, Leapfrog will publish my young adult novel about Louis Armstrong, *Little Fred and Louis*. I'm in constant touch with **Mike "Marty" Gyra, Kim**

Dupuis, and Mark Lapin, but would love to get back in touch with **Jim McMullen, Dave Anderson, and Andy Russell**.

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Randall Gates returned from his second tour to Afghanistan, where he was a NATO staff officer at the International Security Assistance Force joint command headquarters. He was presented with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

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Michael Trabucco writes: "Hey, classmates! I hope you all had a great summer. What a reunion we had back in June! Our very own **Sue Anderson Fortier** had a lot to do with the weekend's success, and I know that I, along with about 35 other '86 grads, salute her. It's been 25 years since we celebrated Senior Week, and although we're all, well, 25 years older, I'd say we still know how to have a great time. If you weren't there, your ears may have been burning, 'cause a lot of names came up and a lot of pictures were passed around. If you haven't already, check out our Facebook page: Keene State College Class of 1986. There are plenty of pictures and videos. There's also an alumni page. As I was walking around the campus, remembering how it used to be (Air Band, The Equinox, being an RA, performing at the Arts Center), it felt so wonderful to think back and look around at the place where I spent four great years of my life. (And not having any papers or exams looming over my head made it even better!) Personally, I like remembering KSC the way it was. But things have changed – and for the better, I suppose. Still, I'm a sucker for the old days. Walking around made me think about all of the experiences I had and the people I met there. I stay in touch with a bunch of college friends. But at the reunion, it was so great to



Leslie Burger Ringuette, David Coe, Kristina Hooper Podgwaite, Joyce Manegio Sternberg, Steve Fortier, Sue Anderson Fortier, Holly Hansen, Linda Pritchard and Michael Trabucco, all '86, enjoy their 25th Reunion.

spend time there, with people (some close friends and some who became friends that weekend) who were enjoying the memories as much as I was. Lots of names are mentioned below, but I want to say that **Bob Lofquist** and **Holly Hansen** (who have been friends since the beginning) continue to delight me; **Joyce Manegio Sternberg** and **Kristina Hooper Podgwaite** were so much fun to hang out with; dancing to “Mustang Sally” with **Patty Cassin** was a highlight; the Sigma Rho girls provided a lot of laughs; and seeing folks from Randall Hall circa 1982 like **Derrick DeMarche**, **Troy Delampan**, and **Garrett VanAtta** was truly a blast. So, whether you were at the reunion or not, take a minute to think back. My guess is that in the past 25 years, someone you’ve lost touch with has actually been thinking of you. My hope is that you’ll find them soon – maybe even right here in these class notes. In the last issue, I asked that someone write a note without any personal harassment from me. Kudos go to **Hope O’Shaughnessy!** Happy fall, everyone.”

From **Hope O’Shaughnessy**: “**Paul Petritis ’87** and I recently moved to Upstate New York, where Paul began his new job as dean of instruction last spring at Bryant & Stratton College (Greece, NY, campus). We would love to connect with any alums living in the Rochester area. We enjoy the outdoors and music with our son, Andrew.”

Joyce Manegio Sternberg writes: “Our 25th reunion was a really great time, and it was nice to reconnect, laugh, and reminisce with so many old friends. The accommodations at Pondsides III were nice – not quite on par with Carle Hall circa 1982 – but nice. But seriously, Pondsides III is nicer than a lot of hotels, and it’s hard to call it a “dorm.” I loved rooming with **Kristina Hooper Podgwaite!** (My KSC roommate, **Sue Anderson Fortier**, insisted on staying with her husband, Steve.) We all had a great time going

