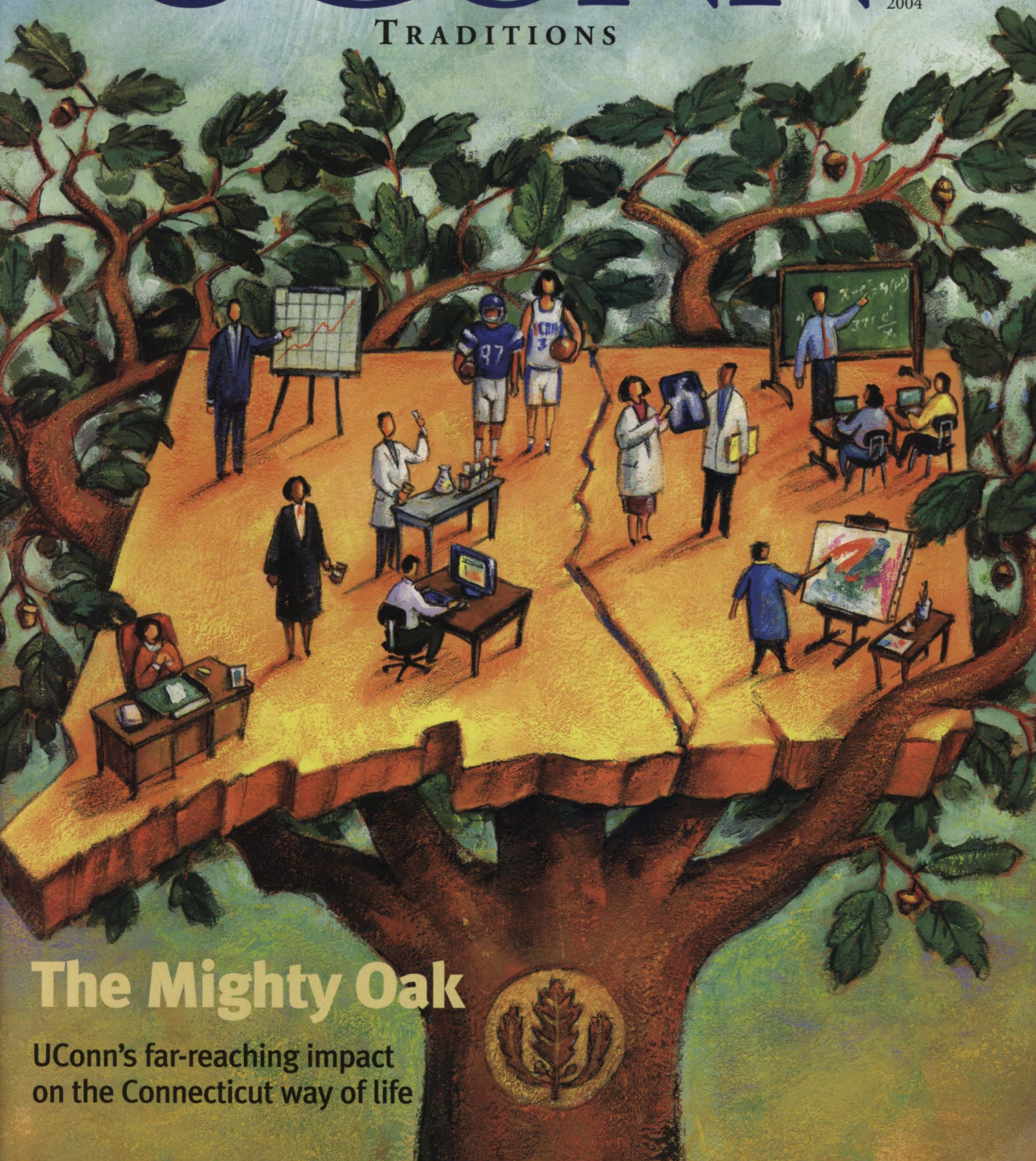


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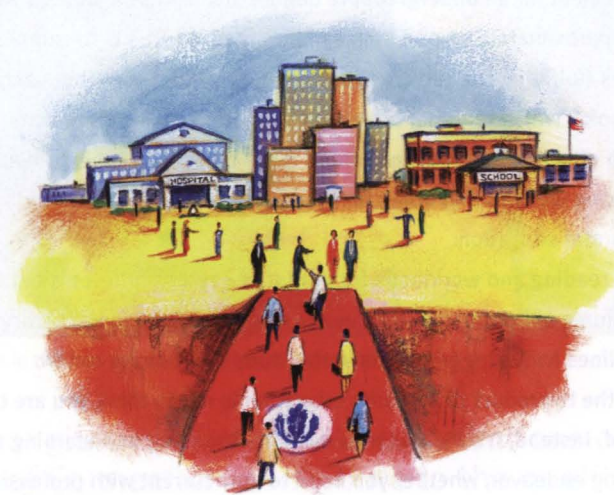
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A Message from the Editor

READING IS REQUIRED

An editor for *Esquire* magazine recently completed reading the entire *Encyclopædia Britannica* from A to Z in his two-year quest to become the smartest guy in the world and to also write a book about what he has learned. He read more than 33,000 pages in the 32 volumes of the reference text.

That is a great deal of reading by any count, but it's still no guarantee he is the world's smartest guy. In fact it falls a bit short when compared to completing a four-year degree at a university like UConn. By the best anecdotal estimates from the UConn Co-op bookstore and discussions with several students, the average reading requirement for an undergraduate degree means that a student will read 80 books with approximately 52,000 pages of information. This is to complete 40 three-credit classes (fulfilling the 120 credits needed for graduation) that each assigns two textbooks, which together have about 650 pages of reading material. Learning how to effectively support or defend ideas by writing papers, hearing thought-provoking lectures and doing focused research assignments adds to the value of a formal education.

The reading and workloads for graduate degrees follow a similar pattern, with the volume of information that needs to be passed through bleary eyes in some disciplines truly staggering, as in the study of medicine or law.

Yet the byproduct of a quality education is not to think you are the smartest person around. Instead, it's the understanding that reading and learning new things is a life-long endeavor, whether you need to stay current with professional literature and new technology in order to meet job requirements or simply want new knowledge for home improvements or hobbies.

What I learned in college is that you can and should try to learn something new each day. It makes the world a more interesting place, without having to fit 33,000 pages of information in with the 52,000 pages that are already stuffed into your head. It allows time to learn new things by doing, observing, talking or any other number of ways that learning happens.

Oh, and I guess you could also read a good book.

Ken Best

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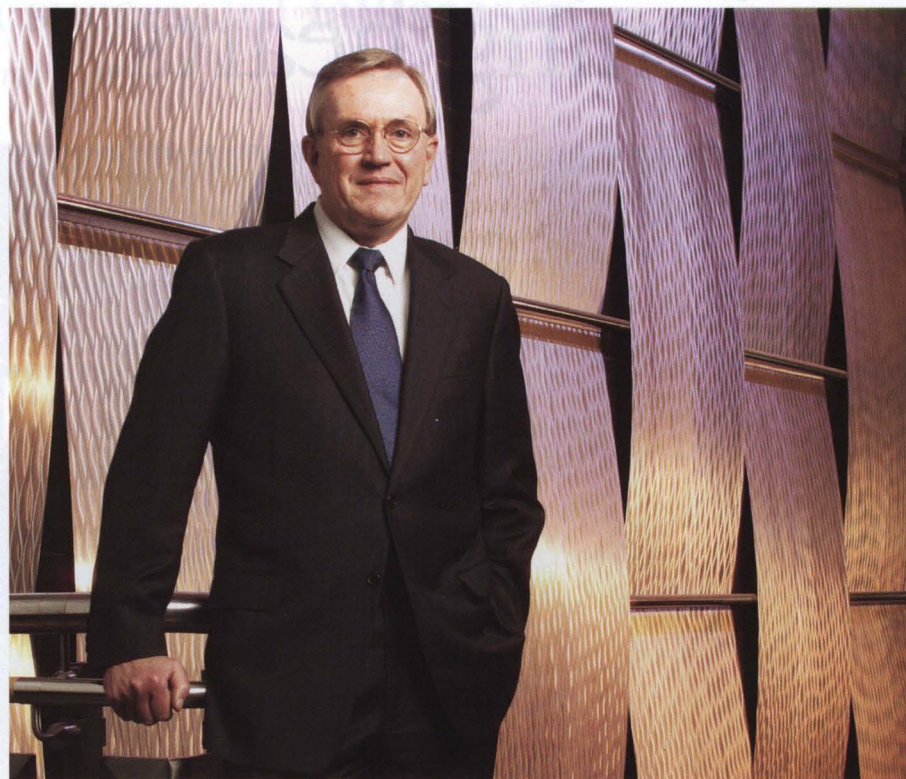
President

UConn's value to the state

The cover story in this edition of *UConn Traditions* focuses on the University's impact on the state of Connecticut. The story that begins on page 30 summarizes the ways in which UConn touches the lives of Connecticut residents in virtually every community across the state.

The value of a major university can be measured in many ways. Though not easily quantifiable, creative scholarship in the humanities, basic research in the sciences, exciting athletic, artistic and cultural events, health care, and social service all represent our role in Connecticut. More readily measured is UConn's contribution to our state's economic vitality. A study by the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis shows that UConn accounts for \$3.1 billion of goods and services produced by state residents. Additional analysis shows that for each state dollar spent on UConn, gross state product increases \$6.18. The state's financial contribution to the University gives rise to \$800 million in private and federal investment.

Both the tangible and intangible contributions of the University of Connecticut contribute to the quality of life for our alumni. Most of UConn's 160,000 graduates live and work in Connecticut. Our alumni constitute a significant part of the state's skilled professional workforce, lead many of Connecticut's businesses, schools and community organizations, and hold high positions in government and non-profit organizations. Through their work and community activities, they fulfill the University's ongoing mission of service to the state; as residents of Connecticut, they share in the economic development and cultural benefits that stem from



President Philip E. Austin in the new Information Technologies Building.

“Both the tangible and intangible contributions of the University of Connecticut contribute to the quality of life for our alumni.”

the University's presence. And all our alumni, wherever they live, share a sense of pride in knowing their University is ranked among some of the finest public institutions in the nation—not to mention a surge of enthusiasm as they root on our men's and women's basketball teams in the NCAA tournament.

One of the most significant ways for alumni to maintain a lasting connection with the University is by joining the UConn Alumni Association. As you will see in a feature beginning on page 26 in this edition of *Traditions*, the Association provides the mechanism for alumni to stay connected to the

University, to monitor our progress and contribute in a variety of ways to our continuing success.

One theme emerges clearly from this edition of *Traditions*: UConn alumni are essential to Connecticut, both in their contribution to a vibrant state economy and to the ongoing transformation of Connecticut's flagship university.

Philip Austin

Another UConn team is winning hearts.



The Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center.

AT THE PAT AND JIM CALHOUN CARDIOLOGY CENTER, an experienced team of specialists offers top quality care to diagnose and treat diseases of the heart and blood vessels.

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Huskies harvest a successful fall season

Women's soccer reaches NCAA final

University of Connecticut athletic teams enjoyed a bountiful fall season in 2003.

The women's soccer team, under head coach Len Tsantiris '77 (ED), advanced to the NCAA College Cup championship game and finished the year at 15-6-3. UConn forward Kristen Graczyk '05 (ED) earned third team All-America honors and was the Big East Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Head coach Randy Edsall led the football team to a 9-3 record in just its second season as a full-fledged Division I-A program, including a victory over Big East opponent Rutgers and a season-ending 51-17 romp over Wake Forest of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Ten Husky players were named to All-Independent teams, led by senior defensive end Uyi Osunde '04 (CLAS), who was the *CollegeFootballNews.com* Defensive Player of the Year and quarterback Dan Orlovsky '05 (CLAS), who was named *ESPN.com's* Independent Offensive MVP.

The field hockey team posted a 17-6 record, advanced to the Big East championship game and reached the national quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship. Head coach Nancy Stevens was the Big East and regional Coach of the Year while Lauren Henderson '05 (CLAS) was named first team All-American. Mary Jo Malone '04 (SFS) was second team and Maureen Butler '03 (ED) was third team.

The men's youthful soccer squad and head coach Ray Reid made their sixth straight NCAA tournament appearance and advanced to the second round of the championships.

The men's cross country team and head coach Greg Roy won a pair of events this year and finished fifth at the Big East Championship. Interim coach Bill Morgan and the women's cross

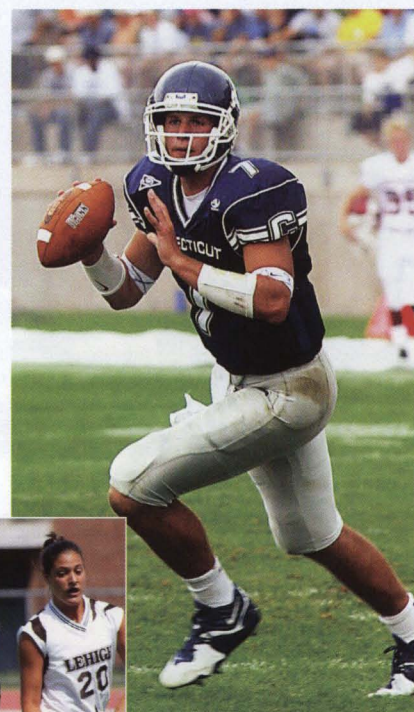
country team also won two events in 2003.

Head coach Kelli Myers and the women's volleyball team finished with a record of 20-12. It was the fifth time in the past six years the team has completed a 20-victory season.

Jordan Burke '05 (BUS) was a medalist at the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association Championship as head coach Ron Dubois and his team finished third at the event.

The women's tennis team, under head coach Glenn Marshall '91 (SFA), '97 M.A., was led by Whitney Simcik '05 (CLAS) and Alison Adamski, '07 (CLAS), who became the first Husky doubles team to advance to the round of 16 at the regional

Intercollegiate Tennis Association Championship. The men's tennis team, also coached by Marshall, was 2-2 for the fall season.

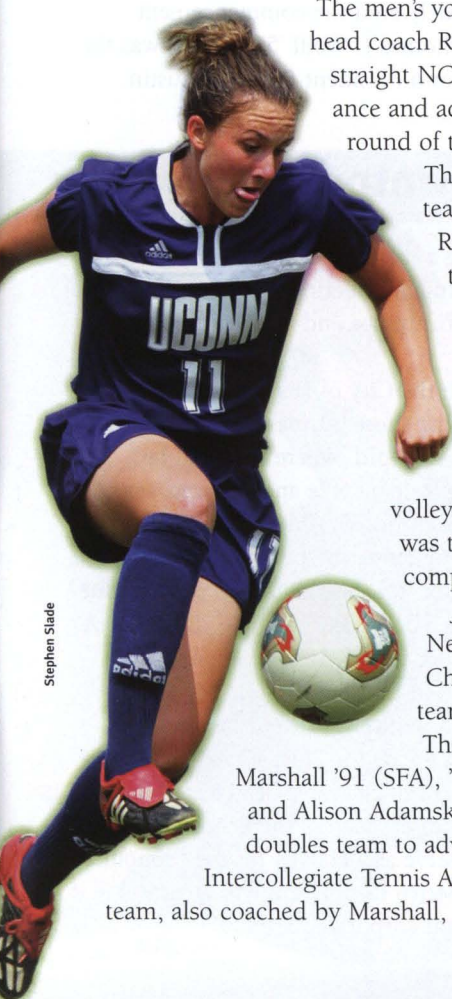


Top: Dan Orlovsky '05 (CLAS) drove the football team to a 9-3 record and was *ESPN.com's* Independent Offensive MVP.



Left: Lauren Henderson '05 (CLAS) earned first team All-America honors for the field hockey team.

Far Left: Freshman Meghan Schnur won recognition as Big East Co-Freshman of the Year and earned a spot on the All-Big East First Team.



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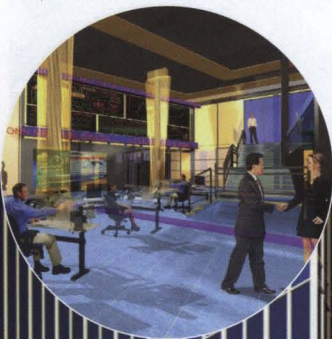
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Mortarboards and snow

UConn students make a snowy entry into the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts for the first mid-year Commencement ceremony.

The University's first-ever mid-year commencement had an appropriate seasonal setting, cold weather and falling snow—as more than 650 graduates walked into the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts to cheers from their families and friends. Franklin Chang-Diaz '73 (ENG), astronaut and director of NASA's Advanced Space Propulsion Laboratory, delivered the commencement address. Businessman and community activist Thomas J. Wolff '56 (CLAS) was the recipient of the 25th University Medal from UConn President Philip E. Austin.



