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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Throughout the summer, I have been on the road meeting with members of Congress and state legislators, corporate and foundation executives, NEC alumni, and other friends of the College. The first question I am asked is, “How is the College doing?” The second is something like, “How is the economy affecting NEC? Are enrollment and revenue expanding, and if not, why?”

For over a year now, the topic of primary concern on the global agenda has been the state of the economy and the ripple effect that has been felt in every country and every sector of society. Corporations have tumbled. Bubbles have burst. Money has evaporated. And many are left searching their heads wondering how such a downturn could happen so fast, with so little warning. Higher education has not been immune to the effects of falling stock markets, rising unemployment, plummeting real estate values, and diminished investment portfolios. The notion that the academic function in a promulgated environment, out of touch with the everyday issues of the ‘real world,’ is gone.

On my trips, I was pleased to report that New England College has weathered the economic downturn, and it continues to be in the best financial position it has enjoyed since its founding. There is much still to do, particularly as we strive to support students who struggle to meet the costs of education, develop academic programs which prepare graduates for the new workforce, and transform our facilities to implement advances in educational technologies. However, as a community, we have faced the reality of the economic situation with creativity and resourcefulness, relying on the strengths that have allowed this institution to prosper throughout its history.

NEC’s primary objectives have been to stay true to the College mission. A strong sense of institutional identity and values has informed our decision making at every level. We have developed a strategic plan that reflects the following values: respect for self in the development of personal, social, physical and intellectual abilities; caring and collaborative relationships among members of our community; respect for the varied qualities of individuals, communities, and the world; appreciation of beauty and elegance in the search for truth; a lifelong commitment to ethical and responsible citizenship, including service to the community; the pursuit of ecological sustainability; continuous learning and a lifetime of personal achievement.

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Sincerely,

Michele D. Perkins, Ed.D.
President
College Adventure

Making College Accessible

A blue plastic ball is tossed around the basement classroom of the Hillside Middle School in Manchester, New Hampshire. Each student who catches it calls out his or her name and country of origin. Nepal, Tanzania, Somalia, Puerto Rico, Russia, Ukraine, Albania, Iraq, El Salvador, Korea, Brazil. The ball toss was an ice breaker, meant to call attention to the rich international mix of Manchester’s population.

The New Hampshire Department of Education estimates that as many as 120 different languages are spoken in the state. Many of them right here. Through a grant from Campus Compact, the New Hampshire College and University Council, and with funding from Jane’s Trust, the College Adventure Program allowed students and staff from New England College in Henniker, New Hampshire, to present workshops at the Hillside Middle School for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the English Language Learners program.

According to Diane Raymond, Director of Admission at New England College, “The program was designed to help students discover their educational goals. We wanted to get them excited about the variety of colleges and careers available to them as well as the requirements for applying to college and being accepted.”

“How many of you have seen a college campus?” an NEC student asks the group. Only one hand is raised. Students from the College describe their majors, their career aspirations, and some of the community service projects in which they are involved. “Do you know what you want to do when you grow up?” another NEC student asks. The response is enthusiastic. A nurse. Soccer coach. Engineer. Doctor. “I’d like to help many people in my country,” said one student. “I’d like to save lives.” “The College Adventure Program is one way of closing the gap between the dream of a fulfilling career and the reality of achieving one.

On a sunny day in April, approximately 60 of the College Adventure students travelled to Henniker, New Hampshire for a visit to the New England College campus. They went on a scavenger hunt, took tours of the campus, visited the computer lab, and spent time getting to know college students. After lunch in the College’s cafeteria, which included dishes with multiple scoops of ice cream, students had an opportunity to reflect on their college adventure.

Gustavo from Brazil thought using the computer in the library was the best part. He was thinking about chemistry as a possible major. Vanina from Albania and Joman from Iraq were all about math. And Firuza from Russia liked everything about the day.

From the College’s perspective, the grant created another opportunity for community outreach and connecting with groups that have historically been underserved. Admission Director, Diane Raymond, summed up the experience, “I have to tell you this was one of my favorite projects. I was proud of the way our College community came together to create an amazing experience for these wonderful middle school students.”

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KATIE RAMOS
PHOTOS: KATHLEEN WILLIAMS
COMMENCEMENT 2009

Excerpts from presentations of speakers and honorary degree recipients

Bella English
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa
Author and journalist with the Boston Globe, Boston, Massachusetts

More than ever this country needs a new generation of leaders to bail us out of the mess that my generation has made for you. So my brief advice to you is, while you’re looking for a job, and after you have one, raise your hand and volunteer. Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Hrair Balian
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa
Director of Conflict Resolution, The Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia

When I decided more than 20 years ago to devote my professional life to public service, that is human rights, conflict resolution, or chasing peace, the promotion of the rule of law and democracy, I did not expect any rewards except the satisfaction that at least perhaps some of my efforts would give hope to people in some distant and dismal and forgotten corner of the world.

My hope today is that this award would serve as an inspiration for some of you new graduates, to devote your own careers and lives to public service. You will not regret it. Hard work, but you will not regret it.

Delfeayo Marsalis
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa
Musician, composer, producer, New Orleans, Louisiana

To the graduating class I’d like to say that one of your greatest gifts and subsequent responsibilities is your ability to make a positive difference in the lives of your family, friends, colleagues, and unfamiliar persons, regardless of how brief your acquaintance may be.

Here at NEC your teachers have given you guidance and grief. They have shown you love and frustration. They have championed your triumphs and acknowledged your struggles with hopes that their efforts will assist you in your future endeavors. If life is indeed about solving problems, today signifies that you have successfully taken and passed a very important exam - one that requires preparation, tests methodology and practical application.

Kevin Gomez, B.A.
Undergraduate Class Speaker

We are a family of people from every corner of the globe who came to Henniker, New Hampshire to seek enlightenment and experience life.

Edward A. Bond, Jr. ’78
Chairman, Board of Trustees

As you receive your diploma today, you join the ranks of over 13,000 alumni of New England College and you share in common with them their sense of accomplishment and their desire to make their mark in the world. You are now in the company of some truly gifted alumni of New England College.

Luke Igweobi, M.S.
Graduate Speaker

Our training here at NEC has given us not only a unique status, but unique responsibilities, to be a source of inspiration to those whose lives and futures seem uncertain. We will be the change we want to see in the world. We will raise our voice on behalf of those who have no voice. We will identify not only with the powerful but with the powerless.

Michele D. Perkins, Ed.D.
President

Today I would like to give you three pieces of advice on the subject of change: Embrace it. Better yet – seek it out. If you don’t, it’s going to find you anyway. When we wait for change to find us, sometimes it doesn’t come in a form that is most welcome to us. Become an educated risk taker. Being a risk taker is really about getting ahead of the curve when it comes to change. And when you anticipate change you have a better chance of using it to your advantage and not becoming a victim of it.