through yearbooks, photo albums, and the famous freshman register of 1982. **Steve Fortier** supplied us with great food and drinks for our late-night lounge party on Saturday. We even squeezed in a visit to Penuche’s and had lunch at Athens Pizza. Among those who joined our reunion were **Susan and Steve Fortier, Kristina Hooper Podgwaite, Kellyann Sullivan Frank, Linda Pritchard, Dave Coe, Holly Hansen, Michael Trabucco** (who made me laugh so hard my stomach hurt), **Patty Cassin, Leslie Burger Ringuette, Shelly Fortier, Tori Berube, Lauren Forrest Caulfield, Lisa Poirier Wilkinson, Barbara Elliott DiSenso, Lisa Panzo Smyth, Mark Halloran, John LaRusso, Jan Vivian Kielec, Derrick DeMarche, Troy Delampan, Rhonda Cote Tully, John Chia, Lee-Ann (Pollock) and Garrett VanAtta, Keith Couch, Deb MacPhee Brown, Carol Falkenham Arnold, Chris Gray, Ronda Fabian Guberman, Bob Lofquist, John Decker, and Ed Wojenski.** The KSC campus has changed so much since 1986. If you haven’t been back, you should take the time to visit. The new Alumni Center and the Student Center are gorgeous, as are many of the other new buildings. Many buildings are still the same, though, and it was a lot of fun just walking around the campus. I’m already planning to be there for our 30th and hope that many more people will be there too.”

From **Ronda Fabian Guberman**: “It was great being on campus and seeing friends from the past. I especially enjoyed catching up with **Michael Trabucco, Garrett and Lee-Ann Pollock VanAtta, Rhonda Cote Tully, and John Decker!** There were lots of great memories shared throughout the day!”

Kristina Hooper Podgwaite writes: “Hi, all. I had a spectacular time at our 25th reunion! I came away with a whole new appreciation for having attended such a wonderful college. Our new Alum-

ni Center is amazing! My time was well spent reuniting with old friends such as **Joyce Manegio Sternberg, Steve and Sue Anderson Fortier, Kellyann Sullivan Frank, and Linda Pritchard.** We girls continue to get together regularly to celebrate our friendship and birthdays. I also got to spend time catching up with **Troy Delampan.** New friends included **Holly Hansen, Michael Trabucco, Derrick DeMarche, and Dave Coe.** Funny how it only took 25 years to meet them! I had the privilege of giving my 18-year-old daughter, Katherine (she’s attending UConn), a tour recently and was surprised by how sentimental I was in sharing my knowledge of Keene and KSC. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to attend Keene State!”

From **Steve Fortier**: “Sue and I had a great time at the 25th reunion, reconnecting with classmates and celebrating all the great things that everyone is doing. It was extra special for me that many of Sue’s friends were there for her final weekend of duties as Alumni Association president. I agree with her successor when he said that ‘Sue led the Alumni Association through a transformational period that will serve Keene State students and alumni well for decades to come.’ Sue and I are still co-directing the Meeting Waters YMCA, which serves the Fall Mountain region of New Hampshire and the Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Springfield regions of Vermont. In May 2010, Sue graduated from Springfield College with a master’s degree in human services with a focus on organizational leadership. Our son, Sean, is a junior at KSC, where he plays soccer (red-shirting this year after knee surgery in July) and is majoring in social sciences.”

Lisa Poirier Wilkinson writes: “I attended the 25th reunion with **Lauren Forrest Caulfield, Jan Vivian Kielec, Barbara Elliott DiSenso, and Jenny Desmond Wojenski ’87.** We stayed in a suite with none other than **Michael Trabucco**, our fellow Owls

Next 3 neighbor **Holly Hansen, Leslie Burger Ringuette, Steve and Sue Anderson Fortier** (our hard-working, outgoing former Alumni Association president), **Joyce Manegio Sternberg**, and others. The campus and new Alumni Center are beautiful. There are lots of changes. It was wonderful to reconnect with fellow ’86 alums and meet alums from other classes. We, of course, also got in a visit to our old stomping ground, Penuche’s, and played a rather spirited game of foosball. Our Saturday afternoon gathering at Oya Hill – a very different Oya Hill than we remember – was a lot of fun, with Steve’s 1980s music playing in the background. Sue put together a great slide show that brought us right back to KSC in the mid-’80s, including many pictures from Senior Week. It was a fantastic weekend. Thank you KSC and all those who participated in the planning. **Sue Fortier** and **Tori Berube** – great work!”

From **Raymond Bleau**: “Sue and I have been getting into fixing and showing old cars! I have a 1970 Camaro Z28 and Sue has a 1966 Mustang. We miss all the ZBT fraternity brothers and Sigma Lambda Chi brothers for which I was a founding father. Keene was and is an awesome college.”