Schoenhardt Architecture

An executive move to downtown Hartford

The UConn School of Business is establishing a major presence in downtown Hartford by relocating some of its M.B.A. program offerings to Constitution Plaza, which will also include a state-of-the-art insurance and financial center to be known as the Financial Accelerator.

"We have long had a special relationship with the City of Hartford and the business community in the Hartford area. Locating these business programs and creating the Financial Accelerator in downtown Hartford, where they will be accessible to corporations and students working in insurance and financial services, takes our partnership a giant step forward," says UConn President Philip E. Austin.

The move will boost Hartford's revitalization by attracting nearly 500 students, many of them mid-level executives, as they pursue advanced business degrees during evenings and weekends throughout the year. The M.B.A. and Executive M.B.A. programs will move to Hartford by next fall. Other workforce development programs will also be offered in downtown Hartford in the future.

"The Financial Accelerator will serve as a real-world lab for our faculty's groundbreaking research and provide our business partners with solutions to market challenges that have been tested using real market data," says Curt Hunter, dean of the School of Business. "This initiative will serve as a beacon for the economic development of the Hartford Metro Region and will greatly benefit our students, faculty and corporate partners."

The Financial Accelerator will be a real-world lab for the School of Business in its new downtown Hartford location.

Big East expands its reach

Beginning in the 2005-06 academic year, the Big East Conference will welcome the University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, University of Louisville, Marquette University and the University of South Florida into the league. All the schools now compete in Conference USA.



"All of the five new Big East schools are respected academic and athletic institutions," says Jeffrey A. Hathaway, UConn director of athletics. "From the standpoint of marketplace, our league now has expanded its reach to almost 24 million television households and

22 percent of the country, including Chicago, the third-largest media market in the United States."

The schools that will compete in all Big East sports include UConn, University of Cincinnati, University of Louisville, University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University, University of South Florida, Syracuse University and West Virginia University. The non-football members include DePaul University, Georgetown University, Marquette University, University of Notre Dame, Providence College, Seton Hall University, St. John's University and Villanova University.



Peter Morenus

Maya Angelou Speaks

Poet, novelist and educator Maya Angelou told stories and offered encouragement to UConn students to live their lives to the fullest during a visit to the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts in February.

NEW DIGS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER

The Connecticut Archaeology Center will open later this year and become part of the State Museum of Natural History at UConn.

"The new center will expand the museum's ability to promote an understanding and appreciation of both cultural and natural history and allow it to grow in new and important ways," says John D. Petersen, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "It will be an important resource for the citizens of Connecticut as well as for students and faculty at the University."

Nicholas Bellantoni '80 M.A., '87 Ph.D., the state archaeologist, who has a joint appointment in the Anthropology Department, will head the center. The second and third floors of the museum will be renovated later this year to provide both a working lab open to the public and small-scale exhibit space.

The archaeology center will provide support for UConn graduate and undergraduate students and will operate archaeology field schools. It will also provide elementary and secondary school teachers with training, curriculum guides and teaching resources; provide technical training and assistance to Connecticut municipalities; and offer access to maps, collections and an archaeology library to professional archaeologists, students and the public.

Shannon McAvoy

State Archaeologist Nicholas Bellantoni will head the new Connecticut Archaeology Center.



UConn — It's AMAZING

The University's remarkable transformation continues as a variety of UCONN 2000/21st Century UConn building projects move forward. The new Center for Undergraduate Education bundles together under one roof a range of important academic resources for students, while the expanded William Benton Museum of Art allows more space for exhibitions. The comprehensive renovation of the Student Union is keeping a steady pace, even as the structure of the new Pharmacy-Biology Building rises to grace the skyline of the main campus.

Right: The Center for Undergraduate Education is the new home for 19 separate departments, including the Honors Program, Student Support Services, Career Services, and Instructional Resources Center. The centralized resource will improve the efficient delivery of academic services to students.

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Above: Masala: Diversity and Democracy in South Asian Art was the first exhibition to open the Evelyn Simon Gillman Gallery in the newly renovated William Benton Museum of Art. The building's official dedication ceremony is slated for April 17.



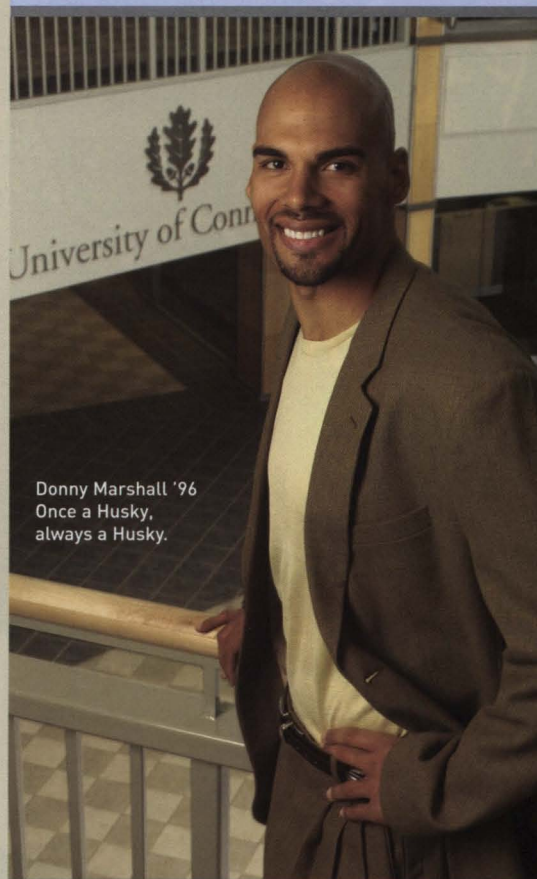
Peter Morenus

Saturday night at the movies will be more than just a song title with the new 500-seat movie theater nearing completion as part of renovations to the Student Union.

Ground was broken late in 2003 for the new Pharmacy-Biology building. The School of Pharmacy will gain flexible laboratories to assist new research needs, a state-of-the-art multi-use pharmacist care center and high technology classrooms. Two biology departments will also occupy the building.



Peter Morenus



Donny Marshall '96
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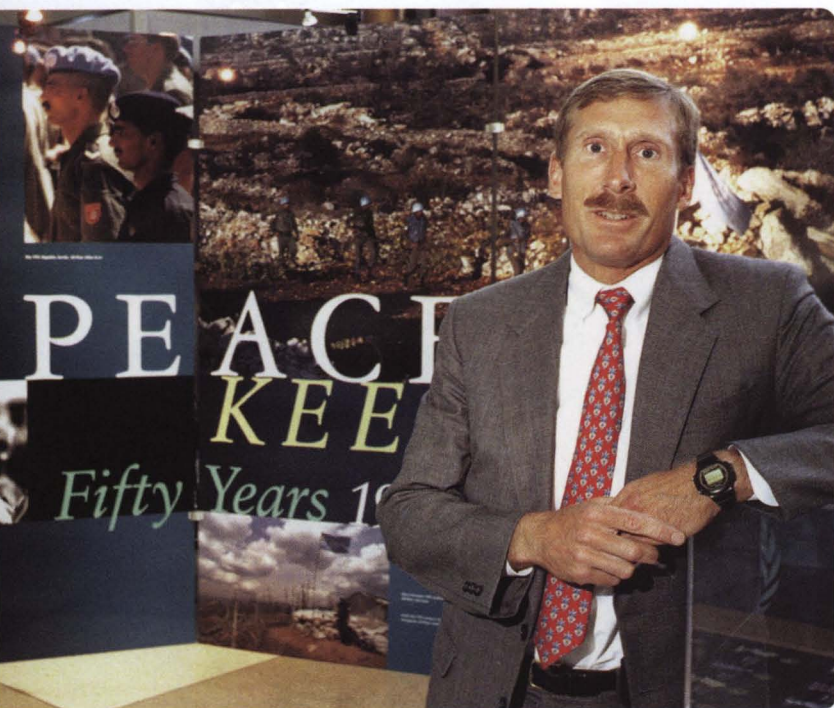
When you talk about playing basketball with passion, heart and UConn pride, Donny Marshall wrote the book.

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Charles Duelfer '74 (CLAS), in front of an exhibit on peacekeeping at U.N. headquarters in New York City.

Duelfer heads back to Iraq

Charles Duelfer '74 (CLAS) was named by the Central Intelligence Agency as the new leader of the hunt for evidence of weapons of mass destruction programs in Iraq. Duelfer, a former United Nations weapons inspector, is a defense and military affairs expert. He previously served as deputy assistant secretary of state for arms control and most recently was with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

Duelfer was second in command of U.N. weapons inspection in Iraq during most of the 1990s. He will lead about 1,400 scientists and other experts to search facilities and interview Iraqis, according to news reports.

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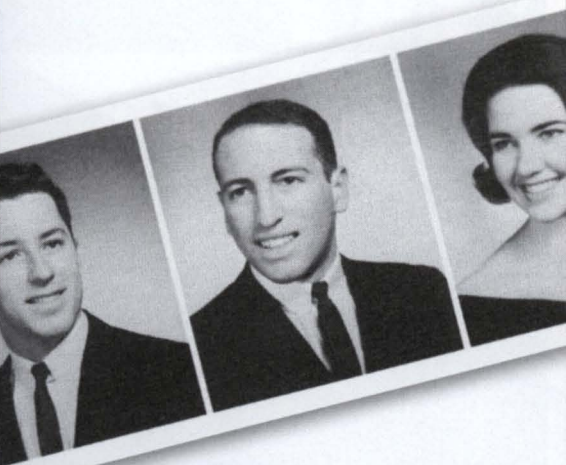
Fallen airman identified

The remains of U.S. Air Force Maj. Irwin S. Lerner '64 (CLAS), who was declared missing in action when his B-52 bomber was shot down over Hanoi on Dec. 20, 1972, were buried in a military funeral with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery in January.

Lerner, originally from Stratford, Conn., a letter-winning soccer player for UConn, was an electronics warfare officer with the 307th Strategic Wing when his plane was downed by a surface-to-air missile, according to military records. His remains were recovered in 1985 at a crash site in Vietnam, but it took until last November to confirm his identity through a search of DNA samples from maternal relatives, says Kathy Shemeley, president of the Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Connecticut Forget-Me-Nots.

Lerner is the eighth Connecticut native and only UConn graduate from the Vietnam-era MIA identified since 1989.

At the time of his death, Lerner and his wife, Roberta (Reilly) Lerner '65 (NUR), were the parents of three young children. Roberta Lerner died in 1995. His children, Mark Lerner, David Lerner and Jennifer Clary, and four grandchildren were among 50 mourners who attended the services.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Irwin S. Lerner '64 (CLAS), above center, from the 1964 *Nutmeg* yearbook.

Right: Military honor guard salute during burial ceremony for Maj. Lerner at Arlington National Cemetery.



AP/Wide World

An unparalleled gift

Software giant UGS PLM Solutions grant valued at over \$146 million

The largest contribution ever received by the University of Connecticut has been made by UGS PLM Solutions, a subsidiary of EDS, the world's largest independent information technology services company. UGS PLM made a grant with a commercial value of \$146.1 million that will provide students and faculty in the School of Engineering with a suite of leading industry software that will help them conceive, design, engineer and validate projects, using the same tools as today's leading manufacturing and technology companies use.

"This grant signifies a unique and enormously valuable collaboration between one of the nation's major public research universities and one of the nation's most innovative and far-sighted companies," says President Philip E. Austin. "The nature and scope of the grant are unparalleled in UConn's history and will strengthen further a School of Engineering that is already making great strides in research, instruction and service to the wider community. E-engineering and e-commerce are vital components of Connecticut's economic growth, and we are delighted to partner with EDS in this great venture."

The UGS PLM grant includes software products used by technologists and engineers at General Motors, Boeing, Toyota, AT&T, IBM, Hitachi, Lockheed Martin, Pratt & Whitney, General Dynamics and many other leading global companies.

"This grant will position the University of Connecticut among the leaders in e-engineering education and will ensure that UConn's students and faculty have access to world-

class e-engineering support," says Amir Faghri, dean of the School of Engineering. "UGS PLM Solutions will serve as UConn's educational partner, helping train engineering students in using the most cutting-edge product design and development software on the market today."

The grant covers a suite of product lifecycle management tools for computer aided design, computer aided manufacturing, and computer aided engineering. UGS PLM Solutions software will permit the School of Engineering to significantly enhance the integration of e-engineering into its curriculum at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Students will design product models, simulate their operation and quantitatively evaluate their performance, beginning at the

concept stage and proceeding through all manufacturing phases to final production.

"UGS PLM Solutions made this significant investment in the UConn School of Engineering as a result of the outstanding engineering programs it offers and the emphasis it places on undergraduate, university-industry, research and outreach programs," says John Saia, president of UGS PLM Solutions' northeastern region. "Today's leading manufacturers compete on the basis of time-to-market, product cost, quality and innovation. Students must have the opportunity to gain experience with technology that supports these objectives."

The grant to UConn is among the largest UGS PLM Solutions has awarded to a university.

The Burton Family Football Complex takes shape



Preliminary designs have been completed for The Burton Family Football Complex and the Indoor Facility. The lead gift for the Football Complex is a \$2.5 million contribution by Robert G. Burton, whose son, Michael '99 (CLAS), was the captain of the 1999 Husky football team. The Burton Family Football Complex will serve as the on-campus home of UConn football, while the Indoor Facility will serve as an exciting new venue for a number of intercollegiate and student recreation programs. Construction is expected to begin in winter 2004-05 with completion slated for summer 2006.

Proud families dedicated to community pharmacies

Classmates & fraternity brothers join in giving back

Sam Kalmanowitz '61 (PHR) and David "Buddy" Roth '61 (PHR) met as UConn pharmacy students in the late 1950's, joined the same fraternity, and have been close friends ever since. In a fitting touch, each has made a \$200,000 commitment to the School of Pharmacy's *Endowment for the 21st Century* and will name two state-of-the-art classrooms planned for the new Pharmacy-Biology building after beloved family members.

Roth and his wife, Brenda Maxen Roth '61 (ED), made their gift in honor of his family's long history in community pharmacy and in memory of his father, Oscar Roth, a pharmacist for more than 50 years and a past supreme directorum of the AZO Pharmaceutical Fraternity until his death in 1985.

"I started working for my father when

I was 8 or 9 years old and I'm proud to say that my family has been involved in community pharmacy for more than 70 years," says David Roth, an owner of successful pharmacies in Hamden for 32 years. "I came to UConn to earn my degree and have been fortunate enough in my business to donate to a number of worthy causes, of which UConn is certainly one."

Kalmanowitz, a member of the UConn School of Pharmacy Advisory Board and former owner of a retail pharmacy in Meriden, Conn., for 40 years, was drawn to pharmacy at an early age because he felt the profession provided a chance to help people. Because of UConn's reputation as a top-notch place for pharmacy studies, he enrolled at the University. He notes

that the current fund-raising campaign provides an opportunity to give something back to the school where his career began. The new room will be named for his parents, Milton and Rose Kalmanowitz.

"UConn does a tremendous job preparing tomorrow's pharmacists to enter the profession. It's a worthy investment of some of the fruits of my education to help young people pursue their goals of becoming pharmacists," Kalmanowitz says.

The School of Pharmacy is raising \$5 million as part of *Campaign UConn* to support faculty, students, and programs that will help advance the School among nationally recognized leaders in pharmaceutical research and education.

Campaign UConn enters final phase

As of Dec. 31, 2003, *Campaign UConn*—the largest fundraising effort in the University's history—had raised \$269.8 million in new gifts and commitments, representing 90 percent of the overall \$300 million campaign goal. The

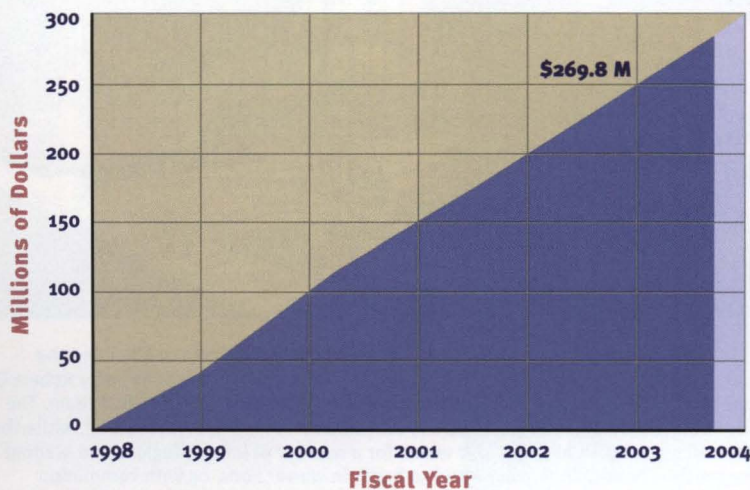
recent \$146.1 million gift from EDS (see previous page) raised the overall total to \$415.9 million.