Know yourself well enough to be able to distinguish between your real limits and your perceived limits. Often we fail to challenge ourselves when we lack the courage or the motivation to push ourselves past what we think are our limitations and into an area that is far less comfortable but much more rewarding. Getting out of your comfort zone could mean the difference between a life of security and a life of greatness.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Men's lacrosse was selected sixth in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) pre-season poll in 2009. Early season losses to #9 ranked Washington College (17-3) and Roger Williams University (9-5) didn't dampen the Pilgrims' spirits. They pulled off their first conference win of the season against the University of New England (11-9) with help from attacker Matt Vozzolo (Somers, CT). Vozzolo scored three goals in the third quarter to rally the Pilgrims and ignite a winning streak. The Pilgrims took on Nichols College and scored three final quarter goals for the 8-7 win and earned their TCCC conference standing at 2-2. Seven first quarter goals sparked an overwhelming win against the Daniel Webster Eagles (22-2) that would even out the Pilgrims' overall record at 2-2. The Pilgrims' crusade continued as they exploded for 12 first half goals against Anna Maria College for a 16-6 win. The winning surge ended when the Pilgrims lost to Western New England College (18-4). But Matt Carey (Medford, NY) pulled the Pilgrims back into winning mode with five goals against Plymouth State University for a 10-1 win. The opening round of the ECAC New England tournament pitted the Pilgrims against #6 seeded Castleton State College. Attackers Matt Vozzolo netted five goals leading the Pilgrims to a 9-5 victory and sending them to the ECAC New England Semifinals against #2 seeded Wheaton College. The Pilgrims battled their way past Wheaton to advance to their first-ever ECAC New England Championship game against Endicott College. Although Endicott prevailed in the championship game, the Pilgrims came away with an overall record of 10-5 and a Commonwealth Coast Conference record of 5-4. The season ended with a home playoff game, a berth to the ECAC New England Tournament hosting and opening round, and a run at the ECAC New England Championship.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Pilgrims looked to their veteran team for the 2009 season. An early loss to Roger Williams University dropped the Pilgrims to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC). Senior attack Emily Tangray broke an early scoring streak in an overtime match with the University of New England and spiked out a 14-13 victory. The Pilgrims' confidence was boosted with their second win against Nichols College posting an outstanding 18-6 score. Tangray led again in another overtime win against the Keene State Owls (19-18). In the Pilgrims' fourth straight win of the season, Tangray netted eight goals including the game winner to the NEC record for most goals in a single game. Two losses to Western New England College (9-7) and Smith College (7-3) would drop the Pilgrims to a 4-6 record overall. The spell wouldn't last long as the Pilgrims exploded against Daniel Webster College with 13 first half goals and a crushing 17-2 victory. Teammates Brandi Vittum and Jodie Dresser would join Tangray in the scoring frenzy against Curri College with each netting four goals to lift the Pilgrims to another win (20-17). In TCCC Semi-final action, the Pilgrims faced off against Endicott College after a 13-12 overtime win against Gordon College. Endicott would defend their TCCC championship position with a 4-11 win over the Pilgrims in the semifinals. But the veterans earned a bid to the ECAC New England Tournament as #5 seed to face off against #4 seed Western New England College in the quarterfinal play. A second half rally that posted seven goals was not enough to lift the Pilgrims past Winnacunnet and their 15-10 win. The Pilgrims finished their 2009 season with a 19-9 overall record and a Commonwealth Coast Conference record of 5-4. The team earned their sixth consecutive TCCC post-season berth, advanced to the semifinal round and received the program's third-ever bid to the ECAC New England Tournament. Goaltier, Alexandra DiRico (Limerick, PA) completed the 2009 season among the top NCAA Division III national leaders with a first place finish in saves (249) and tenth place finish in save percentage (.537). In a pre-season poll, the NEC Pilgrims were selected #9 in The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC). The team dropped a pair of early games to Salve Regina College (3-9 and 7-5) and split a double-header home opener with Eastern Nazarene College falling to the Crusaders in game one (3-6) but taking control of game two (10-9). Roger Williams University picked up two wins against the Pilgrims (6-0 and 4-3) as did Curry College (14-6 and 9-1). The Pilgrims continued their battle with two close games against in-state opponent Keene State College (2-6 and 4-6). League-leading Endicott College took two games from the Pilgrims (14-6 and 8-1) and Anna Maria College grabbed a pair (5-4 and 2-1). By the end of spring break, the team had turned the tables and posted impressive 7-4 wins over Fisher College, Keen College, and Crown College, captured conference wins over Eastern Nazarene College and Gordon College, and swept a series with Regis College. At the conclusion of the 2009 season, the softball program came away with an overall record of 10-28 and a TCCC record of 4-20.

SOFTBALL

After starting their season in Florida, the NEC baseball team dropped the season opener to Western New England College. A pair of one-run games went to conference opponent Salve Regina College (5-4 and 0-1) but taking control of game two (10-9). Roger Williams University picked up two wins against the Pilgrims (6-0 and 4-3) as did Curry College (14-6 and 9-1). The Pilgrims continued their battle with two close games against in-state opponent Keene State College (2-6 and 4-6). League-leading Endicott College took two games from the Pilgrims (14-6 and 8-1) and Anna Maria College grabbed a pair (5-4 and 2-1). By the end of spring break, the team had turned the tables and posted impressive 7-4 wins over Fisher College, Keen College, and Crown College, captured conference wins over Eastern Nazarene College and Gordon College, and swept a series with Regis College. At the conclusion of the 2009 season, the softball program came away with an overall record of 10-28 and a TCCC record of 4-20.
of the season over Gordon College. The team posted an overall record of 10-23 and a Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) record of 5-17 for the season. Senior Jordan Morgan (Weymouth, MA) was named Co-TCCC Player of the Week for his performance during the final week of the season. He racked up four home runs in the first of two games against Gordon and collected 15 RBI. In the second game he knocked in his fourth home run of the day and posted three more RBI. His percentage for the week was a staggering .636.