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From **Michelle Morris Ayer**: “I’ve been derelict in my duties as class secretary for a few years, so I’ve vowed to fix that! To get us

back in the habit of sharing our news and updating each other on where life has taken us since leaving KSC twenty-four (what?!) years ago, I'll start:

"To paraphrase the popular t-shirts, life has been good. My family and I live in Hingham, MA, and I work in Boston at RBS Citizens. My two boys are both in the middle school this year (one 8th grader and one 6th grader) and at the risk of being cliché, I can't believe how fast the time has gone by. To think my eldest will be in high school next year is mind-boggling to me. They are terrific kids and I enjoy every moment with them (even when the teenage angst kicks in). My job is challenging and fast paced, but I really enjoy it. Working full-time and raising a family has its challenges, but nothing that can't be managed with a lack of sleep.

"**Pamela Smith Dyer** and I got to spend some time together in Boston this summer. We had a great time catching up and reliving the good ol' days. Pamela works as a fitness and Pilates instructor in Connecticut and it shows: she looks terrific! We were hoping to see **Kathy Thomas** over the weekend but the plans didn't work out. Kathy is doing great, too, still living in Maine, two fantastic children, Thomas and Samantha. She recently saw some PMD brothers at a fund-raising event for ALS in

Ipswich, but I'll let her fill you in on the details (this means you have to write back, Kathy!).

"I haven't spoken to **Jan Girvan** in far too long, but when I finish writing this, I am going to call her because I miss her and feel terrible that I don't keep in touch like I should.

"There are so many of you out there that I've lost touch with and I would love to hear how you are doing. I know Facebook is a great way to stay connected, but I haven't jumped on the bandwagon yet. Since I'm not on FB, I'm hoping folks will be in touch the "old-fashioned" way and reach out to me though email. I'd love to hear from anyone and a few particular names that come to mind are:

Karen Ann Margaret Bell, Karen Flannery Zacoroli, Diana DeMartino O'Leary, Jen O'Brien, Paul Ouellette, Jim Quine, Dan Hooper, Scott Farnsworth, Kate Caron, Donna DiPerri, Sue Miller, Bill Jacobs, Sue Paige, Cindy Knight, Eric Germain, Chuck Cabot, Tom Pratt, Ron Kurr, Jack Webb, Mark Gardner, Cathy Reilly, Renee Villane, Mary O'Hanlon, Ed Namath. I hope some folks will write and fill us all in with what's going on in your life.

"Our 25th reunion will be next summer so let's try to reconnect and get a great group back up to Keene next year for the big event!"



Kenny Sargavakian '09 and Becky Davenport Sargavakian '09 were married June 3, 2011.

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From **Jeff LaValley**: "Classmates and friends, looking back at the past few issues of *Keene State Today*, I am reminded there has been little news from yours truly. Technology has made it easier to stay in touch, whether following Facebook, tweeting on Twitter, or simply emailing tidbits of news.

"I recently sent a birthday card to my cousin and received a thank you for reviving a "lost art." This led to somewhat of an epiphany that there is indeed something to be said for keeping in touch the old-fashion way — through snail mail. With that in mind, I would appreciate the opportunity to hear from each of you. Okay...if you really want, you can still use Facebook, Twitter, or any other method to let me know of any recent family news (weddings, births), professional accomplishments (new job, promotion), awards and acknowledgments, travels, meetings with classmates, etc.

"**Eric Weinraub** was married for the second time on June 11, 2011, to Paula Siegel in Lake Oswego, OR, where they reside with their dog, Cooper, and children, Tannon, 8, and Paige, 6. **Chris McDermott** and **Mark MacAuley '91** were in attendance. Eric is a senior systems architect for Pega-systems, Inc.

"Just a gentle reminder that our 25th Reunion will be here before we know it in 2013. Now is not too early to start gathering ideas for the types of event(s) you would like to see, along with ideas for a class gift in honor of our special anniversary with our alma mater. Please contact one of your class secretaries if you would like to assist in planning!"