With three months remaining until the campaign's June 30, 2004, conclusion, the focus is on meeting the two final goals of increasing scholarships and faculty support. Funds

raised for scholarships are at \$41.8 million, while support for faculty is at \$25.3 million. Each has a goal of \$75 million.

"We are quite pleased that the EDS gift enabled us to reach our overall campaign goal," says UConn Foundation president John K. Martin. "However, it's also crucial that we have a well-funded scholarship program to provide access to the widest population of students while continuing to attract the best and the brightest. Similarly, being able to recruit internationally renowned researchers and educators depends heavily on providing the resources they need to carry on their work."

As of Dec. 31, 2003, the total funds raised by *Campaign UConn* stood at \$269.8 million. This represents 90 percent of the goal of \$300 million by June 30, 2004. By campaign priority, the breakdown is as follows: faculty support \$25.3M; student scholarships \$41.8M; and program support \$202.7M.



21 years of mud, ooze and fun

Annual mud volleyball tournament a certified UConn tradition

On April 26, 1984, an ad in the *Connecticut Daily Campus* proclaimed: "The Rainy [sic] Storrs weather can't stop it! The most outrageous campus game is finally here!"

Indeed it was. And it has remained. The annual Spring Weekend Oozeball Tournament, an activity of the UConn Student Alumni Association, turns 21 this spring. It's where everybody gets hosed—and everybody has fun. For UConn alumni and students, Oozeball is an afternoon of "600 gallons of water and 60 tons of dirt."

Oozeball—volleyball played in an 8-inch bed of mud—is a certified UConn tradition, and last year, *Sports Illustrated* cited UConn's annual tournament as the "Best Mud Volleyball" event in the country.

When the first tournament was held, Ronald Reagan was in the White House—and heading toward a second term. Trivial Pursuit was the hot game, and punk rock was at its zenith. The inaugural Oozeball event was described in the *Daily Campus* by associate sports editor Kim Harmon '84 (CLAS) as "a game where people are going to have fun ruining their clothes and getting mud in their ears...May God help the campus washing machines."

"Flopping around in mud has got to be hilarious, especially when someone you know gets a glob in the face," wrote Harmon.

A team calling itself The Pounders, students from McMahon Hall and Carriage House Apartments, won that first tournament some 20 years ago.

The second tournament featured a surprise entrant—the costumed Jonathan mascot arrived at the start of the event. Responding to student's cheers, the wearer of the costume lifted off the Jonathan head to reveal



Oozeball tournament May 2, 1987

that he was John DiBiaggio, UConn's then president. Under the costume, DiBiaggio was wearing sweats, and, to more student cheers, he joined them in the slop and slime for a round of Oozeball.

For many years the event was held on what was known as the Grad Field—that section of the former Gardner Dow Field bounded by the Graduate Residence Halls, Babbidge

Library and Hillside Road. Today that site is home to the new School of Business and the Information Technologies Building. Today's tournaments are played on the field between Beach Hall and the CLAS Building (formerly the Waring Chemistry Building).

— Mark J. Roy '74 (CLAS)

News

School of Medicine

First national study on pregnant smokers

The UConn Health Center will conduct the first national, large-scale study to help pregnant women who want to quit smoking improve their chances of success.

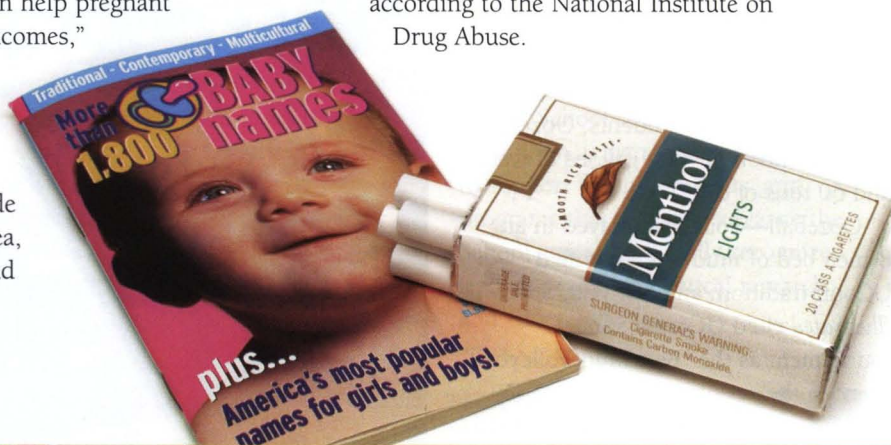
A team of researchers led by principal investigator Cheryl Oncken, associate professor of medicine and of obstetrics and gynecology in the School of Medicine, will conduct the study under a five-year, \$1.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

"Our goal is to learn whether alleviating tobacco withdrawal symptoms with nicotine gum can help pregnant women quit smoking and improve birth outcomes," says Oncken. "We know there are risks involved with nicotine gum and patches, but compared to the chemicals inhaled and the potential reduction of oxygen to the fetus, those risks are significantly lower." Side effects of nicotine therapy can include nausea, dizziness and increases in blood pressure and heart rate, according to researchers.

National statistics indicate that about 20 percent of pregnant women smoke. Research has shown that smoking during pregnancy is one of the most important modifiable causes of poor pregnancy outcomes in the United States.

Pregnant women who quit smoking improve their chances of having healthy babies and avoiding serious pregnancy problems, Oncken says.

Nicotine is among the most powerfully addictive substances. Nearly 35 million people try to quit smoking each year, but less than 7 percent succeed after a year, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.



Hubert Benitez, left, and Edward Rossomando in the dental clinic at the UConn Health Center.

a program to move biotechnology more efficiently from scientists and inventors to dental practitioners under a two-year \$322,000 grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, a branch of the National Institutes of Health.

"Technology is at work in all dental offices, from infection control to lasers in restorative dentistry and the use of computers for everything from imaging to record keeping," Rossomando says. "Most dentists realize that the introduction of new products and technologies into their practice is in the best interest of their patients, but existing office routines and habits can present obstacles to any change."

The program introduces an understanding of business to dental students, faculty and practitioners. To further explore biodentics and pursue research on its practical use, Rossomando established the Center for Research and Education in Technology Evaluation at the dental school.

The UConn program has attracted the attention of other prestigious dental schools in the country that have signed up for seminars and training, including Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, New York University, the University of California at San Francisco, and the University of Southern California.



Peter Morenus

School of Dental Medicine

A new dental specialty at UConn

By combining research, innovative technology and business know-how, a UConn dentist is pioneering an emerging dental specialty known as biodentics.

Edward Rossomando, a professor of biostructure and function at the School of Dental Medicine, is developing



Chris Pagani

Emily Meanwell '00 (CLAS) in Bhaktapur, Nepal, with two new friends during an intersession study trip.

College of Continuing Studies

Learning and research in-country

While many students were at home over the winter intersession, 28 UConn students were earning academic credit in Cuba and Nepal as part of the International Culture Study Program sponsored by the College of Continuing Studies.

International programs are offered for UConn students and others interested in earning either undergraduate or graduate credits.

"Students gain unique insights into the country they visit and learn more about themselves and differing ways of thinking and approaching the world," says Krista Rodin, CCS dean and faculty member for course trips to Cuba and Peru.

In addition to lectures and field trips, an integral part of the curriculum for students is individualized research on a topic of interest to the student.

Jessica Chavez, a seventh semester international relations major, says she gained a new perspective during her trip to Nepal, where she visited the Hindu holy site of Pashupatinath as part of her study of Nepali culture. An artist by avocation, she says her research project will be an illustrated version of a Nepali folk tale or a Hindu story.

"Doing a study-abroad program reinforces the information you learn in class by giving some perspective to it," says Chavez. "There are over 100 political parties in Nepal. We saw the aftermath of the recent political insurgence and student protests. Everything we learned seemed to have greater validity to it."

School of Allied Health

Creating a model physical therapy clinic

A new rehabilitation clinic is helping UConn students in the physical therapy program gain practical experience and keep pace with the latest innovations in the field.

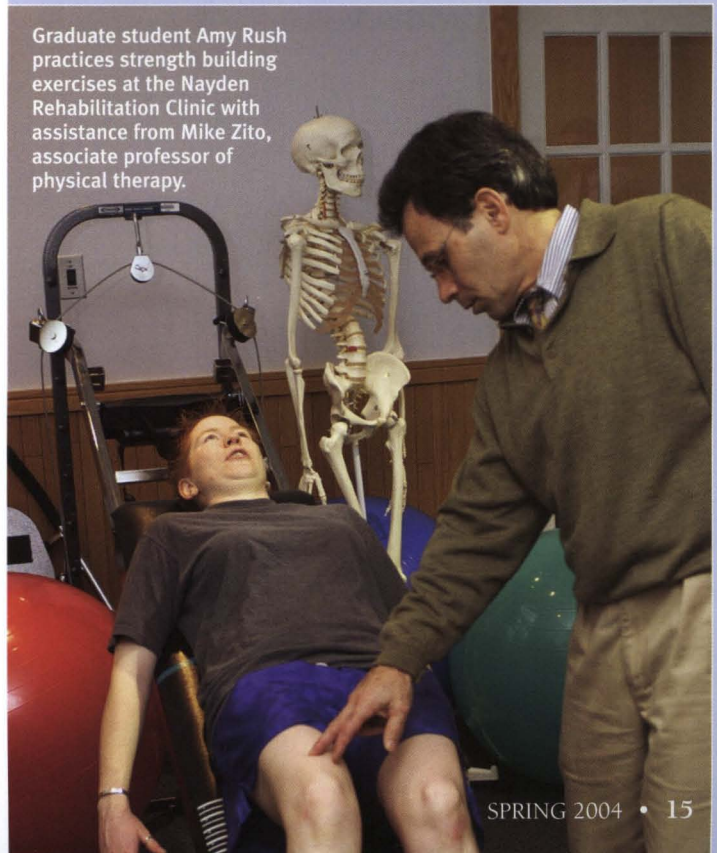
The Britta R. Nayden Rehabilitation Clinic opened at UConn, providing faculty and students with a fully accessible, modern facility that can provide care for more than 10,000 patient visits annually. The clinic was made possible by a \$125,000 gift from Denis J. Nayden '76 (BUS) '77 M.B.A., and Britta R. Nayden '76 (SAH), a graduate of the physical therapy program.

"We wanted to create a model clinic, where best practices are and evidence-based treatments of the highest level are the standard," says Scott Hasson, professor of physical therapy and chair of the department. "The Nayden Clinic allows us to further integrate all aspects of a student's education. Students see patients in a real world setting, and we determine our desired outcomes from best practices research."

The clinic operates in partnership with Windham Community Memorial Hospital, which provides administrative oversight and consultation.

Joseph W. Smey, dean of the School of Allied Health, says the physical therapy department is planning to expand its offerings to include a doctoral program. "The Nayden Clinic will serve as a catalyst to support academic growth, allow for expanded learning opportunities for students, and provide an environment to support research," he says.

Graduate student Amy Rush practices strength building exercises at the Nayden Rehabilitation Clinic with assistance from Mike Zito, associate professor of physical therapy.



Dollie Harvey

School of Family Studies

The complexity of step-family dynamics

The Brady Bunch ideal of a step-family contrasts markedly with how Americans generally understand step-family dynamics. In fact from Snow White to Cinderella, in most fictional tales, step-families in general—and step-mothers in particular—are portrayed negatively.

There has been little study about the complex relationships that make up a step-family, something that UConn professor Shannon Weaver seeks to address with qualitative research on

role construction and relationship formation by women in step-families.

“My interest is in family dynamics. I want to find out what works,” says Weaver, an assistant professor of family studies.

Step-mothers find themselves in a particular dilemma because they are not biological mothers but they are expected to do the loving and nurturing things a mother does. Weaver says some define their role as that of a big sister because they do not want to infringe on what is considered the biological mother’s territory in the family dynamic.

Over the past four years, Weaver has followed a number of step-families through good times and bad, successes and failures, common experiences and unique circumstances. She says communication is the single most important ingredient in establishing a healthy, blended family.

Critically important to family harmony, Weaver says, is “figuring out what you can control and accepting what you can’t. Flexibility is very important in every family form but particularly in step-families.”



John E. Bailey

School of Pharmacy

McCarthy fills the prescription

Robert McCarthy, head of the UConn pharmacy practice department, has been named dean of the School of Pharmacy.

“Dean McCarthy’s appointment is enthusiastically supported by the School of Pharmacy and is a testament to his demonstrated success in reacting to and serving the needs of his faculty, students and staff,” says John Petersen, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

McCarthy had been serving as interim dean since July 2002.

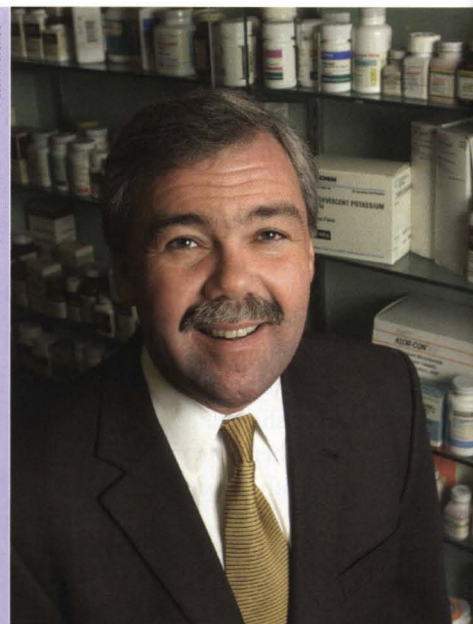
Since taking over leadership of the school, McCarthy’s primary goals have been to bolster faculty and staff and boost the school’s reputation during a time of significant transformation at the University.

“I consider this position at UConn as one of the top 10 school of pharmacy deanships in the country,” McCarthy says. “My duty is to provide the kind of leadership these good people deserve and promote their exceptional work.

As a dean you have to get as much pleasure and satisfaction from the successes of your faculty and students as if you had accomplished them yourself.”

McCarthy began his career as a hospital pharmacy director before joining the faculty first at Northeastern University and then at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

He has more than two dozen peer-reviewed publications to his credit and is preparing the third edition of his textbook, *Introduction to Health Care Delivery: A Primer for Pharmacists*.



Peter Morenus

Neag School of Education

Using a stone wall to bridge learning

Stone Wall Secrets, a children's book authored by a UConn scientist and his wife, has become the catalyst for a novel elementary school curriculum.

The project, made possible by a \$150,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, is a collaboration between faculty in the Neag School of Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

About six years ago, Robert Thorson, a professor of geology, and his wife, Kristine, penned a fictional story about a boy, his grandfather and a stone wall in need of repair. The story is intertwined

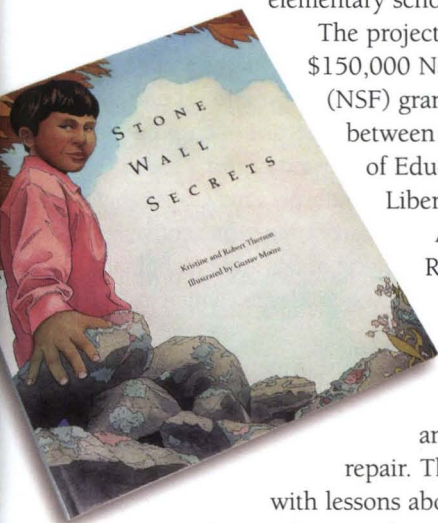
with lessons about how rocks provide clues to the past, from the days when the

Earth's crust was formed to tales about the first settlers.

Last year, Thorson approached UConn education professors David Moss, a science educator, and Wendy Glenn, an English educator, with an idea he had to bring the fictional story to life. Using the Thorsons' book as a springboard, they are developing a K-8 curriculum that embeds science within language arts and other disciplines, rather than treating the content of each subject separately.

For example, third-grade students engaged in a lesson concerning life in colonial days, when fields needed to be cleared of rocks and trees for farming, posed a simple, but profound question: "Where did all the rocks come from?" This allowed the teacher to move seamlessly between science, history and writing lessons, incorporating scientific thinking in an authentic and meaningful way. It becomes "a hook," Moss says, for the students to understand and care about how science fits into the context of daily life.

After recruiting teachers from the Mansfield, Conn., school system, the UConn team developed a pilot curriculum that is currently being tested. The curriculum will be analyzed and revised as necessary this summer before another year of pilot testing begins. The materials will then be made available nationally to all educators on the NSF website.



School of Nursing

Studying the effects of Kangaroo Care

Sometimes a simple human touch can assist patients more than the myriad of wires and technology that are part of modern healthcare.