WINTER 2008-2009

MEN’S ICE HOCKEY

The NEC men’s ice hockey picked fourth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Pre-season Coaches’ Poll with rivals Castleton State College coming in first. Babson College at second, and Norwich University claiming the top spot. In a thrilling home opener, Jim Pouliot (Hooksett, NH) scored the overtime game winner against Castleton State College (3-2). The Pilgrims held visiting Skidmore College scoreless with a 2-0 win and Bill McGinnis (Williams Lake, B.C.) netted a hat-trick against Nichols College to lead the Pilgrims to a 10-0 stampede against the Bison. The winning streak was extended in a close call with Wentworth Institute of Technology (3-2) but was snapped in a meeting with Connecticut College (2-1). The Pilgrims picked up the pace again with back to back wins over Curry College (5-2) and St. Anselm College (7-0) and posted another win over Bowdoin College (4-2). Yet to be beaten on their home ice, the Pilgrims edged visiting Curry College in a 4-3 game. Just 23 seconds into overtime play, Plymouth State University scored against the Pilgrims to lead the Pilgrims to a 10-0 stampede against the Bisons. McGinnis (Williams Lake, B.C.) netted a hat-trick against Nichols College (6-3) allowing NEC’S Eric Lenahan (Point Pleasant Beach, NJ) to score a career-high 18 points during the game. Still searching for their first conference win, the Pilgrims fell to Colby-Sawyer College (48-71) dropping the Pilgrims to a 2-13 overall. The match-up with Colby-Sawyer College was followed by a series of defeats by Nichols College (90-62), Gordon College (87-58), Salve Regina College (99-77), Curry College (75-55), Eastern Nazarene College (79-49), Endicott College (73-63), and Westwood Institute of Technology (79-79). The men’s ice hockey team finished the season with an overall record of 1-14 and a conference record of 4-10.

The Pilgrims rebounced defeating visiting Castleton State College 68-57. A close match-up with Rivier College resulted in a 69-65 win for Rivier followed by an 83-67 defeat at the hands of Newbury College. The Pilgrims then posted a big win against SUNY Cobleskill (64-61) allowing NEC’S Eric Lenahan (Point Pleasant Beach, NJ) to score a career-high 18 points during the game. Still searching for their first conference win, the Pilgrims fell to Colby-Sawyer College (48-71) dropping the Pilgrims to a 2-13 overall. The match-up with Colby-Sawyer College was followed by a series of defeats by Nichols College (90-62), Gordon College (87-58), Salve Regina College (99-77), Curry College (75-55), Eastern Nazarene College (79-49), Endicott College (73-63), and Westwood Institute of Technology (79-79). The men’s ice hockey team finished the season with an overall record of 1-14 and a conference record of 4-10.

WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY

The NEC women’s ice hockey team struggled through the first few games of their 2008-09 season with losses to Elmira College (8-9) and Utica College (5-0) but bounced back with the home opener against Castleton State College winning 5-3. In the next few games Norwich University edged the Pilgrims 2-1, the Pilgrims showed a weekend match-up falling to MIT (2-3) but defeated St. Michael’s College 3-1, and dropping their game with the University of Southern Maine. The team posted a significant 9-0 win against Plymouth State University but were shut out 4-0 by St. Anselm College. A mid-season rally picked up a crucial win over Concord State, an overtime win against Wesley College, a shutout against MIT (4-0), and a win against Castleton State College. The winning streak was broken by Ambrose College (2-3) followed by a loss to Holy Cross (2-1). Another weekend match-up posted a 2-1 win for the Pilgrims against Plymouth State University but a 2-0 loss against Southern Maine, followed by a loss to Salve Regina (2-0). In their final regular season home game, NEC captured a win against Colby College. The Pilgrims succumbed to the Southern Maine Huskies in the ECAC East Quarterfinal match-up (0-3) and finished the season with an overall record of 6-13 and a conference record of 4-9. For her performance during the season, Ashley Hutton was named to the ECAC East All-Academic Team.

NEC ATHLETES INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The following students have been named to the Chi Alpha Sigma National Honor Society. The honor society is the first national scholar-athlete society to recognize those collegiate student-athletes who have excelled both in the classroom and in athletic competition.

TREVOR TURNER – WESTBURY, BRITISH COLUMBIA
PHOTO BY: JEN TOOF

ASHLEY HUTTON – PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND
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COACH SUSAN M. MURRAY – ON SUCCESS

For generations, the public has turned to star athletes and winning coaches for their secrets of success. There is something about their remarkable records, their ability to triumph over adversity, and their mental preparedness that can easily be adapted to a thousand disciplines off the playing fields. Their down home, common sense philosophy encompasses everything from baseball legend Babe Ruth’s observation, “Every strike brings me closer to the next home run,” to hockey’s Wayne Gretzky’s admonition to “Ske a to where the puck is going, not to where it is.”

So when it came time for the next generation of athletic analogies, it made perfect sense to look for inspiration close to home to one of New England College’s most successful coaches, Susan M. Murray.

As head field hockey coach, Susan’s record is enviable. She has completed 27 seasons at New England College. She turned around a dismal first year 3-8-2 performance to a solid 9-7 in her second season for the College’s first winning record in 10 years. In 1997, when the Commonwealth Coast Conference added field hockey as a conference-sponsored sport, the NEC Pilgrims won their first of 10 conference championships. The past seven wins have been consecutive. Her teams have gone to the NCAA Division III National Field Hockey Championship nine times—again, the past seven in a row.

Such a solid record of success must come from an equally solid strategy. But for Coach Murray success is neither simple nor easy. “It’s a puzzle,” she says. “A puzzle with different pieces that must be put together every single year.” Success, for Murray, has four critical components:

Preparedness

“I start each season by setting expectations with my team. I expect to win. I motivate my players to understand that this is the time to give your best. You can’t wait 10 years from now to give your best. You have to give your best every day, every practice, every game. Also, as a team, we learn how to manage pressure. Our practices are very intense. We set up our drills to work through it. When we get to a big game and we start to feel the pressure, it’s not a surprise. We are accustomed to it already. We don’t fall apart under pressure.”

Vision

“As a coach, I am not arbitrary. There is a reason for everything that we do. It is all part of a larger vision; part of a plan that will bring us to our goals. Each year we have to build a cohesive team. It’s not a case of me against the team. I need to get every player to buy into the program. It’s all about respecting yourself, your teammates, your coaches and managers, the game, and creating a healthy relationship with each. There are 22 members on our team. That means 22 different styles, 22 sets of parents, 22 personal agendas. That can mean a lot of disparity. I understand that my job is, on day one, to take these 22 players from a place of disconnect to a place where they can come together to be one team.

“I need those players to know that we win as a team and we lose as a team.”

Skil

“All the teamwork and respect won’t take you very far unless you have skills. We have long practices. We spend a lot of time running, working on ball control, passing, and receiving. We build stamina. If we have the skills, we can control the game. We work on visualization, picture yourself on the field, in your uniform, with your stick. You know what it is like to win and you know how much work it takes to get there. Our players are able to stay focused for 70 to 80 minutes. On our team, every player recognizes that all jobs are important. Each person knows what their job is and they know they need to do their job. If you are a goalkeeper, your job is to make the save. If you are a forward, your job is to score. Players have already been challenged in their practices, so they can easily rise to the occasion when it comes to competition.

