

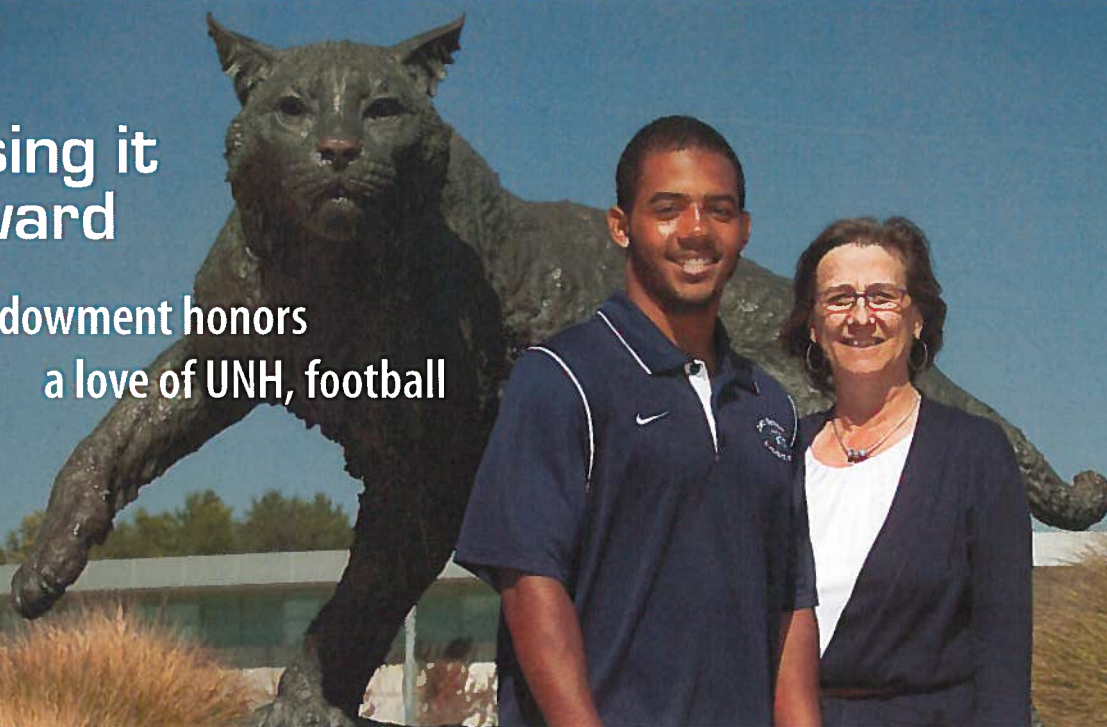
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Passing it Forward

New endowment honors
a love of UNH, football



Jared Allison '15 and Donna Brownell

David M. Paul wasn't a UNH alumnus. But when the successful businessman and engineer retired to New Hampshire many years ago, he developed a great affinity for the University—a place his daughter, Donna Brownell, worked, and his grandson, Tony Brownell '13, attended—and particularly its sports teams. When Paul died last May at the age of 83, he left behind the David M. Paul Family Foundation, the assets of which were to be used for charitable, literary, scientific, educational, and religious purposes. Charged with finding causes that would reflect and honor her father's interests, his daughter knew at once that an athletic endowment at UNH would be on the list.

This spring, Brownell and her family established the *David M. Paul Family Scholarship Fund* to support a member of the UNH football team, with preference given to a student-athlete enrolled in the business school. In September, the fund awarded its first scholarship, to Jared Allison '15, a wide receiver from Cliffwood, New Jersey, majoring in business administration. (See story on p. 3.)

Brownell, who describes her late father as a "frugal Yankee and the consummate planner," says creating endowed funds was a perfect fit for Paul's desire to invest and plan for the future—as well as her own family's desire to honor in perpetuity a man they loved and admired.

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—Donna Brownell

“Since my father had provided financial support for all of his grandchildren to attend college, it made sense to us to help others through scholarship support,” she explains. As a UNH parent and a University employee, Brownell also had a very special perspective on the difference her family’s gift could make at this time.

“Given the magnitude of the state budget cuts, I know how critical donor support is to the institution, and I’m excited that my family was able to give in a way that provides ongoing support in Dad’s memory,” she says. In addition to the UNH gift, the Paul Family Foundation established the David M. Paul '52 Scholarship Endowment at Norwich University, Paul’s alma mater, and has made contributions to other universities with significance to the family.

Brownell describes her father as a lifelong sports fan who held season tickets to West Point football, the closest college to their New York State home. She thinks he would be as thrilled as she is by the choice of Allison as the first Paul Family Fund scholarship recipient.