In the UConn Health Center's high-tech newborn intensive care unit, where premature babies are nurtured toward health by increasing their capacity to gain weight, simply having a mother hold her baby skin-to-skin, chest-to-chest has shown to have an immediate and long-term positive effect toward



Peter Morenus

Kim Dorman of Newington holds her prematurely born daughter Nicole at the UConn Health Center. The skin-to-skin contact is a therapeutic technique known as "Kangaroo Care."

improving the baby's progress to good health. Babies gain weight more rapidly, which stabilizes their development, and they go home sooner.

Although the effectiveness of the technique, known as Kangaroo Care, has been studied previously, the focus of new research by UConn nursing professor Arthur Engler is on the physiological and psychological impact on parents providing this care to a critically ill, low birth-weight baby.

Engler, a nurse, is conducting his research at the UConn Health Center, where he monitors the temperature and skin responses of mothers and fathers holding their premature babies in order to gauge the parents' reactions and level of stress.

"We already know Kangaroo Care helps babies," Engler says. "If we can show it also benefits parents, we can help nurses use this technique more widely, and the outcome is going to be better for the baby in the long run."

The UConn Health Center provides care for more preterm infants than any other hospital in Connecticut.

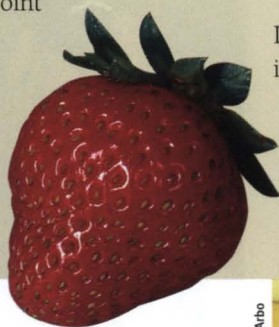
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Tasting the way to good health

If the flavor of spinach makes you cringe or you don't like much mayonnaise on your sandwich, you may not be just a picky eater. You could be one of the 25 percent of the population who are supertasters: individuals who have heightened oral sensations from foods and beverages.

"Supertasters live in a different oral sensory world than non-tasters, who also make up about 25 percent of the population," says Professor Valerie Duffy, who holds joint

appointments in nutritional sciences and allied health and conducts studies on variations in taste and how they influence what people like to eat.



"Understanding why people eat what they do can help dietitians and nutritionists tailor diets that not only can lower the risk of diseases such as cancer and cardiovascular disease but are also enjoyable to eat," Duffy says.

Duffy is exploring relationships between markers of genetic variation in taste and what we like and choose to eat and the impact of dietary decision making on the risk of chronic disease, such as cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Supertasters' hypersensitivity to bitterness may cause them to avoid foods, like broccoli, that carry cancer-preventive compounds. They don't like the taste of fats and alcohol and as a result have shown lower cholesterol levels, which is good for heart health.

"Diet plays a role in preventing cardiovascular disease," Duffy says. "Understanding why people eat what they do is an important piece of the puzzle."

School of Fine Arts

Accent is on acting professor's skill

When he was a 10-year old growing up in New London, Conn., David Stern says he knew he had a knack for accents.

"I'd listen to my father's original cast recordings of *My Fair Lady* and an older recording of *Finian's Rainbow*," says Stern, '69 (SFA), UConn professor of dramatic arts. "I'd start singing along with the characters, and I realized I could parrot back almost any voice."

After graduating from UConn, Stern earned a doctorate, worked at several universities and created the widely used *Acting with an Accent*, a series of instructional tapes. He eventually headed to Hollywood, where he became a premiere voice and dialect coach, working with actors such as Julia Roberts, Liam Neeson, Forest Whitaker and Cicely Tyson.

After 12 years, Stern returned to UConn, where since 1993 he has been improving accents and dialects of his students.

"The most important part of my job is protecting the physical health of the actors' voices," he says. "If I can get them to play heavily emotional moments, yelling or screaming without any strain, that is the single most important thing that I do. One of my jobs is not just teaching actors the technique for producing the accent but also showing

Melissa Arbo



David Stern, professor of dramatic arts and a dialect coach for Hollywood actors, demonstrates vocal techniques for students in a speaking voice class at the Drama-Music Building.

them how it can be an integral part of each character's interaction."

Stern's most recent dialect film work is the new Viggo Mortensen film, *Hidalgo*, where he coached actor Victor Talmadge in using a Swedish accent.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

New program brings global impact home

A new graduate certificate in global governance coordinated by a UConn political scientist will benefit both UConn students pursuing graduate degrees in the social sciences and secondary school social studies teachers.

The program will identify global impacts on daily life and help clarify how and why political decisions are made and what implications globalization has for democratic governance around the world.

Mark Boyer, professor of political science and director of the program, says the graduate certificate requirements—12 credits and a research paper—will complement the work done by students already enrolled in master's and doctoral programs.

The program continues the collaborative efforts between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Neag School of Education, says Boyer. It provides a structured, globally oriented program for secondary school teachers, particularly in social studies, who are working toward an M.A. in education or a sixth-year diploma. He expects the program will also appeal to graduate students in other social sciences, such as history, sociology and economics.

"It's one of the new, exciting directions the political science department is taking," says Howard Reiter, who chairs the department. "We're moving to the forefront of a newly emerging area."

Boyer says the certificate program will showcase the department's strength in international relations and comparative politics.



Waving a wand for food safety

UConn scientists are adapting a machine used by the U.S. Coast Guard to find explosives and trace amounts of drugs for use in detecting *Listeria* and other pathogenic bacteria in meat before it is shipped to grocery stores and restaurants.

Robert Vinopal, professor of molecular and cell biology, is collaborating on the project with Claudia Koerting, assistant research professor of marine sciences, and research specialist J. Richard Jadamec, both of UConn's Coastal Environmental Research Lab, a facility based at UConn's Avery Point campus.

The researchers are working to calibrate the inspection device and develop sampling methods to detect bacteria. If they are successful, a meat inspector could use a wand to scan a side of beef and learn immediately whether it is contaminated.

"We hope our research will provide protection to the public and save money for the meat industry," Vinopal says. "We want to make it easier to know that what you are buying in the supermarket is safe to eat."

The machine allows researchers to test for bacteria at a cost of only about 50 cents per test, compared with more than \$5 for traditional tests. The potential savings could be millions of dollars in testing and costly recalls of meat products.

The research is supported by grants from the American Meat Institute Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Claudia Koerting, assistant research professor of marine sciences, using an instrument adapted to detect harmful bacteria in meat before it can make its way to the supermarket.



Peter Morenus

School of Law

Asking questions about legal ethics

After considering a Ph.D. in philosophy, working as a playwright and practicing corporate law, Sean Griffith says being an associate professor of business law is “a natural place” to explore legal questions that interest him.

“I was always more interested in theoretical issues and problem areas. There are a lot of good questions about corporations and governance that need serious research to be answered,” he says.

Griffith uses his scholarly writings to investigate some of those questions. In a commentary last year for the *Connecticut Law Review*, for example, he used the behavior of Enron executives to examine whether there is something wrong with the guiding principles of legal ethics. According to Griffith, the field of legal ethics did not provide “a normative principle capable of constraining the conduct of business lawyers in the current corporate scandals.”

He also uses law and economics as a framework to investigate corporate law issues, such as in an article addressing the legal regulation of initial public offerings from the perspective of financial economics.

Griffith shares his knowledge of the business world with UConn students through a seminar on corporate governance and financial markets.

“The good part about having been in practice is that I can do practice-oriented exercises with my students,” he notes. “They seem to both like and benefit from a mix of the practical and the theoretical.”

Law professor Sean Griffith shares both real world and theoretical perspectives with UConn law students.

Peter Morenus



Sanguthevar Rajasekaran, UTC Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, teaches his students to design highly efficient algorithms.

School of Engineering

Having fun with algorithms

For Sanguthevar Rajasekaran, UTC Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, algorithms are not the difficult part of a math problem. Rather, they are tools for solving complex problems and having fun.

Algorithms are the fundamental techniques for unraveling problems using a computer, the theory used to create the programming.

There are thousands of algorithms that can help sort data and Rajasekaran's job is to build algorithms that increase efficiency and involve the fewest operations. He is the principal investigator on a new five-year project, funded by a \$1.2 million National Science Foundation Information Technology Research grant, in which researchers at four universities will develop and experiment with techniques for processing large amounts of data.

He says algorithms allow him to work in many domains, such as projects working with engineering faculty on fuel cell research and with allied health faculty on a project to design an exercise bicycle for the physically challenged.

It is not just the solution that intrigues him; it is finding the best solution or designing the most efficient algorithm. “It’s an art more than a science,” he says.

Rajasekaran is currently working with neuroscientists at the UConn Health Center on motif searches, a method to find useful parts of biological data repeated across species and in many parts of a medical database.

School of Business

UConn M.B.A. a solid investment

Forbes magazine ranks UConn's School of Business among the nation's top 50 for providing students the fastest return on investment from an M.B.A. program.

Of more than 1,200 business schools nationally, UConn is ranked 23rd among all public universities and the only public business school ranked in New England.

The biennial *Forbes* survey was designed to determine the return on investment for an M.B.A. by tracking the progress of graduates from the class of 1998 during a five-year period. UConn's M.B.A. graduates nearly triple their salaries and break even on their investment of tuition, fees and foregone salary, says *Forbes*. The survey also showed that UConn graduates realized an 84 percent return on their investment within five years.

The ranking by *Forbes* continues the accolades for the UConn School of Business, which is also listed by *Business Week* magazine as among the best in the nation. *The Wall Street Journal* also elevated UConn to its list of Top Business Schools. *U.S. News & World Report* cites UConn as the number-one public business school in New England.



Forbes and other leading publications have ranked UConn's School of Business among the best in the nation.

School of Social Work

Protecting children from sexual abuse

UConn researchers in the School of Social Work are helping identify the characteristics of child sex offenders in an effort to bolster abuse prevention efforts.

The study was conducted for the Children's Trust Fund, an independent agency that develops child abuse prevention programs, and led by Eleanor Lyon, associate professor-in-residence at the School of Social Work.

Contrary to public perception, the typical child abuser in Connecticut is not a stranger loitering in a local park. Instead, the most likely abuser is a parent, relative or friend of the child, an educated white male between the ages of 30 and 50.

The study was based on a review of the files of 188 convicted sex offenders who underwent treatment in Connecticut at the Center for the Treatment of Problem Sexual Behavior between 2000 and 2002. The researchers also studied 844 cases of child sexual abuse reported in 2002 and substantiated by the state Department of Children and Families and state police.

"When we focus prevention education only on protecting children from 'street danger,' we're making a mistake," Lyon says, noting that parents need to know who their children are spending time with and what they are doing.

Educators and other professionals working with children also need to understand that parents also can be perpetrators of acts of sexual violence aimed at children, she adds.

Peter Morenus



Margaret Rubega, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, with bird specimens in the Biology-Physics Building.

Biology of bird beaks

Ornithologist studies evolution of feeding systems

Proper etiquette says you should not eat with your mouth open, unless you're a bird, that is.

For some birds, eating with an open mouth is one way nature takes advantage of the laws of physics, and their beaks have evolved to equip them to do precisely that, says Margaret Rubega, a UConn assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology who is also

the state ornithologist. She conducts research on the evolution of feeding systems in birds and its relationship to the environment to answer the question: Why do birds have so many different kinds of beaks?

"In comparison with other kinds of vertebrates," she says, "birds have such variable mouth parts." Mammals all have jaws, and most have teeth, she

notes. Yet there is enormous variation in the size, shape and structure of birds' beaks. Rubega's research focuses on how this variation influences birds' feeding performance, making detailed observations of how birds feed.

Working with shore birds in her lab, she films them feeding at close range with high-speed video equipment—about 250 frames a second. She then

reviews the tape at half speed to see which type of beak works best if you give different birds the same food under the same conditions.

"You can't give both a pelican and a duck a fish and expect them to eat it in the same way," Rubega says.

She combines lab research with field investigation. Although keeping birds temporarily in captivity creates an artificial setting, she says, her lab work enables her to control the environment to gather critical data to make direct performance comparisons that are not possible in the field.

Rubega, who came to UConn in 1998, is building on her past research inquiries showing that the red-necked phalarope employs a feeding mechanism that had not previously been associated with any other bird. The phalarope—a bird that spends part of the year out at sea in the Arctic, part in meltwater pools on the tundra, and part on lakes in the western United States—eats tiny invertebrates, using surface tension transport. The bird grabs its prey in the tip of its jaws and water sticks to it, forming a droplet with the prey suspended inside. The droplet is suspended between the bird's upper and lower jaw and when the bird opens its beak, the droplet moves in the direction where it can be as small as possible—in this case, to the back of the bird's beak. The bird pumps its tongue against the roof of its mouth so that the water in the droplet is pushed out and the bird swallows the prey. The entire process happens very quickly.

Rubega hopes to find out how the bird's feeding performance varies in each of its three habitats. She has already learned that oil spills can have a devastating effect on birds' ability to feed using the surface tension mecha-

nism. "If there's oil on their beaks, they can't feed at all," she says, noting that research at the micro level lays the groundwork for examining larger ornithological issues. "Feeding mechanisms translate up. If you want to conserve populations of animals, you have to understand their biology."

She seeks to communicate her excitement about the natural world to her students in an outdoor lab course

that is a companion to a lecture class. "I can't imagine teaching about birds without

teaching outside," she says. "You don't need to study the world's most exotic birds to be blown away by how amazing bird biology is."

During a lab last year, the temperature was just 10 degrees outside. Rubega took her students for a campus walk to observe sparrows and talk about thermo-regulation in birds: "The students were complaining (about the cold), yet they were wearing Gore-tex, Polar Fleece, and down. These birds had just spent the night at 5 below zero."

Rubega explained that birds pick microclimates that help with their metabolism and roost in the most sheltered places they can find.

"In a hard winter," she says, "a lot of birds don't make it," noting that the right beak helps.

Birds have to eat all day long to maintain body temperature, she says, and knowing that they have the right eating utensil—a different beak for each bird—helps them to survive and thrive.

— Elizabeth Omara-Otunnu

"You don't need to study the world's most exotic birds to be blown away by how amazing bird biology is."

Meg Sakellarides '86
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Students

Twice as much success for twins

William and Michael Wininger inspire each other to excel

William Wininger '04 (CLAS) came to UConn planning to study mathematics, but it is his identical twin, Michael '03 (CLAS), who became the math major. Mike was the one who wanted to go abroad and explore the world. Yet it was Will who studied at Oxford and has career aspirations in international human rights. This tendency for role reversal is what Will calls "the forward pass." In effect, one moves the other down the field and both go further than either could have imagined alone.

"...we both really want to help people who are less fortunate in their circumstances in life."

Thanks to the Wininger twins' capacity to inspire one another, both have earned Dean's Scholarship Awards and have been named New England Scholars. Will is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Mike a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honor society.

The twins part ways, however, in their academic pursuits. Will's interest in civil rights led him to pursue a dual degree in political science and African-American studies. He has since developed a passion for the legal issues of the oppressed and disenfranchised. Last summer, he was an intern for the Coalition for the International Criminal Court at the United Nations in New York. He also interned with the International Human Rights Consortium at the U.N.'s European office in Geneva, where he presented a paper on Zimbabwean electoral politics.

Will has studied Arabic at UConn and worked as a human rights monitor

for the Muslim Public Affairs Council in Hartford. He plans to pursue graduate studies in Middle Eastern or Islamic studies. Will, who will complete his degree requirements for African American studies in May, has fulfilled his political science requirements and won the senior writing prize for his thesis on abstract political theory.

Mike received degrees in physics and mathematics in December. His studies at UConn included research in the atomic molecular optics laboratory of Prof. Winthrop Smith, where he helped

build a diode laser. A competitive marathon

runner (he qualified for the Boston Marathon this spring), Mike's career interest is focused on rehabilitation technology. He would like to develop better wheelchairs and other devices that will increase mobility and independence for people with disabilities.

Last year, his desire to affect the lives of handicapped people led him to co-found the Cool Kids Club, a UConn student organization whose purpose is to provide recreational activities for kids with disabilities.

"You can say that William is using one hemisphere of the

brain—he likes political science—and that Mike is all science," says Mike. "But we both really want to help people who are less fortunate in their circumstances in life."

The brothers speculate that their parents, both teachers who have lived "principled lives," have greatly influenced their life choices. As for their prospects for success, the Winingers give credit to UConn.