The culture that I am trying to create is one where we are all doing our jobs, we have established healthy relationships, and we all function together as a team.”

Tradition

“We can measure success in lots of ways: by building skills and giving women confidence, creating healthy relationships through hard work, and common goals. But I also talk a lot about the history of the program and the responsibility each player has to a larger perspective. I want them to be good citizens, good students, good athletes, but they need to know that there is a sense of commitment to all the people who have been associated with the program in the past as well. I constantly hear from former players. Parents of current students come to games as well as parents of those who have already graduated. Wherever we play, we have fans and past players who come to support us and cheer us on. It’s about seeing yourself as part of a larger picture and being the best you can be.”

“How do you win? It’s complex. It’s putting many pieces together. Things have to match up. My job is to see what each team needs each year and to put all the pieces together and complete the puzzle.”

About Susan M. Murray

Susan Murray graduated from Keene State College where she played field hockey and lacrosse and earned her undergraduate degree in physical education with a concentration in coaching and a minor in psychology. She was hired as the first women’s athletic director at New Hampshire College, now Southern New Hampshire University. For the next four years, she managed the athletic program and coached field hockey; in various years, she served as the college’s assistant director of housing, and coached volleyball, basketball, and softball. She attended the master’s program at Northeastern University in Boston and later received her J.D. from Western New England College School of Law in Springfield. Upon graduation from law school, Susan worked for a legal publishing firm in Boston but was recruited back to Western New England College School of Law to serve as assistant dean in charge of alumni relations, development, and career services. While there, she also taught an adjunct at Springfield College. An avid skier, Susan returned to her beloved native New Hampshire to coach field hockey and softball and teach at New England College. She is an Associate Professor of Sport and Recreation Management, after serving for several years as the chair of the Criminal Justice Department. Susan is married to an NEC alumnus, Jim Doremus ’79, M’97, and they live in Henniker with their son, Jackson Murray Doremus.”
“We will be looking at opportunities to engage the entire campus on a variety of levels including ways to make sustainability relevant to everyone’s interests.”

Mark Mitch, Associate Professor of Environmental Science

2009 Robert A. Kilgore Faculty of the Year Award

Mark Mitch

Associate Professor of Environmental Science

During his introduction of Professor Mark Mitch, 2009 recipient of the Robert A. Kilgore Faculty of the Year Award, Dr. Don Melander described a person with a seamless connection between his teaching and his life. The award was presented to Professor Mitch at the College's May Commencement, not only for his exemplary teaching but for his ability to integrate his innovative work in sustainability with the mission of the College and the curriculum of his classes.

This year, first-year students at New England College will get an early introduction to Professor Mitch's passion for sustainability. "We are looking at what we can do at orientation to start students off with an understanding of the importance of recycling and the use of resources," he said. He hopes to get students fired up about a program to recycle paper on campus. "The recycling of paper at NEC is not as organized as the initiative to recycle bottles and cans. We are very pleased with the community’s response so far. Even those who were initially skeptical have been supportive of the next steps."

Concerned with the College's physical appearance, Professor Mitch is looking for ways to minimize the litter on campus, particularly cigarette butts. "As small as that would seem, it can have a big impression on visitors in terms of how our campus looks," he noted. "These are small steps that we can take to contribute to the community."

Looking farther out, Professor Mitch began work this summer on a community garden. "This is a multi-year project," he noted. "This year we will start with preparing the ground, removing grass and plants, and assessing the quality of the soil. The proposed garden will be located behind Rowe Barn on Western Avenue where there is a large open area and room for parking." This will be a collaborative effort between students at the College and members of the local community. The town's response has been very enthusiastic. Our plan is to provide plots between students at the College and the local community. The town’s response has been very enthusiastic. Our plan is to provide plots, and members of the local community will be participating in the effort. They will receive assistance from the College’s facilities staff and any college students interested in working on the garden."

Professor Mitch points out that, on many campuses, organic gardening and sustainable living are often an extension of the institution's sustainability programs. Reflecting on what sparked his interest in the sustainability movement, Professor Mitch cited two factors: the College's commitment to sustainability by incorporating it into its mission and values; and the enthusiastic response of students to his 2006 class in environmental ethics. "This interest and commitment inspired me and gave me the realization that this was something we needed to pursue," he remarked. According to Professor Mitch, "it is important for institutions like colleges and universities to adopt environmentally sustainable practices and demonstrate how the infrastructure needed to support these practices can work. He believes the recent appropriations funding received by the College through Congressman Paul Hodes’ office is an opportunity to further the cause of sustainability both inside and outside the classroom. "Educatings students to be the next generation of professionals in the field is essential; but this fall we are adding a major in sustainability across the curriculum and encourage others to do the same."

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Pono Jaffe, Mgr. of Communications and Media Relations

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PHOTO: DON MELANDER, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMICS AND PROFESSOR MARK MITCH
The past year has been a busy one for the Office of Advancement as we increase our ability to advance the College through friend-raising and fundraising. The Advancement team has created connections for alumni and friends, supported our talented faculty, and raised the visibility of the College. With the College’s mission as the foundation for our work, we continue to seek opportunities to identify and serve those who share our commitment to investing in the mission that creates a creative learning environment where our students transform themselves and their world.

Sustainability is an important element of the mission of the College. With the commitment and support of various campus groups including our student-organized Environmental Action Committee, the campus-wide Sustainability Task Force, and the NEC Department of Campus Operations, the College has taken great strides over the past two years to adopt and implement environmentally sound initiatives and practices.

COVERED BRIDGE RENOVATION

The pride of the Town of Henniker and New England College, the covered bridge underwent extensive renovation this spring. The bridge’s roof was removed, roof trusses were tightened, and a second row of repairs since the bridge was built 37 years ago. Constructed by Milton Graton and his son, Arnold, the bridge measures 136’7” in length and covers a 114’6” span of the Contoocook River. Using Ithiel Town’s 1820 patent for lattice truss construction, Graton employed historic building techniques in the construction of the bridge including the use of a tram of men to haul the framed trusses across the river. The covered bridge is one of 54 of its kind in the State of New Hampshire and functions as a walkway from the College’s main campus to the outlying athletic fields. It is also symbolic for the College’s relationship with the larger community and allow NEC to host high school and NCAA tournament games.