“Jared’s an awesome young man, and we’re very excited to watch him and his Wildcat teammates compete this season,” she says. “I’m sure Dad is pleased, too, and is watching us all!”



Philanthropy in action



From the Athletic Director

This is an exciting time of year for us. Our fall sport teams are more than halfway through their seasons, with post-season possibilities for many programs on the horizon, and our winter sports season is well underway. We look forward to seeing many of you at our games this year and are thrilled that a record number of alumni and friends could join us in Durham for Homecoming Weekend on October 12-14.

It's the involvement of our alumni and friends and the impact of donor support that we continue to celebrate. Fiscal 2012 was a record breaking year for athletics annual giving, with The Wildcat Fund bringing in \$625,000, a 24 percent increase over fiscal year 2011. In addition to this vital current use support, some of our most loyal donors have recently made commitments to UNH Athletics that will benefit our programs in years to come. Be sure to read about these charitable bequests in this issue.

Our deepest thanks to all of you who continue to support our teams as donors, season tickets holders, volunteers, and champions for UNH Athletics. Go 'Cats!

—Marty Scarano

A Legacy for Athletics

Though not a football player himself, Arthur Connelly '70 was a dedicated Wildcat football fan and a regular fixture at Cowell Stadium. So when he passed away last October after a brief illness, neither his lifelong friend, Bob Mongan, or his companion, Andrea Gott, were surprised that he remembered UNH in his will. This summer, Connelly's generous bequest made it possible to upgrade the Cowell Stadium scoreboard and sound system—improvements that will enhance the game day experience for Wildcat football fans for many years to come.

"Arthur loved UNH, and especially UNH football," Mongan says. "I know he'd be pleased with how the University chose to use his gift."

Both systems were long overdue for an upgrade. The electronic components of the scoreboard were outdated and the scoreboard lighting wasn't bright enough to read in the direct sun. The sound system was also of poor quality, making it difficult to hear announcements and music.

The new systems, funded primarily by Connelly's bequest and supplemented with additional donations from the football Friends' group, the 'Cat Club, are now up and running. Connelly's contribution was recognized at the Wildcats' home opener on September 15.

"I miss Arthur terribly, but it makes me happy to know his memory will live on at a place that meant so much to him," Gott says.

Planning ahead

Connelly was among a number of

alumni to recently think of a bequest gift as a means of supporting UNH Athletics. In the past year, Harriet Forkey '54, '67G and Jere Lundholm '53 and David Steelman '67, '70G and Virginia Theo-Steelman '62, '69G also made commitments to include the University's athletics programs in their wills.

For Forkey and Lundholm, who established the *Harriet B. Forkey '54, '67G and Jere L. Lundholm '53 Athletic Scholarship Fund* last fall, the connections to UNH athletics run deep. Both Lundholm and Forkey participated in athletics as undergraduates, and the couple has remained closely involved with a variety of athletics-related initiatives as alums. Lundholm is the son of the late Carl Lundholm '21, who coached at UNH after he graduated and served as the University's first athletic director from 1940-1967.

"The University of New Hampshire has provided us with a lot to be thankful for," Forkey and Lundholm say. "We are very proud of this University and take great pleasure in helping to give young women and men an opportunity to attend by providing scholarship aid."

The Forkey-Lundholm gift will support deserving student-athletes from any of the University's 18 athletics teams—as will David Steelman and Virginia Theo-Steelman's scholarship, the *David C. Steelman '67, '70G and Virginia Theo-Steelman '62, '69G Athletic Scholarship Fund*. A four-sport athlete in high school, Steelman

The new Cowell Stadium scoreboard, funded largely with the bequest gift of Arthur Connelly '70



worked to fund his own education at UNH and wasn't able to compete as a Wildcat. After successful careers as a lawyer and psychologist, respectively, Steelman and Theo-Steelman derive great pleasure from being able to support talented students with financial need. Their latest gift joins two others they have established previously at UNH.

Flexible and enduring

A charitable bequest is one of many ways to make an enduring gift to UNH Athletics. You can include UNH in your will by designating either a portion of your estate or a specific amount of cash, securities, or property. Because they do not come into effect until after you pass away, bequest gifts are particularly flexible, and can be changed and modified during your lifetime.

To learn more about how to set up a charitable bequest benefiting UNH Athletics, contact Brenda Holt-Mullaney in the Athletics Development Office at (603) 862-3842 or brenda.mullaney@unh.edu.

CAT Corner

- Former track & field athlete and cyclist **Matt Russell '06** has become one of the top American athletes at the half Ironman/Ironman distance. Russell placed first at the Subaru Ironman Canada on August 26 with a time of 8.48.29 and placed 20th at the Ford Ironman World Championships in Kona, HI, Saturday, October 13, with a time of 8.50.21.
- The **Friends of UNH Hockey**

Golf Tournament was held Monday, August 6, at the Portsmouth Country Club and the Golf Club of New England, with 200 hockey alumni and friends of the program participating. More than \$35,000 was raised to directly support the men's hockey program.