Echoing remarks by Thomas J. Wolff '56, an honorary award recipient at UConn's mid-year commencement, Will declares, "The University owes me nothing; I owe the University everything. It's really an amazing place, and we're very grateful to have gone there, and wherever we go, we'll always take UConn with us." — *Leslie Virostek*

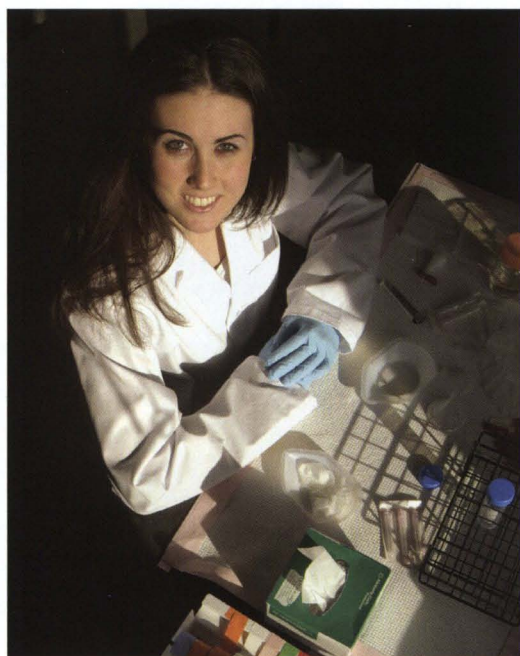


Peter Morenus

Twin brothers, Michael '03 (CLAS) and William '04 (CLAS) Wininger have encouraged each other's success at UConn.

A quest to help fight cancer

Intellect and persistence lead to success



Peter Morenus

A Nutmeg scholar in her second year at UConn, Jennifer Bordonaro has already completed enough credits to achieve junior status. This past December her academic intensity earned her another distinction: a place in the selective University Scholars program. A benefit of this special designation is that it allows her to put her primary academic interest—cancer research—at the center of her studies.

All University Scholars are involved with intense, focused research projects culminating in a high-level of scholarship or creative accomplishment. Bordonaro, a molecular and cellular biology major, explains that chemotherapy is usually administered to cancer patients intravenously, exposing the whole body to the aggressive medicine, which can be devastating to healthy cells and to the immune system. Working with laboratory mice, Bordonaro is conducting research under the direction of Liisa Kuhn, assistant

professor of biomaterials at the UConn Health Center, exploring alternate methods of administering chemotherapy treatment.

“We’re looking to inject the medicine into the solid tumor so that there is less destruction of the body’s regular defenses,” says Bordonaro. She believes the research will demonstrate that targeting the tumor will not only prevent the immune system from being harmed but will also “recruit” immune cells to help combat the spread of cancer to other parts of the body.

“It is rare to find a student with the focus to succeed in medical research that Jennifer has,” says Kuhn. “She is an outstanding student because

she has the combination of intellect and persistence that will lead to success in whatever she pursues.”

Bordonaro’s academic focus has not kept her from involvement in a variety of other activities. A mentor to incoming honors students, Bordonaro has also served as a Husky Ambassador, showing prospective students what life at UConn is like. She is the academic chair for Alpha Beta Epsilon, an academic fraternity for biology majors, and is a member of the pre-med club and a number of organizations and honor societies.

Bordonaro’s interest in medicine began in childhood when her 2-year-old brother, now a healthy 16-year-old, was treated for cancer. The experience helped determine her ultimate goal to become a doctor. She says she is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the fight against cancer. “In doing this research, I feel like I can help in some way.” — *Leslie Virostek*

Randy LaVigne '79 and Andrea Dennis-LaVigne '03 with Jonathan XII. Once a Husky, always a Husky.



IT'S ABOUT *Memories*

Owning an animal hospital, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne and Randy LaVigne share a love of animals that includes a certain special husky.

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HOW THE UCONN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KEEPS **U**CONNECTED

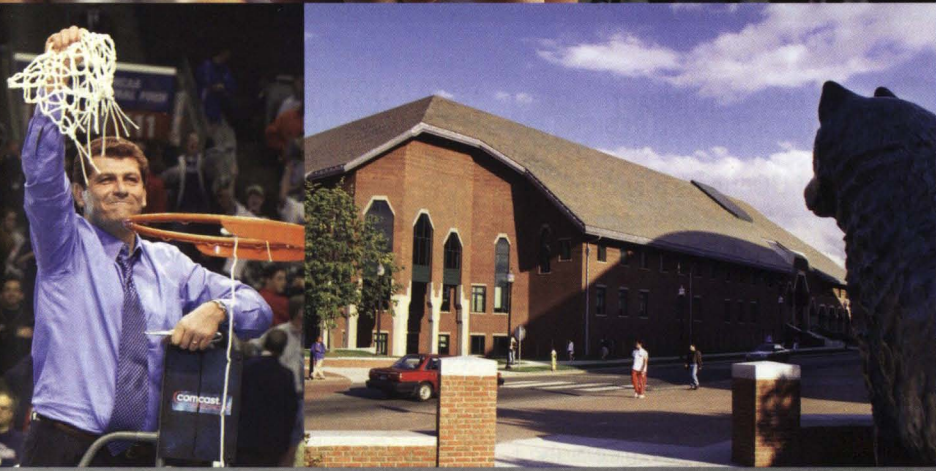
The University of Connecticut has more than 160,000 alumni. For many of them, getting a UConn education has been more than a learning experience; it's been a life-changing experience, one they not only remember but cherish.

As a result, UConn alumni take pride in the University's achievements, follow its progress and root for their beloved Huskies. They also stay connected to the University—UConn**ected**—as members of the UConn Alumni Association.

"Our alumni tell us that the Alumni Association provides a meaningful way for them to honor their memories as students and stay connected with UConn," says John Feudo, executive director of the Alumni Association. "As Association members, their ideas and suggestions help us to improve service to all alumni and build a better University."

Alumni have countless reasons for joining the Association, but in a recent national survey of UConn alumni, those who are already Association members describe their top 10 reasons for joining. Here's what they said.

By John Surowiecki '66 [CLAS], '78 M.A.



10 MEMORIES OF UCONN STUDENT LIFE.

Although every alum has different memories of UConn, all share one thing in common: their UConn memories last a lifetime.

For some, the memories are of good times shared with roommates and friends. For others, such as Andrea Dennis-LaVigne '03 (BGS), alumni representative to the UConn Board of Trustees, it is a reflection on "the natural beauty of the campus—and particularly the incredible sunsets along Horsebarn Hill where I worked as an animal science student."

Others also fondly remember professors who influenced their careers and their lives in significant ways.

Pat Sheehan '67 (CLAS), a former Connecticut television news anchor, says professor John Vlandis had a profound impact on his life. "He

taught me the steps of preparation and the critical thinking I would use for the thousands of news interviews I conducted during my career. My undergraduate experience had a direct effect on my joining the Alumni Association."

9 PRIDE IN THE UNIVERSITY'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

Over the past ten years, the University has made incredible strides. The campus has become an architectural masterpiece, while the research of its faculty and the quality of its students have prompted U.S. News to rank UConn among the nation's top public institutions.

As former UConn basketball standout Donny Marshall '96 (BUS) puts it: "The rest of the country is finding out what people in Connecticut



already know—how great our academic programs are and how much pride we take in them."

UConn's success has resulted in a 59 percent increase in freshman enrollment since 1995, SAT scores for incoming freshmen that have increased to 1167, a 54 point increase since 1995; and a volume of student applications that is double what it was fewer than 10 years ago.

8 PRIDE IN UCONN'S ATHLETIC TEAMS.

UConn students and younger alumni take it for granted that UConn's athletic teams are in the national spotlight.

But many alumni, such as Randy LaVigne '79 (BUS), former basketball and baseball standout and now color radio analyst for UConn women's basketball games, remembers when UConn wasn't much of a blip on the national sports radar.

"I was drafted by the Cubs in 1979 and played minor league baseball in New York State. The guys I played with hadn't even heard of UConn. Now, everyone knows about UConn."

Barry Shapiro '66 (CLAS), a retired programmer at American Express, remembers "when the big thing was beating Yale in football. Not Indiana, not Wake Forest, not Iowa State, but Yale. Now I see UConn teams on TV all the time playing—and beating—the best teams in the country. Amazing."

7 A WISH TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO UCONN.

For thousands of UConn graduates, family gatherings are akin to alumni reunions, and word of another family member going to UConn is greeted with the enthusiasm of a birth announcement.

Alumni Jim '86 (BUS) and Amy (Graziano) Sarantides '88 (ED) are passionate about UConn. For them,



becoming life members of the Alumni Association provided a fitting tribute to their alma mater. "My parents went to UConn and so did I. It would be great to send our children there. Given the University's tremendous track record, it could be the best university in the country when they get there," says Amy Sarantides.



MEMORIES OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

Even with her many memorable moments as a UConn student athlete, Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS), who was a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship, also cherishes her achievements in the classroom.

"I really enjoyed my most challenging classes while I was at UConn," she explains. "And I still remember finally getting an 'A' on a freshman year English paper from a professor who was pretty stingy with that grade."

Christine Lodewick '67 M.S., speech pathologist and UConn volunteer, remembers student life as a lot of good, hard work. "It was the hardest task of my life," she says, "but it was the most rewarding experience of my life as well."



THE DRAMATIC IMPACT ON THE STATE AND REGION.

Most think of UConn as a seat of learning and a home for research and new ideas. For Philip Lodewick '66 (BUS), '67 M.B.A., president and CEO of Tradewell Corp., UConn is more than an academic force.

"UConn is one of the region's economic engines," he says. "Most of our graduates pursue careers in the area. They are the movers and shakers in communities across the state. The fact is, decisions that UConn makes and the work of its graduates will affect all of our lives here in Connecticut for years and

years to come. That makes you proud to be an alum."

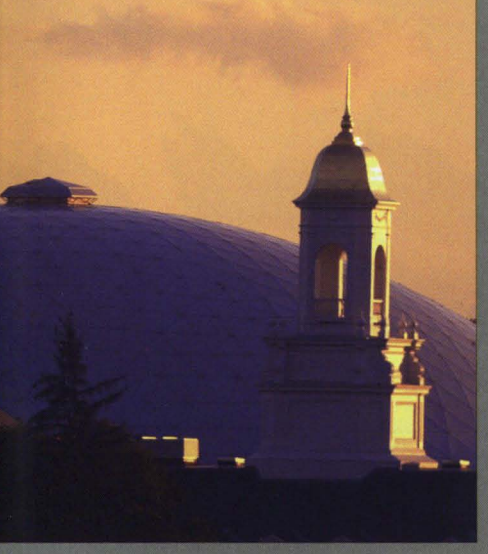


A WISH TO HELP FUTURE UCONN STUDENTS.

For many alumni, membership in the UConn Alumni Association means helping new generations of students through the Association's numerous student scholarships.

The Alumni Association began recognizing outstanding students nearly 30 years ago by awarding scholarships. Today, Association membership helps provide more than \$100,000 annually for scholarship support to UConn students.





mature, to hone my skills and sense of observation, so I could walk away from the experience knowing I was prepared for life."

Other alumni have other reasons. For Rebecca Lobo, it was because UConn taught her "how to break through any self-imposed boundaries."

For Meg Sakellarides, it was learning that "you can't score if you don't shoot."



A DESIRE TO REMAIN CONNECTED TO UCONN LONG AFTER GRADUATION.

For Meg Sakellarides '86 (BUS), CFO at Connecticut Public Television, the idea of a UConn family is a literal one.

"My best friends today are my roommates and dormmates from my days at UConn," she explains. "We've shared all kinds of experiences with one another, the good and the bad, and have watched each other grow up. We got jobs together, and in some cases we married each other. Now we're raising children together."

Rebecca Lobo thinks of the University as part of her family.

"In my junior year," she remembers, "everyone at UConn was so supportive when my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. People went above and beyond the call to be helpful and considerate. Today the Alumni Association is one of the ways I maintain my connection to the UConn family."



A SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO UCONN.

Almost all alumni feel obligated to the University for preparing them for life.

Philip Lodewick says he owes a great deal to the University because it gave him "a chance to develop and



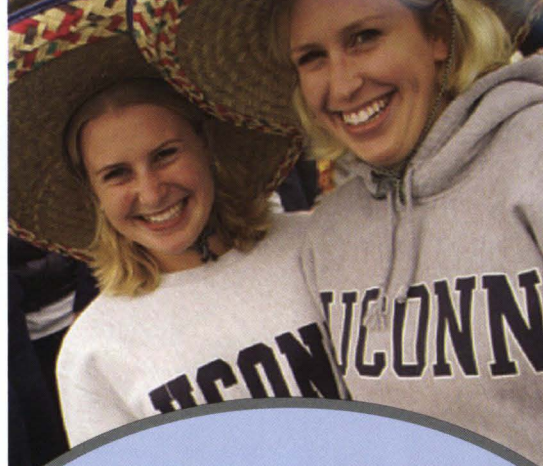
A WISH TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK.

The reason most often cited by alumni for joining the UConn Alumni Association turns out to be the most altruistic—the desire to give something back.

"UConn has given us so many opportunities," says Christine Lodewick. "We find a tremendous amount of satisfaction in giving back, providing opportunities for UConn students and strengthening the University."

For David Gang '88 (BUS), executive vice president at AOL, "The UConn experience, which starts with the people who impact your life, is literally unforgettable. It stays with you all of your life, influencing who you are and what you do. So you know it will be just as vital and unforgettable to the next generation of students."

As Meg Sakellarides notes, the thing about giving back to UConn and becoming a member of the UConn Alumni Association is that it always begins with a "thank you."



KEEPING UCONNECTED

Whatever reason you choose to stay connected to the University, most alumni do it by joining the UConn Alumni Association.

As the University's official organization for alumni, the Association is a worldwide organization of UConn grads who

- Share memories of their UConn experience.
- Take pride in UConn's accomplishments.
- Give back in many ways to the University.
- Want to stay connected to all that's happening today at UConn.

Annual membership starts at only \$40. With it, you get plenty of benefits, including Pre-Game Huddles before home football games, invitations to Tip-Off Dinners before many home basketball games, and discounts at hotels, movie theaters and the UConn Co-op.

The most compelling reason for joining the UConn Alumni Association is an opportunity to officially commemorate your life-long connection to UConn. After all, once a Husky, always a Husky.

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UConn's far-reaching impact on Connecticut's way of life

By **Kenneth Best**

Close your eyes and imagine a world without the University of Connecticut. As a UConn alum, your first thought might be concern about your own education. Where would I have gone to college? Could I have afforded a quality university experience elsewhere?

Let's put those concerns aside for the moment and assume that somehow you would have managed to pursue your college education at another institution. But what about all the other benefits and services the University provides? If the University of Connecticut did not exist, from where would Connecticut get its supply of doctors, dentists, lawyers, pharmacists, scientists, judges, engineers, social workers, nurses and business and education leaders? Where would state government and our cities and towns turn for assistance with complex issues ranging from improving infant nutrition to protecting the environment? Who would partner with Connecticut business and industry to capitalize on emerging opportunities and improve efficiency? And how would the Nutmeg State endure the long months of the cold New England winter without the heat of Husky basketball?

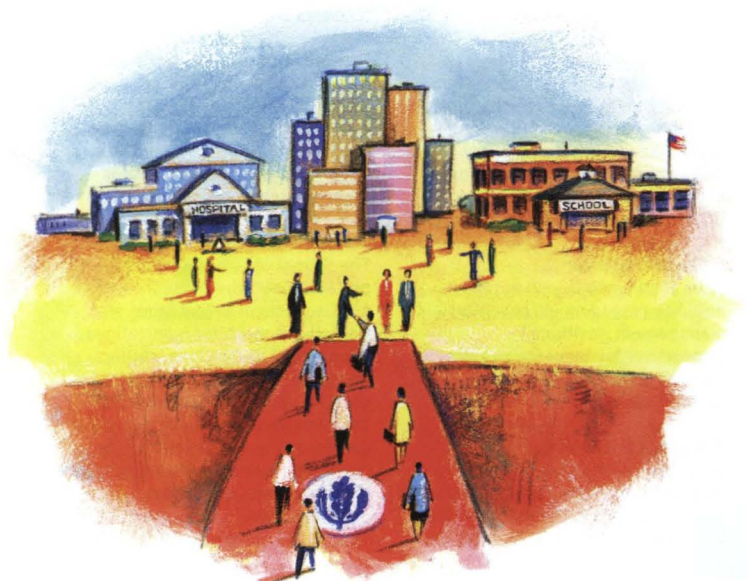
The truth is plain: UConn has a profound impact on the economy and quality of life in Connecticut. Data from a recent study by the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis provides the evidence:

- As a result of its productivity, research spending and employment, UConn accounts for \$3.1 billion of Connecticut's gross state product, which is the total value of goods and services produced by residents of the state.
- There is also a multiplier effect because of UConn: For every state dollar invested in UConn, gross state product increases by \$6.18.
- The state's contribution to UConn attracts an additional \$800 million in private and federal investment into Connecticut.

- If one were to rank order the economic sectors that make up the Connecticut economy (retail trades, manufacturing, finance, real estate, etc.) in order of the value of their output, UConn as a singular entity would emerge in the top 25 of the list.