GRANT-WRITING PROGRAM

Our robust grant-writing program consistently issues numerous funding requests adding up to more than $1,000,000 at any given time. These projects support the work of our faculty, research initiatives, and campus improvements.

ALUMNI MATTERS!

One of the projects that we are most excited about is the multi-faceted electronic communication plan that will allow alumni direct contact with each other and with the College. Through our own social networking site called, “Alumni Matters!” alumni of the College will be able to share personal interests and participate in a forum for networking. Other elements include: an integrated platform with Facebook; email marketing through the monthly ALUMNIT In-Touch e-newsletter; an opportunity to update class notes online; message boards; personalized alumni pages; online giving; and networking opportunities for career services and mentoring.

FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS AWARD

This year, the College was awarded $300,000 in appropriations funding made possible through the office of Congressman Paul Hodes (D-NH). With the appropriations funds, New England College will develop a non-fossil fuel heating system for a campus building. Although there are additional details to be determined, this project will allow the College to continue to move towards its goal of a sustainable campus. The project is currently being reviewed by the U.S. Department of Energy for recommendations on the most efficient system that can be implemented with the appropriations funds awarded to the College.

The public phase of an aggressive fundraising campaign to build an artificial turf field on campus is in full swing. Not since the construction of the Center for Educational Innovation in 2005 has the College embarked on such an ambitious and significant construction project. Over $1.2 million has already been raised toward the $1.5 million goal and the Advancement Office is confident that the remaining funds can be secured through alumni support as well as corporate and foundation gifts.

The construction of the turf field sends a strong message to our current students, prospective students, and parents, that the College is in sound financial shape and has the ability to move forward with an important campus project. A competitive playing field will not only attract new students interested in varsity athletics, but will appeal to those students pursuing recreational and wellness activities as well. The new playing facility will also strengthen the College’s relationship with the larger community and allow NEC to host high school and NCAA tournament games.
A MESSAGE TO THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE COMMUNITY FROM GARRETT PIERCE PRESIDENT, NEC ALUMNI BOARD

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

which has brought me great pleasure to represent the Alumni Board of Directors and NEC Alumni community over the past few years. In partnering with you I feel we have made great strides. As I wrap up my tenure as President, I thought it might be helpful to highlight some of the initiatives the Alumni Board has been part of:

• Reached 100% in donations from Alumni Board to NEC in 2008;
• Established the Alumni Scholarship Fund and awarded the first Alumni Scholarship in 2008;
• Active supporter of the Annual Fund – Alumni Board participated in call campaigns to convert unfulfilled alumni pledges to the Annual Fund;
• Assisted the Office of Career Services in identifying internship sites;
• Alumni Board call campaigns to prospective students and parents;
• Worked with Admission Office to initiate and implement Prospective Student Interview Program – this program was designed to interview prospective students and help expand the outreach capacity of their staff;
• Coordination of the prestigious Alumni Awards: Lee Clement; William Troy; Outstanding Achievement; and Honorary Alumni;
• Participation in the following events: Alumni and Family Weekend; Boston Alumni Event; Batemans Chiar and Grill; Student Care Packages; Admission Alumni Events; Senior Class Dinner; Commencement; Golf Classic; Best regards,

Garrett Pierce ’93
President
NEC Alumni Board

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR

C apturing the experience for the thousands of students who studied at New England College’s campus in Arundel, West Sussex, England, is nearly impossible in the scope of one article. What follows is a sampling of the wealth of stories that, woven together, creates a rich tapestry of memories.

The common thread that runs throughout is the transforming experience described by students and faculty alike.

Every Town Had a Theatre and a Pub

Leigh Podgorsky, Class of 1975, transferred to NEC from Boston University specifically to go to Arundel and spent two years there studying theatre. One of her earliest recollections is arriving in Trafalgar Square in London on New Year’s Eve. “There were people jumping in the fountain! I had never even been out of the country. I was just amazed!” she remembers. Leigh and nine other students in the theatre program spent a month rehearsing five plays: two full-length and three one-act plays. They packed up a van and took their production on the road performing throughout England and Scotland. The troupe played at a variety of venues including the American Embassy in London and, on another occasion, a makeshift theatre in a private home. “You really found out what it meant to be an actor,” she noted. “You were so well-regarded as an artist. You drive, you pull into a town, you set up the stage, and you perform. Every town had a theatre and a pub.”

Leigh remembers a lot of unrest in the United States in the 70s. “One thing you realized is how much you loved your country,” she reflects. “You can see it with fresh eyes. I was able to see the good things about my country.” Upon her return to the United States, Leigh continued her work in the theatre. After several years acting in productions in San Francisco and New York, she gravitated to writing for the stage and ultimately started producing and directing her own work. “My training for playwriting was the acting I did in England,” she said. “As a result of that experience my work is written with the actor in mind.”

Remembering Arundel

It was the ultimate educational experience – a living and learning community where experiential education was the underlying concept. It was also a true melting pot where students from every culture interacted, even those who might be natural enemies in their own homeland could live together as roommates. There was art and theatre and tea at 3:30 and an opportunity to explore the European continent at a time when backpacking, hiking, and bicycling were the preferred means of travel. There were festive gatherings in the great hall and dancing until the early morning hours. There was a pinhole game that started at midnight and ran until dawn. And there was the Pub – the Tortington Arms Pub – at the heart of it all.
Remembering Arundel

Leigh sums up her experience in just a few words, "There was nothing like Arundel. I'll have that always."

I Missed the Revolution by a Day

Don Melander, NEC's Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, served as the Director of the British campus between 1977 and 1979. Don's arrival on a dark and damp Sunday left him thinking, "What am I in for?" But as the sun came out on Monday morning and Don began meeting his new colleagues, all his concerns vanished. "All the tensions dropped away," he said. "This was a great place to be. The social life was extraordinary."

International Night was a favorite celebration on the Arundel campus each fall and spring semester. It was a time when all students, faculty, staff, and their guests could get together to acknowledge the truly diverse nature of the community. Early in the day, students dug large pits and roasted whole lambs. The meal was served in the dining hall decked out with the flags of all the countries represented on the campus and, after dinner, guests moved to the large room next door for a night of dancing. And there were other epicurean occasions as well. Some of the Lebanese students made arrangements with the innkeepers of the Black Rabbit Pub to cook a traditional dinner for their College friends. Guests were invited to "dress" for dinner and brandy and Havana cigars were enjoyed after the meal. "Students were so sophisticated," said Don. "It was wonderful to see." One day an international student made an appointment to see Don with an unusual request. "You have to do something about the ghosts," Don was told. "Things are moving around my room."