- On Saturday, September 1, the **Friends of UNH Cross Country/Track and Field** held their first annual 5k race through the

University's College Woods. Fifty-six UNH alumni, friends, and family members participated in the race, the net proceeds of which directly supported the men's and women's cross country/track and field programs. Next year's race will take place on Saturday, August 31, 2013.

- The **Friends of Women's Ice Hockey** held their second annual Mini-Golf Tournament at Captain's Cove Adventure Golf

in Hampton, N.H. on Saturday, September 30. This community-building event attracted 70 participants, including women's hockey alumnae, parents, and friends of the program, and raised close to \$2,000 to benefit the women's hockey team.

- **Legends Day** will be held on Saturday, November 3. More than 230 Athletics Hall of Fame inductees are invited back to campus to attend the football

Jared Allison named first David M. Paul Family football scholarship recipient

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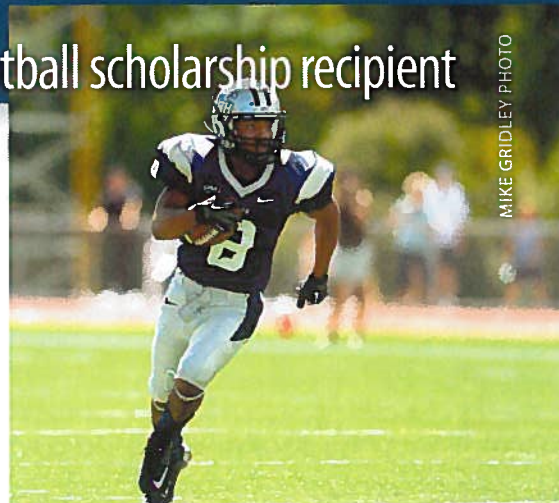
The most exciting moment of Jared Allison's young Wildcat football career came on September 15, when the wide receiver scored his first college touchdown on a broken play. For the red-shirt freshman from Cliffwood, New Jersey, it was doubly meaningful to record the score at home during the team's 43-10 victory over Central Connecticut State.

"It really meant a lot to me last year to put on my UNH game uniform for the first time and walk onto the University of Toledo field as a member of the team," Allison says. "But it means even more to know you're having an impact as a player."

The first recipient of the endowed David M. Paul Family football scholarship, Allison is an academic sophomore majoring in business

administration. Like all UNH student-athletes, he faces the challenge of balancing athletics and academics—during the season, he spends a significant amount of time every week on football between strength training, practices, film study, and games—and is honored that his hard work is being recognized.

"Receiving this scholarship from the Paul and Brownell family means a lot to me," Allison says. "Whenever someone takes the time and resources to give to others who are in need, it's a blessing. I received all B's in the spring semester of my freshman year, and while that might not seem like a big deal to some, for me it was a huge challenge being away from home for the first time and learning to juggle



the responsibilities of classes and practice. I've worked hard, and I'm proud that other people have seen that in me."

Athletics Alumnae to be Honored

On November 3, the UNH Alumni Association will recognize three alumnae with strong ties to Athletics at its annual Alumni Achievements Awards. Cheryl Kuebler Dickson '63 will receive an Alumni Meritorious Service Award, Dot Sheehan '71 will receive a Profile of Service Award, and Katharina (Katy) Fader Lilly '00 will receive the Young Alumna Achievement Award.

Dickson is a longtime fan and supporter of UNH Athletics who started her college days as a Wildcat cheerleader. She was married for 33 years to the late Robert "Bo" Dickson '62, a standout football and lacrosse player, and remained deeply engaged with UNH Athletics as an alumna. She served as the president of the Wildcat Athletic Council (the former athletics fundraising board) and for 20 years served as chair of the annual Bill Knight/Bo Dickson Memorial Golf Tournament fundraiser for athletic scholarships. Dickson has established two athletic scholarships to support football and is currently serving as the co-chair of the 50th reunion committee for the Class of 1963.

The University's Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Relations, Sheehan will be honored for her work with Operation Hat Trick (OHT). A program started at UNH to provide baseball caps to wounded soldiers, OHT is dedicated to the memory of Navy SEAL Nate Hardy, son of UNH Kinesiology professor Steve Hardy and his wife, Donna, and Nate's comrade Mike Koch, who died in Iraq in February 2008. In less than five years, the program has expanded to 30 schools nationwide and distributed some 10,000 hats to soldiers with burns, scars, and other head injuries.