\$3.1 Billion UConn's economic impact on gross state product

This, along with the accompanying list of examples, illustrates the powerful direct economic impact that UConn has on the state. But UConn also has an indirect economic impact on the state's economy that is equally significant. Without UConn there would be a void in the variety of educational and research resources the University provides to businesses, schools, government agencies and nonprofit organizations throughout Connecticut. There would be fewer educational solutions to help businesses grow and organizations deliver better and more efficient services to their clients



and customers and fewer continuous learning programs to keep private and public sector employees current and trained to improve productivity.

Human capital is Connecticut's principal natural resource, and the state relies on UConn to educate and prepare a highly skilled workforce. UConn helps Connecticut retain its brightest and most ambitious young minds while drawing outstanding students from other regions who ultimately make their homes here. There are more than 90,000 UConn alumni living and working in Connecticut, holding jobs throughout the state's diverse workforce, occupying senior positions in virtually every industry that contributes to the economic vitality and quality of life in the state. UConn's enrollment for 2003-04 is more than 26,600 students. Last year, the University awarded 6,300 degrees in fields ranging from accounting to water resource management. While its primary mission is to educate Connecticut students, the wide range of activity connected to UConn has a significant impact on the state. Students and faculty are involved in almost every aspect of the state's daily life, including relationships the University has with businesses and other state and municipal entities.

A strong partner

Through a variety of partnerships with Connecticut's private sector, UConn helps to support and enhance the competitiveness of state businesses, enabling them to grow and expand operations, launch new initiatives, create jobs and expand Connecticut's tax base. A wealth of partnerships that the



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University maintains with private corporations and organizations across Connecticut creates opportunities for a marshalling of resources that provides benefits far beyond what the University or the participating organizations can achieve individually, helping the state's businesses to be competitive in the global economy.

"That is the leveraging effect," says Stan McMillen of the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis. "UConn attracts

UConn's effect is far-reaching...

PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

■ **Caring for Connecticut**

Since 1973, more than 14,000 degrees have been awarded in numerous health care professions including medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and allied health. Nearly one out of every four dentists currently practicing in Connecticut graduated from UConn's School of Dental Medicine.

■ **Executive Power**

More than 7,700 UConn alumni hold key management or senior management positions in Connecticut businesses, including 1,100 who serve as company presidents.

■ **Home Schoolers**

Graduates of the Neag School of Education are highly valued teachers, and 90 percent of them remain in Connecticut to work. About a

third of these graduates take jobs in the state's most challenging school districts. UConn also prepares school leaders, having awarded advanced degrees to about 25 percent of school superintendents and principals in the state. The Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates was developed in partnership with UConn's campus in Stamford, responding to a growing need for teachers in critical subject areas and providing opportunities for second career professionals.

■ **Court's in Session**

The School of Law has trained professionals who serve throughout Connecticut in law firms, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, corporations and other areas of legal practice. More than 80 alumni sit as Connecticut judges in federal, district and superior courts including three who are associate justices of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

■ **Record Setting Software Gift**

UGS PLM Solutions, a subsidiary of EDS, the world's largest independent information technology services company, has awarded the School of Engineering a software grant with a commercial value of \$146.1 million—the largest contribution ever received by the University. USG PLM Solutions will serve as UConn's educational partner, helping train engineering students using cutting-edge product design and development software. See page 11.

■ **Down on Main Street**

The School of Business is making a major commitment to downtown Hartford by relocating some of its M.B.A. and its Executive M.B.A. programs to the city. The Hartford downtown initiative also will include the Financial Accelerator, a tool integrating the latest in financial technologies and real-time databases that will enable students,

faculty and business executives to work together to develop profitable responses to insurance and financial opportunities.

■ **Real-Time Solutions**

Edgelab, the centerpiece of a collaborative and creative partnership between UConn's School of Business and the General Electric Co., is a high-end information technology and eBusiness facility that co-locates students, faculty, and business executives in an environment that brings brain-power and team-power to bear on real-time, critical-path business problems. Since January 1998, the Connecticut Information Technology Institute, located at UConn's Stamford campus, has been working with small businesses and major corporations in southern Connecticut and beyond to increase the innovative use of information technology to address data management and related business needs.

money into the state in the form of grants, tuition and gifts that add to what can be done to expand programs and enhance business development opportunities.”

UConn's partnerships with state and local government agencies provide opportunities for new financial support that extend public services, facilitate new public-private sector partnerships and enhance service delivery to Connecticut's citizens. While many of the University's public service activities remain rooted in the challenges of protecting and enhancing the Connecticut environment, UConn's faculty, researchers, students and staff routinely put their talents and energies to work for the state's citizens in ways that impact daily life in communities throughout the state.

Creating new knowledge

One of the major economic assets provided by UConn is its designation as a Carnegie Foundation Research University, which places it in a select group of only 4 percent of the nation's higher education institutions. Dozens of focused research centers at UConn conduct inquiries and seek solutions in subject areas ranging from biotechnology to urban sprawl. Annual sponsored research grants and awards approached about \$200 million in 2003.

Faculty research at UConn provides direct benefits to the Connecticut economy in the form of job creation, new business development and subcontracting work with state businesses that, in 2002, was valued at approximately \$50 million.

\$120 Million

UConn's impact on the state's quality of life

Quality of Life

Connecticut residents enjoy an extraordinarily high quality of life that is attributable in no small part to the presence and influence of UConn. The University's impact is far-reaching and includes enhancing public schools, improving the environment, extending access to diverse cultural activities and providing quality recreation and entertainment opportunities. Last year, for example, more than 200,000 people attended UConn events, exhibitions and performances statewide, including at the main campus, five regional campuses, the School of Law and the UConn Health Center. In fact, according to the recent economic study, the University's contribution to quality of life in Connecticut is estimated at approximately \$120 million.

“UConn has made a great transformation and evolved to serve the growth of industry in this state, both manufacturing and service,” says Nick Perna, chief economist for Perna Associates and an economic advisor for Webster Financial Corporation in Waterbury. “I think UConn's contribution to the quality of life in Connecticut is instrumental to getting people and business to locate in the state. Businesses know they have access to quality graduates, and families know they can send their children to a top-ranked public institution.”

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■ House Calls

Student's enrolled in UConn's School of Nursing work with the Central Connecticut Visiting Nurses Association to provide care to individuals who are not eligible for ongoing VNA care because of insurance regulations. With basic support from the VNA, UConn has provided more than \$300,000 in nursing care.

RESEARCH

■ Regenerating Health

The Center for Regenerative Biology in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is internationally recognized for its research in the areas of regenerative medicine and therapeutic cloning, work that has profound implications for improving medical care and human health in the 21st century. See page 34.

■ Fueling the Future

The Global Fuel Cell Research

Center was established with \$14.5 million in federal, state and private industry funding to develop the best alternatives to conventional electrical power. One of the many important projects is a \$6 million U.S. Army contract to design and develop portable micro fuel cells.

■ Fighting Cancer

The Center for Immunotherapy of Cancer and Infectious Diseases at the UConn Health Center is pioneering new approaches in the fight against cancer and diseases. Clinical trials for a vaccine for breast cancer and kidney cancer are underway, along with trials for vaccines to treat leukemia and melanoma.

PUBLIC/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

■ Veterinary Detectives

The Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory provides scientific testing and biopsies in conjunction with the Department of Public Health for diseases of agricultural,

avian, companion, laboratory, wildlife and aquatic species. The laboratory specializes in responding to newly developing disease problems.

■ Safe at Home

UConn is working in a variety of areas with the federal Department of Homeland Security and state public safety agencies to assist in keeping citizens safe. A leadership training program was developed through the UConn Health Center with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control to prepare health care professionals in the event of bio-terrorist activity. The Center for Optics, Sensing and Tracking in Homeland Security was established in the School of Engineering, which also hosted the first International Conference on Advanced Technologies for Homeland Security. The College of Continuing Studies developed a management training institute for the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to train managers from

throughout the newly established federal agency.

■ Violence Reduction

The School of Social Work's Institute for Violence Reduction is part of an initiative to reduce violence among young people. Most program participants have previously been suspended and been processed before the juvenile justice system. The program's year-long curriculum emphasizes personal responsibility and features a series of sessions examining themes such as violence, courage and respect. Participants gain real life skills, including coping strategies, decision making and goal setting.

PUBLIC SERVICE

■ Helping Hands

UConn's professional schools offer a variety of critical services to low and moderate-income residents of the state. The Schools of Law and *Continued on page 50*

Carbon copies and other medical miracles

By Jim H. Smith

The future of health care, agriculture and other scientific technologies is being invented at the University of Connecticut, working with science that could have been considered only futuristic fiction as recently as the 1980s. The dynamic force behind this revolution is a diminutive scientist who almost missed the biotechnology train that is currently racing down the tracks toward tomorrow.

UConn's new Advanced Technology Laboratory, a resource laboratory and research facility that was dedicated last fall, is a lifetime away from the rural village in China where Professor Xiangzhang "Jerry" Yang grew up. It could, in fact, serve as a counter symbol to the repression that nearly sidetracked Yang's career because without Yang's involvement, it might never have come to exist. Intellectual freedom is the very foundation of the Advanced Technology Laboratory. In almost every respect it is dedicated to the kind of research innovation that is rapidly transforming UConn's science facilities and revolutionizing the worlds of science and medicine.

The arc-shaped building is home to five research labs in the University's new Center for Regenerative Biology, which is led by Yang; two resource laboratories of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and the Technology Incubation Program, which houses and nurtures emerging high technology businesses.

The seed for the Advanced Technology Laboratory was planted just seven years ago, shortly after Yang joined UConn as an associate professor of animal science and biotechnology and became head of the Biotechnology Center Transgenic Animal Facility. That Yang brought to UConn the expertise to launch such an endeavor is nearly miraculous, considering the circumstances under which he grew up.

As a young man, Yang was prevented from taking the entrance examination for the Beijing Agricultural University during the dark years of Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution. It was only after

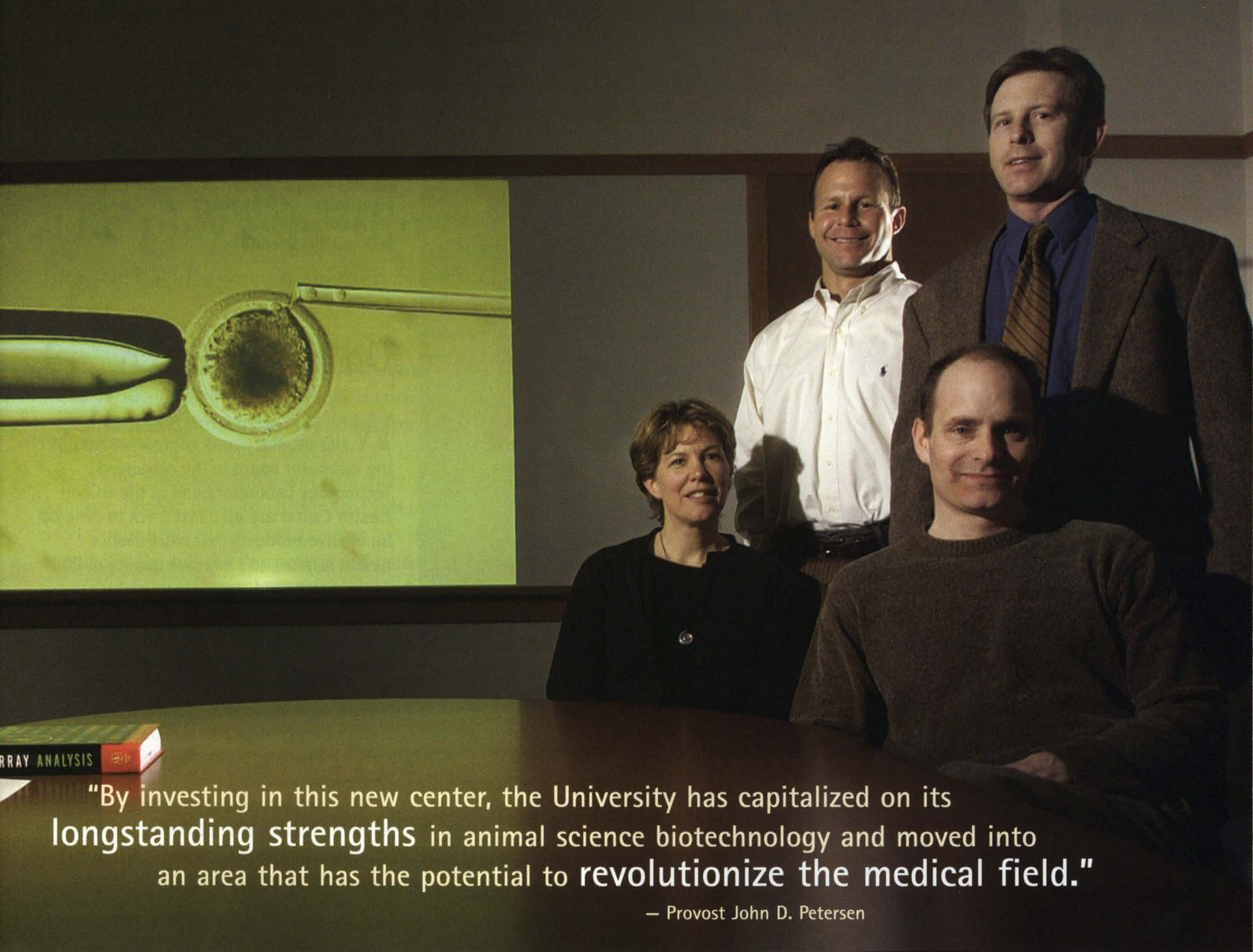
Mao's death, in 1976, that Yang was able to take the test and enroll in the university's department of animal science.

Yang came to the United States in 1983 on a prestigious national fellowship and subsequently earned his master's and doctoral degrees at Cornell University. After completing his Ph.D., he became program director of Cornell's Department of Animal Science and assumed the task of creating an animal biotechnology program. It was in this role that he first became involved with the science of regenerative biology, or cloning.

It was, he says, the great mysteries of cellular science that engaged his fertile imagination. How, he wanted to know, do you reprogram genes to cure animal diseases and illnesses?



Peter Morenus



"By investing in this new center, the University has capitalized on its longstanding strengths in animal science biotechnology and moved into an area that has the potential to revolutionize the medical field."

— Provost John D. Petersen

The groundbreaking team of researchers at UConn's Center for Regenerative Biology includes, seated from left, Jerry Yang, Cindy Tian, Joanne Conover and David Goldhamer; standing: William Fodor, left, and Theodore Rasmussen.

Yang began exploring that ponderous question with rabbit cells. By the late 1980s, he was working with cattle cells, considering the potential for the modification of genetic traits that could dramatically increase the productivity of dairy herds in countries like his native China. Soon he was on his way to UConn and a string of scientific breakthroughs that would establish his credentials as one of the world's leading experts on animal cloning.

The same year Yang arrived at UConn, a team of Scottish scientists produced the sheep Dolly, the first mammal to be cloned with DNA taken from an adult animal. Two years later, Yang had his own breakthrough,

becoming the first scientist in the world to use skin cells to clone mammals. That scientific advance, now widely adopted, led to creation of male clones from a prize Japanese bull. A year later, Yang produced the first animal cloned from an adult farm animal in the United States. She was Amy, a calf, the vanguard of an animal cloning and transgenic technology program that is dramatically reshaping science, not only at UConn but also worldwide. As a result of Yang's work, just four years later, there are thousands of cloned farm animals around the globe.

In 2001, when he was named founding director of the Center for

Regenerative Biology, it was clear that UConn was leaping, headfirst, into the rapidly expanding field of regenerative biology and medicine. "The way you build an institution's reputation for excellence is to choose and support areas in which you can really excel," notes Provost John D. Petersen, who worked with Yang and Kirklyn Kerr, dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, on the development of the Advanced Technology Lab. "By investing in this new center, the University has capitalized on its longstanding strengths in animal science biotechnology and moved into an area that has the potential to revolutionize the medical field."



Researchers manipulate oocytes—eggs before maturation—at Jerry Yang's lab in the Advanced Technology Laboratory.

On the research fast track

With an investment of resources from UConn, the young companies occupying incubator space in the Advanced Technology Laboratory and at the UConn Health Center are on a fast track to develop innovative products that will advance health science and improve quality of life. At the same time, entrepreneurial researchers bring their products to the market quicker. And UConn recoups its investment as the companies succeed. It might be called a win-win-win situation.

The work of Hepaticus, one of the Health Center incubators, is based on solving a problem that plagues liver disease researchers.

"Human liver cells are quite special," explains George Wu, a UConn professor of medicine who consults with Hepaticus. "Some agents that result in damage to human liver are very specific for primate tissue."