Approximately half the student population at Arundel came from the United States and half from countries around the world, with a large contingent of students from the Middle East. In 1978 Don accompanied NEC President Ken Commissary on a trip to the Middle East to meet parents and alumni and recruit new students. Scheduled to fly from Kuwait to Iran, Don was unable to book a flight to Tehran on the day of his choice. "If I had flown the day I had wanted, I would have landed in the middle of the Iranian revolution and wouldn't have been able to leave the country for as long as six months. I missed the revolution by one day!" In a circuitous route to leave Jordan, Don met three alumnae from the Arundel program in Amman together, they took a bus across the desert and hired ponies to travel to the ancient town of Petra.

In another visit to the Middle East, Don remembers watching a group of young boys playing soccer in a Roman coliseum. "I couldn't help but think that children had been playing right here for over 2000 years," he mused. "In coming from the United States to England, you immediately become aware of moving from a relatively young country to one with hundreds of years of history. But when you visit the Middle East, you can literally see thousands of years of history all around you."

A Pint A Day

No one thought it unusual that the Director of Campus Safety, Bill Eckford, was also the bartender at the Tortington Arms Pub on the Arundel campus. Students were legally able to drink at the time and the pub was one of the centers of community life. Eric Braun, Dean of Students on the British campus from 1994 to 1996, received some unusual advice from the Scotsman. "Tell your students to come to the pub every night for a pint of beer," he said. "It's the best way to create a sense of community, and besides, that way I can keep an eye on them."

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Eric Braun holds the distinction of being the only person to serve as the Dean of Students on both the Arundel and Henniker campuses. “It was all about the people,” he noted. The position in Arundel was his first job after completing graduate school and he took it without seeing the campus beforehand. His wife, Sarah, had been offered a job at the University of Sussex nearby, and their first child, Noah, was born in Arundel. Eric remembers students from royal families coming to the British campus at Arundel. “It was a place where they could be removed from the spotlight of their own countries and live just like anyone else,” Eric describes the student experience as fundamentally experiential in nature. “Students could visit art galleries and historic sites. Classrooms were open and faculty were free to teach on the grounds or by the pool. The chapel, built around 1300 A.D. was converted into a theatre. Students took advantage of all of these opportunities and faculty encouraged them to. It was a brilliant concept.”

Our Town
“You grow up in your neighborhood in high school and it was your town versus other towns,” said Steve Geremia, Trustee of New England College and Class of 1985. “When you went to college you met people from other parts of the country. But going to Arundel, suddenly you were aware of an identity that you never imagined before – being an American. If you were studying in Europe at the time, the perception was that you were rich,” he noted. “The experience gave me a much broader sense of identity than I would have gotten had I studied only in Henniker.”

Steve, and his wife, Carol, whom he met at Arundel, took a three-week bike trip around England. “We went to Glastonbury, Bath, and the Isle of Wight,” he remembers. He spent his fall break in Paris, went back in January for eight weeks, and returned in the spring for ten days. He was living on a houseboat on the Seine River at Christmas and spent Easter at a B&B in the shadows of Notre Dame Cathedral. On a trip to Amsterdam, he and a friend decided to visit East Germany before returning to campus. Missing their train connection, the pair had to walk back to Check Point Charlie at the Berlin wall well after the midnight deadline. He remembers a visit to a grocery store in West Berlin and an elderly woman stopping him to say how grateful she was for the way American troops had treated other towns.”

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her family after the war. “It really made you want to put your best foot forward as an American,” he said.

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Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Eric Simon, Associate Adjunct Professor of Biology
Campbell Essential Biology (4th Edition) and Campbell Essential Biology with Physiology (3rd Edition) by Eric J. Simon, Jane Reece, and Jann Dickey, are being published by Pearson Education (San Francisco, California). Dr. Simon’s expertise in the use of technology to teach biology prompted invitations for presentations at Prince Georges Community College (Maryland), Monroe Community College (New York), Baton Rouge Community College (Louisiana), Ohio State University (Ohio), and Central Michigan University (Michigan) over the past year.

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Dr. Susan Redditt, Assistant Professor of Biology
Dr. Redditt and four students from the College’s education program, travelled to the Dominican Republic in March during spring break week. The group joined students from New York University, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Akron, in the Orphanage Outreach program. This service learning project brought them to a rural village to work with children in a public school, a private school, and an orphanage. Their work included teaching English at the schools and building kitchen shelves and digging out tree stumps for a citrus orchard at the orphanage.

Alice Patricia Buckner, MHROD, AIP, PHR, Adjunct Faculty, School of Graduate and Professional Studies
Professor Buckner served as a moderator at the historic Harambee Bretton Woods Symposium II in New Hampshire in April. The group is an alliance of African students attending colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world, whose mission is to commit their energies to solving the challenges faced by Sub-Saharan Africa today.

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Shawn Hackshaw, Lecturer in Mathematics
Professor Hackshaw has authored a technology guide for calculators to accompany a popular textbook on statistics.

Wayne Lesperance, Associate Professor of Political Science
Professor Lesperance’s political commentary has reached a national audience. During the recent presidential election cycle, Professor Lesperance contributed to more than 100 interviews in newspapers all over the country. He was featured five times on the front page of the Boston Globe. In New Hampshire, he has been a regular contributor to the New Hampshire Public Radio’s program, The Exchange, and has served as a frequent guest on the program as well as a guest host. He was a key organizer for both the Congressional and Senate debates held at New England College and is the founder of the student service group known as CivCorps. Despite the recent elections, Professor Lesperance is already seeing signs of candidate and media activity around the next election cycle.

Maura MacNeil, Associate Professor of Writing
Professor MacNeil was a featured poet at Gibson’s Bookstore in Concord, New Hampshire in June. The reading was sponsored by the Poetry Society of New Hampshire. She was also a featured reader with Pat Fargnoli, former New Hampshire State Poet Laureate, at the New England College MFA reading series in June. In August, Maura attended a prose workshop lead by the writer Jane Brox at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

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Joshua Boynton
School of Graduate and Professional Studies
Class of 2006

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Ron had suffered from spinal meningitis as a child and, as a result, demonstrated behaviors similar to those of autistic children. Through his work with Ron, Josh became interested in the social services system available through the state. And when Ron turned 21 and the school system no longer provided for his care, Josh began to look at how these services could be delivered in the community: “Ron was an amazing individual,” said Josh. “He had never been listened to. He was frustrated with the type of care he had been receiving. People didn’t know how to work with him; how to be with him. I saw a spark in his eyes every time we did things that validated him as a human being.”