A primary care physician who serves as one of UNH Athletics' official team physicians, Lilly was a competitive gymnast all four years at UNH—and a four-year member of the East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) All-Academic squad. After graduating with a degree in biology, Lilly received her medical degree from Drexel University and returned to New Hampshire to establish a medical practice in 2007. She attends nearly every home meet as volunteer team physician for women's gymnastics and serves as a regular panelist for the UNH Health Professions seminar.

Milestone wins

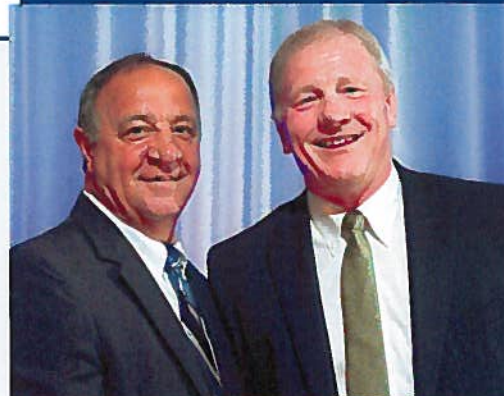
October was an exciting month for two of the University's best-known coaches: football coach Sean McDonnell '78 and men's hockey coach Dick Umile '72, who both notched milestone wins for their programs. On October 6, McDonnell earned his 100th career win as the Wildcats defeated Georgia State 44-21 at the Georgia Dome. Currently in his 14th season at the helm, McDonnell joins his predecessor Bill Bowes as only the second UNH football coach to reach the century mark in career wins. Umile kicked off the 2012-13 season with his 500th career win on October 12 in a 5-3 Homecoming Weekend victory against St. Cloud State. Now embarking on his 23rd season at UNH, Umile joins just five other active Division I hockey coaches to earn 500 wins and becomes the 15th ever to reach the milestone mark.

game vs. William & Mary. All attendees will be welcomed onto the field at halftime to be recognized by UNH President Mark Huddleston and Athletic Director Marty Scarano.

• On Saturday, November 10, **UNH men's hockey alumni** and their families are invited to a 5:30 pre-game reception before the Wildcats' home game versus Vermont.

The reception will be located in the intermediate level (formerly the Varsity Club area) at the Whittemore Center and light refreshments will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to sit together for the 7 p.m. game. For more information, please contact Eric Nappy in the Athletics Development Office at (603) 862-0287 or eric.nappy@unh.edu.

• The annual **Men's Basketball Alumni Day** will be held Saturday, February 2, 2013. An 11:30 a.m. alumni game in Lundholm Gymnasium will be followed by lunch at Holloway Common with the current team, which takes on SUNY-Stony Brook at 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Scott Weitzell, director of basketball operations, at unh.hoops@unh.edu.



Dick Umile '72 and Sean McDonnell '78

Compliance Corner

Recruiting: How can you help?

Our fall sports are well underway and the winter season has just begun. Last year's recruits are now members of our athletic teams and in many cases are already making significant contributions. As fans, we are eager to see who will have a breakout season this year and which rookie will make an impact. Many of our coaches, however, are already looking ahead to next year and putting together the 2013 class of UNH student-athletes.

As engaged fans and supporters of our teams, your interest in the recruiting process is a fun and welcome aspect of college athletics, but it is important to understand that all recruiting must be left up to our coaching staffs. If you think you may know a high school student-athlete interested in UNH be sure to share that information with the relevant Wildcat coaching staff, but please *do not* act on the University's behalf to recruit that individual. There are currently several major infraction cases before the NCAA where individuals outside of athletics assisted in the recruiting process in a manner not permitted by the NCAA. Recruiting is the lifeline of all athletic programs and the best way you can help us is to abide by the rules and let the coaches do their work. If you are ever in doubt, always "Ask Before You Act," and contact Michelle Bronner in the Compliance Office at (603) 862-3900. Go 'Cats!

Hall of Fame



On June 23, the University of New Hampshire inducted the Class of 2012 to its Athletics Hall of Fame in a ceremony at Lundholm Gymnasium. Speaking to an audience of 150 guests that included former inductees, teammates, and coaches, Athletic Director Marty Scarano described the six honorees as "exemplary not only for what they accomplished on the field of play, but also for how they have conducted their lives." Pictured from left are Nicole Mullins '94 (gymnastics), Darren Haydar '02 (men's ice hockey), Gregory Blaisdell '03 (alpine skiing), Stephan Lewis '02 (football), Ellen Weinberg Hughes '91, '94G (women's ice hockey, soccer, and lacrosse), Jim Jeannotte, "Voice of the Wildcats" since 1981 and Joan Leitzel Award recipient, and Scarano.

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