There has been no normal and commonly used laboratory animal with liver cells similar to human liver cells. Researchers have had to test new drugs on rats or mice, whose liver cells are quite different from human. Now that's about to change. Hepaticus' researchers have discovered a way to introduce human liver cells into fetal rats with normal immune systems. The result—rodents whose livers function like a human's—will almost certainly revolutionize liver disease research.

Incorporated last year, and led by their CEO, Carolyn Kahn, Hepaticus has been a UConn incubator since last fall and has established a partnership with the pharmaceutical company Boehringer-Ingelheim. With UConn assistance and collaboration with Boehringer-Ingelheim, the company expects to introduce its model rodents within the next two years.

Being a UConn incubator company, says Wu, has been "critical" to Hepaticus' success. "It means not only significant cost savings, but also access to technologies and assistance that can help a young company advance quickly," he says.

The Center for Regenerative Biology targets the enormous potential for the therapeutic production of new cells, tissues and organs that has been made possible, only in the last few years, by advances like those that have come from Yang's laboratories. To staff the new center, Yang worked with UConn officials to recruit a world-class team of scientists. William Fodor, previously senior director at Alexion Pharmaceuticals, has pioneered the use of special cells that restore partial functioning in animals with spinal cord injuries. David Goldhamer, who arrived from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, studies how genes direct certain clumps of embryonic cells to become muscles and why this process develops musculoskeletal problems in some people. The work of Xiuchun "Cindy" Tian explores gene reprogramming to maximize cloning success. Joanne Conover, formerly of the Jackson Laboratory, researches neuronal stem cells and looks for neurons that could be used to cure Parkinson's Disease. Theodore Rasmussen, who came from MIT's Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, is studying how a group of cellular proteins called chromatin regulate which genes switch during stem cell differentiation, the

time when the cells take their adult form and function.

Yang's dynamic team is not the only potential source of scientific innovation in the Advanced Technology Laboratory. UConn's new Technology Incubation Program (TIP) aims to use the University's considerable resources to help qualified entrepreneurial technology companies quickly advance. If occupancy is a measure of success, then TIP is well on its way to the marketplace. TIP has five laboratories in the new building and three more at the UConn Health Center. All were filled almost from the day they became available.

There also is a long list of young companies waiting for the current occupants to become successful and vacate the laboratories. "Many people are anxious for an opportunity to work with Jerry Yang and his team," says Ian Hart, associate dean of research at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was precisely for this reason that the Advanced Technology Laboratory was designed, architecturally, to encourage collaboration. It is one of the hallmarks of intellectual freedom, a concept that Jerry Yang celebrates every day.

Peter Morenus

Faculty

The play's the thing

English has designs on theater

Gary English wears a lot of hats.

Named the recipient of a 2003 Board of Trustees Distinguished Faculty Award, English is head of the department of dramatic arts, founding artistic director of the Connecticut Repertory Theatre (CRT), professor of stage design and directing, and a working director and stage designer. English came to UConn in 1988 and was appointed department head in 1993. His tenure has been an exciting one. Not only will the dramatic arts department be part of the structural redesign of the fine arts complex, but also will soon have a new on-campus theater—the Nafe Katter Thrust Stage Theatre. The facility, named after the emeritus professor of dramatic arts who donated \$1 million to the University, will open in October with a special adaptation of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, directed by English.

"We'll be collaborating with the UConn Center for Human Rights," he says, "so it promises to be a unique and powerful production."

"We put together the best students, professionals and teachers and create a dynamic mix. . ."

As an educator, English believes students learn best when working in a professional environment. That's the idea behind the CRT, which English founded in 1993.

"We put together the best students, professionals and teachers and create a dynamic mix that not only results in better work—which audiences certainly appreciate—but also gives students the opportunity to learn and grow. They also establish contacts, which in the theater is a definite advantage," he says.

English remains extremely active, with a long list of directing and stage design credits in regional theater, Broadway, off-Broadway, television and university theater productions.

As stage designer, English says he tries "to create a landscape, a physical place but, depending on the play, that literal landscape can become a social, political, or philosophical landscape as well."

English is working as stage designer in Charles Morey's *Alexander Dumas and the Lady of the Camellias* for the Pioneer Theatre Company in Salt Lake City. The play was first seen at the CRT's New Playwright's Lab workshop at UConn.

Peter Morenus



Gary English, professor and head of dramatic arts, is directing a special adaptation of *Julius Caesar* at UConn this fall.

"The play takes place in a theater during a rehearsal of *La Traviata*," English says, "but the environment is filled with the ghosts and images of Dumas' past as time shifts from past to present. The rehearsal piano becomes the piano at a party in [the central character] Violetta's apartment. In fact, everything on stage has a double or triple meaning."

It seems a fitting play for a man who wears as many hats as Gary English. — John Surowiecki '66 (CLAS) '78 M.A.

Adapting addiction treatments to gambling

Nancy Petry has pioneered studies on gambling addiction



Peter Morenus

differences among pathological gamblers who seek treatment. Gambling is on the rise, and problem gambling will likely increase correspondingly, she says, noting, “current estimates are that 10 to 15 percent of adolescents have a gambling problem.”

Before her landmark gambling studies, Petry’s main focus had been in substance abuse treatment. In her clinical studies, she employs a behavioral therapy called “contingency management,” which uses incentives

“Current estimates are that 10 to 15 percent of adolescents have a gambling problem.”

Nancy Petry has gained widespread recognition for her landmark research on compulsive gamblers.

A few years ago, the behavioral similarities between victims of substance abuse and compulsive gambling piqued the interest of Nancy Petry, a psychologist at the UConn Health Center. Could treatments found to be effective for cocaine and heroin addicts also work for people who struggled to control their gambling? Petry set out to find the answer.

Forging a relationship with the Compulsive Gambling Treatment Program in Middletown, Conn., Petry began a study that has established her as a pioneer in this uncharted territory. No one in the nation was conducting clinical trials on identifying the most effective treatments for problem gamblers, when in 1999 Petry received an unprecedented five-year, \$1 million grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health, a branch of the National Institutes of Health, to expand her research.

“At that point,” says Petry, “the NIH had never supported any work on gambling treatment.”

Since then Petry has conducted a number of studies related to gambling and gained widespread national attention. *NBC Nightly News*, the BBC, and National Public Radio have interviewed Petry, and her research has been featured in *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, and other major newspapers. She produced one of the first empirical studies to describe gender

with treatment protocols. Research has shown that addicts stay in treatment longer and achieve longer periods of abstinence when contingency management is part of the therapy. Petry is beginning to apply these same ideas with gamblers as well.

Petry’s innovative work in addiction and gambling has won her not only a number of major research grants but also several significant awards. In 2003, the 35-year-old researcher was honored with the American Psychological Association’s Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology.

Petry divides her time between overseeing several federally funded research projects and teaching post-doctoral students, candidates for the masters in public health, medical students and psychiatry residents about addiction. While she devotes much of her energy toward data analysis and publishing results, she never forgets that the science has a human face.

Says Petry, “I like finding things that have never been found before, finding something in the data that shows there might be a better way to treat people, finding unexpected things that might actually make a difference in somebody’s life.” — Leslie Virostek

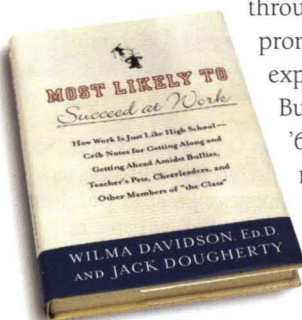


Recent works by alumni and faculty

From class clown to corner office

For most people, high school is a difficult time of personal growth and trying to fit in with others, all while getting through term papers, tests and the prom. Almost everyone is happy the experience ends with graduation.

But Wilma Bor Davidson '65 (CLAS), '65 (ED) says high school really never ends.



In her book *Most Likely to Succeed at Work* (St. Martin's Press), co-authored with Jack Dougherty, Davidson outlines

how the world of work can be viewed as an adult version of high school, where the A student is serious and prepared for any task, the teacher's pet echoes the boss' sentiment, the cheerleader's enthusiasm gets staff motivated to do a tough job, and the geek still asks the right questions and solves the problems.

"Our idea was to crack the code of what makes some people successful and others not, in the workplace. As we looked around, it just hit us," Davidson says. "The class president is in the big corner office, the class clown is in the cafeteria making fun of someone, the gossip is busy spreading the word and the party animal is out entertaining clients."

As professional communication consultants working with a variety of businesses, the authors had the goal of outlining communications skills that would be recognizable to anyone in the workplace.

"At work as in high school, we're still trying to convince people we're worth being liked, being trusted and being included," Davidson says. "Using high school examples, we thought people could not only recognize themselves but also look at other types of people they'd like to be like and model their behavior after them. They could pump up the skills that help, downplay those that don't."

She cites President George W. Bush, who had an early career history of underachievement and changed his behavior. "You can look at someone like George Bush, the typical underachiever, and with the events that occurred around 9/11, see the class president, the A student emerge."

The book is set up in two parts, with the first section describing the high school characters, their positive and negative traits and how to deal with them at work. The second section outlines lessons for survival in an organization using this new information.

"We tried to stage our book somewhere between *Dilbert* and the *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* so it would be entertaining and useful," Davidson says. "It's common sense but not common practice." — *Kenneth Best*

ALSO OF INTEREST



Resilience and Courage: Women, Men, and the Holocaust

Nechama Tec
(Yale University Press)

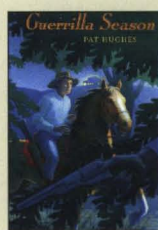
Documenting history by interviewing eyewitnesses is a dual-edged sword.

Memories are filtered by time and sometimes distorted by experiences. It requires patience, determination and careful listening to extract accurate information that can stand up to the scrutiny of historians.

Nechama Tec's expertise as an interviewer and determined researcher of accurate information allows her to succeed as a historian in her fifth book about the Holocaust. Tec, a professor of sociology at UConn's campus in Stamford, opens a new area of historic perspective in *Resilience and Courage: Women, Men, and the Holocaust*.

Previous works on the Holocaust generally have centered on the overall Jewish experience without regard to the detailed history of how women and men each reacted and coped in concentration and death camps. Tec, herself a survivor of the camps, extends her prior studies of altruism, cooperation, compassion and resistance among Jews at the time and uncovers gripping stories of how men and women were affected differently.

The author's careful research and probing questions adds to the documentation of the Holocaust and earned Tec the 2002-03 National Jewish Book Award.



Guerrilla Season

Pat Hughes '77 (CLAS), '80, M.A.
(Farrar Straus Giroux)

The first novel from Pat Hughes tells the story of a 15-year old Missouri boy during the Civil War and his struggle to live up to the expectations of others while facing difficult decisions at a time of uncertainty and danger.

Hughes' central character is Matt Howard, the son of a father from the North and a mother from the South. After his father dies, Matt tries to be the leader of the household even as his mother insists that the family remain neutral in the war. Complicating matters is that Matt's best friend, Jesse—modeled after Jesse James—may be following in the footsteps of an older brother who joined the infamous Confederate guerrilla raiders led by William Quantrill.

Guerrilla Season explores the questions of family, friendship and loyalty with a careful attention to historic detail and passionate writing.

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■ Save the Date June 4 & 5, 2004

Reunion Weekend Classes of 1939, 1944, 1954, 1979 and Classic

Mark your calendars! Reunion Weekend will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 4 & 5, 2004. Schedule includes tours of campus; keynote speakers, including Director of Athletics Jeffrey Hathaway; classroom seminars; a dinner Friday evening where the Class of 1954 and 1979 gifts will be presented; and a New England Clambake and Greek Sing Contest on Saturday. Check your mail in

April for registration information or check our website, www.uconnalumni.com, for program updates. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lachut '90 (ED) at 860-486-2240 or toll-free at 888-UC-ALUM-1 or by e-mail: kimberly.lachut@uconn.edu.

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1930s

John Blum '37 (CLAS), '39 M.S. retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the associate administrator of agriculture marketing service after 36 years. He lives in Sterling, Va., and plays violin in the McLean Symphony, Reston Chamber Orchestra and a string quartet at Falcon's Landing.

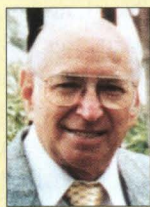
1940s

Albert Newby '49 (CANR) retired as natural resource manager of Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, N.J. He has been married to Joyce Dillon for 53 years. They have five grandchildren.

1950s

Edward Button '50 (CANR) worked for the Connecticut Department of Transportation until his retirement in 1988 and recently published *Images and Fantasies, An Anthology* at the age of 80. He and his wife, Kathryn, reside in Middletown, Conn.

George Saxton '50 (CLAS) is the author of *DAX*, a novel published by RoseDog Books. A retired Connecticut public school principal, he lives in Delray Beach, Fla., with his wife, Dorothy.



Jeremiah Wadsworth '50 (CANR) retired in 1994 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture after serving in a variety of positions.

Thomas Kenny '54 (CANR) lives in the Friendship Terrace retirement community in Washington, D.C. He retired in 1987 from the Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, N.Y., after 32 years as a research technician and currently serves on the board of directors of the Potomac Area Council of Hostelling International.

Donald Maynard '54 (CANR) lives in Sarasota, Fla., and is emeritus professor of horticultural sciences at the University of Florida, where he was a faculty member and researcher for 24 years. He also spent 23 years at the University of Massachusetts. He was recognized by the Florida Seed Association with the Distinguished Service Award and Honorary Life Membership, and the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

Eleanor (Savitsky) Rosen '54 (CLAS) retired as a teacher in New York City and lives in Boca Raton, Fla. She is married and has two children and five grandchildren.

Barbara Bender Dreher '55 (ED) retired as professor of speech and hearing disorders at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She currently trains staff and volunteers at long-term health facilities. Springer Publishing has just issued the second edition of her book *Communication With the Elderly*.

Thomas O'Connell '55 (BUS) was selected for induction into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004. His coaching career spans 40 years and includes tenures as baseball coach at Brandeis University and Princeton University.

Warren Clark '56 (CANR) retired as chief executive officer of American Dairy Products Institute in Chicago, Ill. He was with ADPI for 34 years, serving as CEO for 25 years.

Roger Shatanof '56 (CLAS) retired as a principal in 1995. He recently celebrated a 50th reunion of Bassick High School in Bridgeport, Conn. Roger and his wife, Barbara, who live in Coral Gables, Fla., recently welcomed their fourth grandchild.

Frank Bonneville '57 (CLAS) was ranked No. 4 in the world in the weight pentathlon (hammer, shot put, discus, javelin and weight throw) in the 70-74 age group of the Masters Track & Field rankings.

ABBREVIATION KEY

School and/or College abbreviations for baccalaureate graduates

CANR – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
SAH – School of Allied Health
CLAS – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
BUS – School of Business
SFA – School of Fine Arts
ED – Neag School of Education
ENG – School of Engineering
SFS – School of Family Studies
BGS – General Studies
NUR – School of Nursing
PHR – School of Pharmacy
RHSA – Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture
SSW – School of Social Work

Graduate/professional degree abbreviations

M.A. – Master of Arts
M.S. – Master of Science
M.D.S. – Master of Dental Science
M.B.A. – Master of Business Administration
M.F.A. – Master of Fine Arts
M.M. – Master of Music
M.P.A. – Master of Public Affairs
M.P.H. – Master of Public Health
M.S.W. – Master of Social Work
M.S.P.T. – Master of Science in Physical Therapy
Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy
D.M.A. – Doctor of Musical Arts
J.D. – Juris Doctor
M.D. – Doctor of Medicine
D.M.D. – Doctor of Dental Medicine
Pharm.D. – Doctor of Pharmacy
6th year – Sixth-year certificate

Joel Salberg '57 (CLAS) was elected president of the



Lewiston/Auburn Community Little Theatre. He retired in February 2002, as vice president of sales for GGS Information Services, after more than 40 successful years in the graphic arts field. He lives with his wife, Elisabeth, in Auburn, Maine.

Peter van Dernoot '57 (BUS) founded the Children's Treehouse Foundation, in Denver, Colo.,



in 2001. The foundation helps establish professional, ongoing support groups for the children of parents

with cancer, at major cancer hospitals and cancer centers. He previously had a career in marketing communications and public relations.

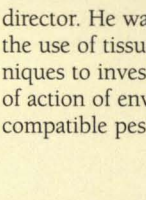
Robert Sullivan '59 (BUS) lives in Asheville, N.C., and is retired after a career in marketing and property management.

1960s

George Creighton '60 (CLAS) served last year as the chairman of the Joint Veteran's Committee of Maryland. He now serves on a task force, appointed by the governor, studying the financial impact of military retirees on the state of Maryland.