Josh noticed that the creation of art projects was the key to Ron’s behavioral issues. “Whenever he participated in art he became more engaged and all his behaviors started to go away,” he noted. So Josh hired an artist to work with Ron and started an art club in Henniker in a tiny cottage in the parking lot of a local grocery store. The concept caught on and soon an artisans co-op was founded. Students from New England College and artists from the Henniker area started providing community-based human services at a fraction of the cost of traditional programs. The inspiration – Ron - a developmentally disabled adult who lived with Josh and his wife, Rachel, for many years, is equally heartwarming. Today, the concept and the inspiration have intertwined to create a thriving company offering services to clients of all ages and abilities throughout New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Florida.

“The lacrosse presence in Florida was pretty small when we first started,” he explained. “We organized different leagues, camps, and clinics, all to try and build up the game in this area.” Bo continues to play lacrosse in one of the Florida leagues and his team has won the state championship in four of the past five years.

The current economic downturn has had little effect on Bo’s business. “Satisfying customer needs is what we’re all about,” stated Bo. “Our brand is starting to hit in the marketplace and we’re busier than ever.”

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Cupped in his hand is a small metal object about the size of a pea. "There is enough mercury in here to pollute a whole lake," said Jeff Kantor, Class of 1968. These mercury switches, found on older model cars, will never make it into the eco-system. They are just one of hundreds of parts that Jeff and his 22 employees remove from 3000 to 4000 cars each year at their salvage yard, Car World, in Candia, New Hampshire. But don't bother conjuring up any images of oil slicks and eye sores. This is a sophisticated, clean, high-tech business complete with cutting-edge reclamation systems that has been at the forefront of the industry for over 30 years.

Jeff got into the salvage business with his college roommate and fraternity brother, Nelson "Jack" Murray after a brief and unsuccessful venture into a sales career in the Boston area. "Jack" knew the used car business and together, the two started Murray's Auto Parts in 1970. After seven years, Jeff bought out his partner and started Car World.

He describes himself as the ultimate, and perhaps even the original recycler. Every inch of a car that can be reused, resold, or recycled is processed and inventoried. All the fluids are removed: gasoline, oil, water, freon, windshield washer fluid, brake fluid, battery fluid, and anti-freeze. In 1986, Car World installed one of the first oil-water separation units. Jeff heats his 15,000 square foot warehouse with the oil that he drains from the cars. Every Friday, his employees fill up the tanks on their own vehicles with free gasoline that has been reclaimed. And windshield washer fluid sells for 50 cents a gallon.

Every usable part is removed, tagged, and inventoried. Car World was the 40th company of its type in the world that computerized its inventory. Name any part from any car and Jeff can pull up a computer screen and tell you how many he has, where they are, what the price is, and the mileage of the car from which it was removed. If he doesn't have it in stock, another computer screen takes him to the online inventory of 3,000 salvage yards across the country. He can have the part shipped in a matter of days.
The Entrepreneurial Spirit

The Internet has really changed the way Jeff does business. “I used to have a limited territory around Manchester,” he said. “But the Internet has really opened things up. Now you have to be a lot sharper – you’re competing with the rest of the world.”

The company does a healthy business on E-Bay and ships all over the world. Jeff even reuses Styrofoam “popcorn,” bubble wrap, and shredded paper to protect the shipments in transit. For larger pieces, he purchased a machine that converts cardboard into mesh that is wrapped around the part to protect it.

Car World is all about customer service. “If there’s one thing I’ve learned in this business, it’s not worth having an irate customer in your office.” So Jeff’s employees test every part before it leaves the yard and the company has a strict “no reason needed” return policy. Any part they sell has a money back or part back warranty. He treats his employees with equal care. Anyone who works for him receives the same benefits and pay as anyone else. And each employee is trained to cover.

Car World is equipped with a “you pull it” section where customers can bring their own tools to remove a part. And at the bottom of a gentle incline is the infamous car crusher. When every useable part has been salvaged, the remaining carcasses are crushed and shipped to Japan, Turkey, South Korea, and Russia where the steel is used to make new cars. Jeff also demonstrates a gentle side to the salvage business. When an errant bird takes up residence in the car crusher, the crusher is off limits until the babies have grown up and left the nest.

Nine years ago, when the EPA started to look at high risk industries, Jeff made a decision to become part of the solution rather than to buck the trend. As President of the New Hampshire Auto Recyclers, Jeff is a resource for the agencies that monitor the salvage industry. He has established excellent working relationships with OSHA, the EPA, DES, and the Departments of Labor, Transportation, and Safety. Each year he schedules several trips to Washington and has testified before Congress on many occasions. “We’ve always done things properly,” he notes. “Our Green Yard certification and Best Management practices are an indication that we have gone far and beyond what is mandated. By working with the government and various agencies, we can create legislation together that promotes the salvage business and protects the environment.”

Jeff came to New England College to study business. “I always knew I had potential but my GPA was low in high school.” After about a year and a half, Jeff dropped out and joined the Army. At the encouragement of the dean of students, he came back to NEC and finished his degree. “I am here to show you that, with your degree, you can make it in any business. There are three things you need to be successful because you are not going to get it for nothing. You need to be smart. You need to work hard and put in the hours. And you need just a little bit of luck.”

NEC STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE A FLAIR FOR THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

After all, that is what the New England College experience is all about. This winter, students from Professor Cindi Nadelman’s Internet Marketing class decided to put their education to the test. Turning to their professors and friends, the students collected used textbooks, novels, VHS tapes and CDs, built their own website, and started selling. Voila! The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well.

The students had a number of objectives in mind when they started the company. With the high cost of textbooks, and a stressed out economy, students were looking for ways to save some money. According to Professor Nadelman, the company doesn’t compete with the NEC bookstore which also sells used books. “The bookstore can only sell the most recent editions of textbooks,” she said. “We will carry earlier editions where there are subtle changes in copy and a few updated pictures, but all the content is still there, and we can sell the book at a huge savings.”

Their initial goal was to make $1,000 over the spring semester. They made their goal and then some, with the first profits going to the New England College Alumni Fund. Professor Nadelman sees the company as a viable business with potential to grow. “We are looking to keep the business going with student interns from the business division,” she explained. “Our initial success is a good indication of the need for this service.”

Pilgrim Used Books is accepting donations of used textbooks in good condition. For information, contact Professor Cindi Nadelman at cndelman@necc.edu or visit their website at www.pilgrimusedbooks.com.

There’s nothing like putting your education into action.

Students were also interested in recycling books that might otherwise find their way into landfills. “This was a great opportunity for faculty members to clean out their offices, do some recycling, and donate to a great cause,” she said.