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Connie Harris writes: "**Sarah R. Johnson '10** and I walked together for the Susan G. Komen Three-Day for the Cure in July. We were team Tough Warrior Princesses. Our team raised more than \$108,000! What an accomplishment for 32 people! Sarah walked in honor and celebration of her mother, Mary, who has battled cancer twice. I walked for my neighbor, one of the captains of the team, and friends on the team. Sarah and I met on a training walk in April and started a casual conversation about life — where we live, work, and went to school. We developed an instant bond when we discovered we both graduated from KSC. Even with a 20-year graduation difference, a friendship can be born. We had our picture taken for *Keene State Today*!"

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Xanthe Moss Parian '06 and **Nicholas Parian '06** met and fell in love at KSC. They were married October 10, 2010, on a gorgeous fall day in Haddam, CT. They spent their first wedding anniversary back in Keene. Pictured with Xanthe and Nicholas are members of KSC classes of 2006 and 2007 who attended their wedding: **Jason Sturgeon, Meghan DeSole, Marcus Soutra, Meredith Reinauer Gould, Kat Chieffo, Lauren Costa, Niki Still, Leah Kahl-Devine Ward, Meg McGovern, Matthew Shaker, Amber Bergeron, Jamison Dulude, John Skelton, Colin Amidon, James MacDougall, and Ryan Caruso.**

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Roger Wilkins writes: "Dannielle and I are proud to announce the arrival of our son **Reid Scott Wilkins**, born August 13th. I now join the ranks of all my college buds who are fathers - pretty good club to be a part of! Hope everyone is well."

Pamela Beaman writes: "I recently moved back into the house I grew up in — in Hinsdale, NH. My sister Becky and I run Hinsdale Gravel Company, where we sell and deliver wholesale sand and gravel products to business and residential customers. I also have a personal chef business called Pamela's Pantry, where I prepare meals for my clients in their homes to stock their fridge and freezer, and do special occasion events and dinner parties. I am excited to be attending a 4-day "Culinary Boot Camp" at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, soon, and am also in the midst of planning a trip to Ireland and Italy at the end of the summer with **Alyssa Mullen '94.**

"Alyssa lives in Waltham, MA, and works for WGBH in Boston as a Talent Acquisition and Development Manager, and recently completed her master's degree in human resources. Alyssa keeps in touch with **Amy (Pietchel) Dion**, who lives in Billerica, MA, with her husband, Peter, and son, Jeremy. I've recently had several opportunities to catch up with many of my Keene State friends and EPY Sisters (PC 27 and 28) both online through Facebook and in person. I hosted two gatherings at my house and also attended a birthday party for **Donna (Sullivan) Green**, who lives in Medway, MA, with her husband Sean Green and their son Mason (4). Several KSC and EPY girls were also in attendance.

"**Lesley (Hill) Guzzetta** lives in Trumbull, CT, with her husband, Don, and children, Cole (9) and Lyndsay (7). She's a stay-at-home mom, keeping busy getting the kids back and forth to activities and serving on the board of the PTA.

"**Michelle Rawcliffe** lives in North Providence, RI, and teaches PE and health. She also DJs as DJ Dizzy at various venues.

"**Lynne (Sullivan) Fuller** and her husband, Keith, live in Swanzey, NH, with their children, Nick (10) and Emma (8).

"**Jennifer (Nowak) Campbell** lives in Delmar, NY, with her husband, Jimmy, and their children, Abby (8), Ryan (6), and Molly (2).

"**Pamela (Maxfield) Reynolds** lives in Turners Falls, MA, with her husband, Jason, and their daughters, Catie and Jillian.

"**Jen (Perry) Pugsley** lives in Dorchester, MA, with her husband, Sean, and children, Sean, Maeve, and Brandon.

"**Nicole Stolzenberg** lives in Dover, NH, and works for Microsoft.

"I also keep in touch with **Amy (Mackey) DiPiano '95** who lives in Salem, MA, with her husband, John, and their son, Nathan (2).