All profits from the startup company were donated to student scholarship programs at the College. Once again, benefitting students by reducing their costs, this time the target was tuition. Their initial goal was to make $1,000 over the spring semester. They made their goal and then some, with the first profits going to the New England College Alumni Fund.
HONORING OUR VETERANS

New England College was founded to provide for the educational needs of the veterans of World War II. As we look for ways to honor the many men and women of NEC who have served in the U.S. military, we take this opportunity to profile William Delano, Class of 1981.

William Delano ‘81 retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after a distinguished service of 23 years. Early in his career he flew the UH-1N “Huey” helicopter from assignments in California and overseas. For four years he was assigned to Helicopter Marine Squadron One and flew as a “Marine One” pilot for President Bill Clinton. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan and served as the Air Officer for III MEF. His final assignment was in San Diego, California where he flew the Citation V light business jet for VIPs from MCAS Miramar. After retirement he worked for a charter company and flew a Hawker 700 medium business jet and was promoted to Director of Operations. He currently works for the Navy Region Southwest as a senior planner in the operations department. Bill’s wife, Beth “Becker” Delano, graduated from New England College in 1983. Beth is a vice president with a construction lending and management company in Coronado, California.

1969

James V. Bibbo III ’69 released his first book, Fences Farm, published by Vantage Press. It is the story of a middle-aged educator who moves to New Hampshire to pursue his lifelong dream of farming and raising animals.

1974

Tom Chesney ’74 paid a visit to the NEC campus in February 2009 to discuss his 25-year experience in Hollywood special effects. Tom has worked on dozens of films including: No Country for Old Men, The Man Who Wasn’t There, Inspector Gadget, Men in Black, and Waterworld.

1975

Leigh Podgorski ’75 is the founder of Under the Hill Productions and has been working as an actress, writer, director, producer, and teacher in the theater for more than 25 years. Her plays have been produced in Los Angeles and New York and she is the author of several award-winning screenplays.

1977

The wedding of Hillary Swenson, daughter of Karen Sylvester Swenson ’76 and Robert Swenson, Jr. ’77 was attended by several NEC alumni. Pictured in the photo are: Top - left to right - Preston Hoffman ’77, William LaCapra ’77, Dr. Jeffrey Harris ’78, Christopher Littell ’77, Sue Harris, and Marilyn Limell. Bottom - left to right - Robin Hoffman, Robert Swenson Jr. ’77, Karen Sylvester Swenson ’76, Judy Overall LaCapra ’79 was married on August 23, 2008 in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

1979

Jim Doremus ’79 and G ’98 was named Executive Director of the Concord Family YMCA. Jim began his new position in February 2009 after serving as the CEO of the White Birch Community Center in Henniker, New Hampshire.

1989

Mark Sullivan ’89 joined the Babson Capital Global Business Unit in the group’s sales team after a number of years in public funds and Taft-Hartley marketing. He will be based in Los Angeles, California.

1993


1996

Rand Neeves ’96 and Charlotte Wade Neeves ’96 welcomed twin girls on January 24, 2008.

1997

S. Alexandra Zielke Picard ’97 announces the birth of Megan Alexandra Picard, born on May 24, 2009 weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20-1/2”.

USA YOUTH TEAM AT ’08 BELARUS GAMES. ADULT SUPERVISORS STEVE EDWARDS (LEFT) AND COL. JAMES TILLE (WITH UMBRELLA); TEAM LEADERS DAVE TILE (REAR-LEFT) AND DR. ROB GOUGELET (REAR RIGHT); U.S. STUDENT DELEGATION BEHIND FLAG.
2000
James R. Dozois ’00 and Kristin Leigh Fisher were married at Gooseberry Beach in Newport, Rhode Island on July 19, 2008. Jim received his degree from NEC in communications and is employed by Independent Manufacturers Sales Group. Kristin, a graduate of Assumption College, is employed at Forest City Management. The couple lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

2001
Erin Brooks ’01, and her husband, Jared Brooks ’00, had a baby boy, Connor Jason Brooks, on December 8, 2008, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. Erin is a student mentor with the Pathways Program at New England College.

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FACULTY AND STAFF

Stefan Ehrlich passed away on September 5, 2008. Mr. Ehrlich taught mathematics and computer science at NEC.

Dr. William G. Ellis, President of New England College from 1995-1997 passed away on March 3, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Nancy.

Clarence L. “Fitchie” Fitch passed away on April 25, 2009. Fitchie was the first basketball coach at New England College in 1946. He was also a Henniker selectman from 1947 to 1952 and was a member of the fire department for 34 years.

Barbara C. Hayden passed away on June 8, 2009. Barbara taught elementary education at NEC for many years.

Joseph W. Jolin, passed away on August 17, 2008. Mr. Jolin was the Director of Security at New England College for many years.

Professor Taylor H. Loop, passed away February 13, 2009. He had been a professor of geology at NEC for 24 years.

Janet Talbot Whipple Morrison passed away on May 30, 2009. Janet had been a nurse at the New England College Health Center for a number of years.

FRIENDS OF NEC

Peggy T. O’Connell, wife of Dr. William R. O’Connell, Jr. who served as President of the College from 1985-1995, passed away at the age of 73. As the first lady of the College, Mrs. O’Connell received an Honorary Alumni Award in 1992 and was an Honorary Degree recipient in 1995.

Doris E. Clement, mother of NEC trustee and former Henniker Pharmacy owner, Joe Clement, passed away on April 4, 2009. Doris and her husband were married in 1936, and spent their entire married life as residents of Henniker. She led an active life, working as a bookkeeper at Henniker Handle and FMC Corporation, and ended with her retirement from the New England College Library at age 70.
In October, The Gallery at New England College will host “Image as Metaphor”- metaphorical paintings by the world-renowned Photorealist Tom Blackwell. The exhibit will run from October 3 to November 13.

Photorealism, a term coined by New York art dealer Louis Meisel, originated in the mid-twentieth century, and replicates on the painted surface the appearance of photographs—people, objects, and scenes depicted with such naturalism that the paintings resemble photographs. In addition to creating a painted photograph of the image, Photorealism also incorporates effects of photography such as overexposure and degrees of focus.

In Blackwell’s “Image as Metaphor,” he uses his Photorealism background to create works that are allegorical in perspective. He addresses such themes as the passage of time (The Time Painting shown right) and the continuity that runs through human history. These large, dramatic paintings are rich in symbolism and the possibilities for interpretation.

Blackwell lives and paints in New York. His most recent solo exhibitions prior to coming to New England College include the Patrice Trigano Gallery in Paris and the Brauer Museum of Art in Indiana. The Louis K. Meisel Gallery in New York represents him.

The work of artist and New England College faculty member Peter Granucci was featured in The Gallery this fall. Granucci's large nude paintings and several drawings hung throughout The Gallery this September.