"This spring I got together with

fellow 1994 classmates and the Huntress Hall crew from freshman year: **Pamela Maxfield, Jennifer (Perretta) Bennett, Stephanie (Sapienza) Stephens, Carole Ouellette** (who welcomed a new baby girl!), **Jen Murphy, and Lori (Osbourne) Laliberte.**

"It's so nice to see updates on friends from school. I hope more people will make a point to send in updates and pictures to *Keene State Today!*"

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Christopher Ouellette and his wife, **Amy Waterhouse Ouellette '98**, have two daughters, Ewoyn (4) and Istra (2). Eowyn and Christopher wrote a children's book called *Skunk Zoo*. It came out last November on Dancing Skunk Media. They are getting great feedback. Even John Bemelmans Marciano (author of *Madeline*) said that he loved it. Christopher writes, "We are having a lot of fun on our book tour. I don't know if Eowyn know's what the word "famous" means, but people say it to her enough that she knows she's it, whatever it is."

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Barbara Ethel Purmort '36
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September 2, 2011

Barbara Craig '40
July 29, 2011

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Ethel Snyder '42
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Edith B. Hadley '43
June 28, 2011

Harriet Perkins '43
November 21, 2010

Margaret R. Kingsbury '44
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June 23, 2011

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June 11, 2011

Nelson Edoff '51
July 12, 2011

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May 5, 2011

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June 2, 2011

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July 14, 2010

Kenneth Hewitt '56
August 1, 2011

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The Owl and the Scholarship

by Mark Reynolds

The Class of 1951 has given a lot to the college. They're proud of their alma mater and have remained engaged with the school for more than 60 years. In 2001, for their 50th Reunion, they donated the sundial that sits between the rear of the library and the Elliott Center parking lot, and the plaque remembering Dr. Lloyd Young at the Lloyd P. Young Student Center. During his tenure as president (1939-1964) of what was then Keene Teachers College, the beloved Dr. Young personally went out of his way to help many students on campus, including members of the Class of '51, and they haven't forgotten.

The year 2011 marked their 60th Reunion – another big milestone that they wanted to commemorate with something special. When their reunion-planning committee met, they proposed three ideas:

1. an owl sculpture to sit near the Alumni Center
2. a scholarship
3. support for freshman-orientation activities

Committee member Norma Walker '51, often described as the glue that holds her class together, said that since the class had donated the sundial and plaque, "it would be nice to have something on the other side of Main Street beside the Alumni Center. There wasn't an owl statue outside anywhere on campus, and that's been our mascot since 1922 – there should be one."

The committee sent out ballots to the rest of the class and when the votes were counted, the owl and the scholarship were the clear winners. "We are all very interested in scholarships," Walker explained, "so we decided to contribute money to scholarships, plus have an owl created." An appeal went out prior to Christmas 2010, and with the money the class raised then, and had in its treasury, there was enough to fund the owl and add \$10,000 to the Teacher Education Scholarship Fund.

The class contracted Keene Monument Company to create the sculpture, which arrived in mid-September and now graces the Alumni Center courtyard between the Barry Alumni Center and Centennial Hall. The three-and-a-half-foot granite owl, sitting atop a two-and-a-half-foot granite pillar, greets everyone who passes by. The members of the Class of '51 are pleased that they could contribute the new statue, which gives them a presence on both sides of Main Street. "No matter where anyone looks," noted Walker, "they're going to see the Class of '51."

"I'm especially pleased about the scholarship," Walker said, "because I needed help when I was here, and I'm sure most of my classmates did, too." So many of those for whom Keene State made a difference back in 1951 are now in a position to make a difference in current students' lives. And that really *is* wisdom to make a difference.



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To a Great Team



This issue represents numerous changes, at both Keene State College and *Keene State Today*. While many of these are overwhelmingly good, some are bittersweet – in this case, changes on the alumni magazine’s staff.

For the past several years, the great stories and appealing visual content of *Keene State Today* have been created in large part through the many talents of Susan Peery, editor, and Chris Justice, graphic designer. Together, Susan and Chris worked tirelessly to produce a journal that would draw people in to read about the exciting things happening at the college and among our alumni. And, as alumni, faculty and staff, and myriad other readers all know, they did a great job. Now these two professionals are passing the baton to a new team of people.

So, on behalf of everyone who has enjoyed *Keene State Today*, we thank both Susan Peery and Chris Justice for their wonderful contributions. We look forward to stepping up to the plate and striving to maintain the standards of excellence they set for Keene State College and our readers.

Thank you, Susan and Chris!

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