Herb Oberlander '61

(CLAS) retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2001, where he served for many years as a research physiologist and center



director. He was a pioneer in the use of tissue culture techniques to investigate the mode of action of environmentally compatible pesticides.

Dave Hills '60 (ED), '65 M.A. retired from teaching history and government at Mt. View High School in Thorndike, Maine. He is traveling and enjoying his grandchildren.

Peter Madden '60 (CANR) and **Fran Hogan Madden '60 (CLAS)** retired from teaching in Connecticut and have moved to Jacksonville, Vt., where they own the Candlelight Bed & Breakfast. She is the Windham County coordinator of the Vermont Right to Life Committee, and he volunteers for the local EMS system.

Joel Mandell '61 (CLAS), '86 J.D. was elected to his sixth consecutive term on the Simsbury Connecticut Board of Selectmen and his third term as deputy first selectman.

Salvatore Fazzino '62 (ENG), '70 M.S. retired after serving as director of public works in Middletown, Conn., for 22 years. He plans to spend time with his 10 grandchildren and do volunteer work.

Frances (Tiller) Pilch '63 (CLAS) has been promoted to full professor at the United States Air Force Academy, where she is on the faculty of the department of political science. Her area of expertise is international law and human rights.

Paul Sorbo, Jr. '63 M.A. retired in 1988 as superintendent of schools for Windsor, Conn., the same day he joined the Capitol Region Education Council. He recently celebrated his 75th birthday.

George Breault '65 (BUS) has retired from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. His wife has appointed him "Director of Nothing" in retirement.

Forrest Fleming '64 (ENG) retired after more than 38 years of federal service in the Department of Defense and Central Intelligence Agency.

PROFILE

Protecting the nation's natural treasures

Peering out at the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon on a family vacation when she was 8 years old sparked an interest in **Fran P. Mainella '65 (ED)** that culminated in her presidential appointment as the first woman director of the National Park Service.

Mainella, a former summer playground supervisor from Groton, Conn., has responsibility for 388 sites, including Yellowstone National Park, historical monuments such as the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, the Appalachian Trail and parks in Guam and Puerto Rico. She also oversees 22,000 employees, 125,000 volunteers and a \$2.4 billion budget.

"I have the best job in the federal government," says Mainella, who was appointed to the post by President George W. Bush. "My biggest challenge has been addressing safety since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. We've had to focus on security more than ever before, and we have not yet opened up the Statue of Liberty."

She adds that most national parks are open, and staff and volunteers are being trained to notice possible terrorist threats. Park patrons are willing to be patient and go through security checks because, ultimately, it is for their benefit. Mainella's main focus is taking care of the nation's natural and cultural resources so that future generations can continue to enjoy them.

With more than 30 years' experience in park and recreation management, Mainella is well-qualified to be the 16th park director. After graduating from UConn, Mainella taught middle school, then earned a master's degree in school counseling. She relocated to Florida in 1977 and held a variety of positions in the recreation field, culminating in the directorship of Florida's state parks.

"I credit UConn with giving me the leadership tools so that I was ready to take quantum leaps forward from the playground to the state of Florida's parks system to the federal government," Mainella says. "My education gave me the courage to go for the brass ring."

Mainella has seen 135 national parks, monuments and historic places in her more than two-year tenure as director. She visited 35 national parks before becoming head of the system. She hopes to eventually visit them all. — *Alix Boyle*



He was awarded the CIA's Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal for his many technical, operational and managerial accomplishments. He lives in Fairfax, Va., with his wife, Ann, and daughter, Erin.

Linda Carter '65 (ED) married Ralph Seymour on Nov. 19, 2003, at the Dwight Hall Chapel, on the old campus of Yale.

Jeanne L'Heureux Dursi '65 (CLAS), '69 M.A. is a board



certified chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. She serves as a staff chaplain at Our

Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette, La., where she is a member of the Comfort Care Team for palliative care at the end of life and a presenter for the End of Life Nursing Education Consortium.

Robert Merrer '65 (CLAS), '67 M.S., '70 Ph.D. is professor emeritus of chemistry at Western Connecticut State University, where he retired in 2003 after serving as the first full professor at the university. During his career he was a nationally recognized expert and consultant in laboratory information management systems and chromatography data systems.

Nelson Wikstrom '65 M.A., '69 Ph.D., professor of political science and public administration at the School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, is the author of the publication *Council Manager Government in Henrico County, Virginia*.

Maureen Cassidy '66 (SFA) is a marriage and family therapist in private practice and a licensed alcohol and drug counselor in Seymour, Conn. She lives in Waterbury and enjoys traveling, animal rescue and

rehabilitation, as well as her seven grandchildren.

James Elias '66 (PHR) retired to Florida after 23 years as a clinical pharmacist at Rhode Island Hospital.

Dick Pirozzolo '67 (SFA) is the author of *The Timberframe Way*, his third book on timberframe and post and beam home design and construction.

Michael Scheinblum '67 (BUS) is a founder of the Miami Jewish Home & Hospital for the Aged in Miami, Fla., which has more than 700 residents. Now retired, he is the former director of risk management for R. J. Reynolds Industries and Carnival Cruise Lines.

William Upson '67 (BUS) is president of Strategic Management Group, an investment counseling, tax planning, and insurance advisory service. He has lived on the East Bay of California for 30 years.

Don LaCasse '68 (SFA) is director of the School of Theatre at Illinois State University and managing director of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. He retired as chair of the department of theatre at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., where he was named professor emeritus of theatre and chair emeritus.

Glen Larnerd '68 (ENG) retired from IBM in 2001 and returned to work for Hitachi in San Jose, Calif., in August 2003. He lives in Paradise Valley, Ariz., with his wife, **Linda Loeffler Larnerd '69 (ED)**.

William Brustein '69 (CLAS) is director of the University Center for International Studies and professor of sociology, political science and history at the University of Pittsburgh. His book, *Roots of Hate: Anti-Semitism in Europe Before the Holocaust*, was published by Cambridge University Press.

PROFILE

Behind the *Lion King's* curtain

For puppet master **James Hammond '95 M.A.**, working with the national touring company of the hit musical *The Lion King* is the culmination of a childhood dream: escaping the ice and snow in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., to live in sunny Fort Lauderdale, Fla., working for Disney and practicing the art of puppetry at the highest level.

Indeed, it is what one would expect of a graduate of the nation's premier puppetry program. Hammond earned a master's degree in theater arts, puppetry production from UConn, in 1995, studying under Bart P. Roccoberton Jr., the current director of the program.

"People describe the *Lion King* puppet shop as a cross between an emergency room, a veterinary clinic and Geppetto's workshop," Hammond says. "We might be doing something as mundane as cleaning an actor's make-up off a puppet or something as challenging as repairing the broken backbone of Pumba, the warthog puppet, in 22 minutes."

Hammond is one of three people in the Disney puppetry department traveling with *The Lion King* whose job it is to maintain the 230 puppets that actors will inhabit during the show. The puppets range from the signature lion mask of Simba to the gigantic Bertha, a full-size African elephant that walks down the theater

Grier



aisle at the beginning of the show, operated by four actors.

Hammond got his start putting on puppet shows for the neighborhood kids when he was 8. From there, he moved to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in high school and worked summers as a puppeteer doing 21 shows a day at the Great Escape theme park. After earning a degree in costume design and performance in 1991, he went on the road with Das Puppenspiel, a well-respected puppet theater, before arriving at UConn to earn his degree in puppetry.

"At UConn, I not only got a broad understanding of the world art of puppetry but I also learned the specific skills that I use in my job today," Hammond says.

While working in Florida, where he is still based, one of Hammond's clients flew him to New York to see Julie Taymor's production of *The Lion King* on Broadway. He was so thrilled by the show that he vowed to be a part of it one day. After aggressively marketing himself, Hammond was hired in 2001.

"Before *The Lion King*, the puppet was seen as a trite educational tool," Hammond says. "Julie Taymor has shone the spotlight on the true art of puppetry and uplifted it. I'm proud to be a part of something bigger than myself."

—Alix Boyle

Jerry Lieberman '69 (BUS) was promoted to chief operating officer and



elected to the board of directors of Alliance Capital Management, a global investment research and management company. He and his wife, Eileen, live in Harrison, N.Y.

Beth Anne Scranton '69 (SFS) married Charles Payne in 2000. She retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2002 and is consulting for Medical Nutritional Therapists, Inc., of Fort Wayne, Ind.

1970s

Carole Sabol Blair '70 M.A. operates her own certified public accounting firm in Gainesville, Fla., which was honored by the local Chamber of Commerce as the business of the year in Alachua County in its size category.

John Passarini, '70 (ED), a teacher in the Wayland (Mass.) Public Schools, was named the Disney Hand Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 2003 by the Walt Disney Company.

Edwin Slade '70 (CLAS), '77 Ph.D. is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Bucks County, Pa., and is a member of the board of trustees of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He also was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Dentists.

Perry Zirkel '70 M.A., '72 J.D., '76 Ph.D., professor of education and law at Lehigh University, received the Bernice Baumgartner Memorial Award from the Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children.

Richard Tavone '71 (SSW) started a student-athlete golf education program for 60 youngsters from Coventry, Conn., and West Warwick,

R.I. He also developed an adult mentor plan to support the program.

James Belmont '72 (CLAS) returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he participated in the attack on Baghdad with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) He retired from the military on Jan. 31, 2004, and moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Gwendolyn Harris '72 (CLAS), New Jersey's Department of Human Services Commissioner, received the 2003 Leadership New Jersey Professional Development Award from the Leadership New Jersey Graduate Organization.

Michael Morosky '72 (CLAS), '76 M.D. was recently selected as section chief of obstetrics and gynecology and chairman of the department of surgery at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs, Conn.

D. Wesley Slate, Jr. '72 (CLAS) returned to sales with AT&T Government Solutions as a client business manager on the U.S. Air Force account team in Woburn, Mass. His wife, **Georgia Leigh Bills '79 M.A.**, is in her 29th year of teaching, including 10 as director of Fine Arts at Glen Urquhart School in Beverly Farms, Mass.

John Abercrombie '73 M.B.A. retired from Xerox in 1991 and has since bought and sold a Minuteman Press Franchise.

Alan Barth '73 (CLAS) was inducted as an advocate and member of the Israel Bar in a ceremony in Jerusalem, Israel, in 2003. He is concentrating on trademark law and international commercial law with the offices of Dr. Mark Friedman Ltd., in Tel Aviv.

Kenneth Berg '73 (ENG) is vice president, engineering and project sales, for American Grating, LLC, in City of Industry, Calif. A registered professional engineer in 22 states and British Columbia,

Canada, he also serves on the board of directors of the American Composites Manufacturers Association.

Stephen Fournier '73 (CLAS), '78 J.D. and **Ruth Tomasko Fournier '72 (CLAS)** recently celebrated the first anniversary of their downtown Hartford, Conn., restaurant, Café Verdi.

Jeffrey Heidtman '73 (CLAS), the CEO of Fuss and O'Neill, in Manchester, Conn., was elected to the board of the Manchester Community College Foundation.

David Marnicki '73 (ENG) was elected to a four-year term on the Vestal, N.Y., town council. He has an engineering and land surveying business located in Vestal.

Rodney Pakus '73 (CLAS), the boys' tennis coach at Haddam-Killingworth High School, was named High School Coach of the Year by *USA Tennis-New England*. He lives with his wife, Karen, and their two children, Rebecca and David, in Higganum, Conn.

Duncan Rowles '73 M.B.A. was elected area president for



Connecticut for the Navy League of the United States. A retired commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and formerly the president of the Hartford Council, NLUS, he is president of the Granby, Conn., Library Association, the principal and managing member of POND Associates, LLC, and an account manager for PROMO Marketing.

Daniel Tedone '73 (CLAS), '80 M.B.A. is co-founder and managing director of Capital Catalysts LLC, a transition advisory firm helping business owners plan and implement major change.

Robert Wendel '73 (SFA), '76 M.F.A. released several holiday

music arrangements for symphony orchestra on the Telarc label, recorded by the Owensboro Symphony, the Atlanta Youth Symphony, the Houston Symphony, and Erich Kunzel with the Cincinnati Pops. In early 2004, his composition *Commemoration*, recorded by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, will be released on ABC Classics.

Gilbert Bissell '74 (CLAS) received the Great Chief Award from the Kalispell, Mont., Chamber of Commerce, which honors a lifetime of civic and volunteer spirit.

Theresa Bischoff '75 (BUS) chief executive officer of the American Red Cross of Greater New York, was named to the board of directors of DOV Pharmaceutical, Inc.

Devon Ann Conover '75 (CLAS) received the Governor's



Management Advisory Council's 2003 Distinguished Manager of the Year award for achievement as a regulator and

child advocate. She is acting director of the Division of Community Based Regulation, Child Day Care and Youth Camp Licensing for the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Nancy Rudner Lugo '75 (CLAS) teaches administration and health policy in the School of Nursing at the University of Central Florida and is a health care consultant, specializing in primary care management, health writing and program evaluation. She lives in Orlando, Fla., with her husband and two daughters.

Irving Schneider '75 M.S., '82 Ph.D. is president of the Providence campus of Johnson & Wales University. He has been associated with the university for 33 years.

Karen Waggoner '75 M.A. has recently published her memoirs, *On My Honor, A Navy Wife's Vietnam War*, after retiring from teaching in Manchester, Conn. She has been a member of the Connecticut Writing Project since 1985.



Howard Weinstein '75 (CLAS) is a writer and dog trainer in Elkridge, Md., whose most recent book is *Puppy Kisses Are Good for the Soul*. His biography of Mickey Mantle will be published in 2004.

Robert Bellantone '76 (PHR), '92 Ph.D. was recently promoted with tenure to associate professor in the Department of Pharmaceutics and Industrial Pharmacy at Long Island University, Brooklyn campus. He was honored in 2001 with the Frederick D. Simon Award for best paper published in the *PDA Journal of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology*.

Lisa Feld '76 (CLAS) was promoted to vice president in the Greenwich, Conn., office of Merrill Lynch. An administrative manager, she has been with the company for 25 years.

Diane Mallory '76 (ED), director of human resources at

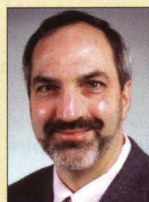


Otis Elevator Company, has been named to the Academy of Women Achievers by the YWCA of the City of New York. She has worked for Otis and its parent company, United Technologies, since 1979.

Carol Montana '76 M.A. is a special publications editor for the *Times Herald-Record*, a newspaper in Middletown, N.Y. She edits real estate and auto publications, among others.

Cynthia Chernecky '77 (NUR) has published her 13th textbook, *IV Therapy*, with the Saunders Book Company. She also published three other nursing books in the Real World Nursing series, including *Drug Calculations & Drug Administration*, *Fluids & Electrolytes*, and *ECG's & the Heart*.

Drew Crandall '77 (CLAS), owner and founder of the



marketing and media business Keep In Touch, in Rockville, Conn., received a 2003 Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics from the Better Business Bureau. It is the BBB's highest award for firms with proven, track records of integrity.

Robert Kravchuk '77 (BUS) (CLAS), an associate professor of public and environmental affairs at Indiana University received a Trustee's Teaching Award in 2003.

Kevin Murphy '77 (CLAS), managing director in the Los Angeles office of Marsh, Inc., has been named the firm's national health care practice leader, responsible for development of best practices and the growth of risk and insurance services to the health care industry in the United States.

William Andrzejcik '78 (BUS) is vice president and senior corporate banker of the corporate banking development group of Sovereign Bank. He previously served as vice president and relationship manager for Sovereign's Greater Boston and middle market lending team in Woburn, Mass.

Robert Cannity '78 (CANR) was promoted to director of residential mortgage underwriting for FleetBoston Financial, supervising a staff of 50 working on first mortgage applications. He lives with his partner of six years, in Warwick, R.I.

J.R. Hardenburgh '78 (BUS), after a 23-year career with AT&T, has joined Centech Solutions of Providence, R.I., as vice president of contact center consulting. He, his wife Cricket, and their three daughters live in Franklin, Mass.

Robert Remez '78 Ph.D., Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Psychology at Barnard College, was elected a fellow of the American Psychological Association for 2004.

Ruth (Fieghn) Sipple '78 (ED) is the coordinator/learning disabilities specialist of the Disabled Students Center at Fullerton College in Fullerton, Calif. She is married to Russ Sipple and has two boys, ages 6 and 10.

Robert Cotton '79 (ENG) was promoted to director of application engineering for Honeywell's aerospace electronics business in Phoenix, Ariz.

Judy Donnelly '79 M.S., professor of physics at



Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Conn., received the 2003 International Society for Optical Engineering Educator Award, presented for advancing the field of photonics education in Connecticut and throughout New England.

William Hover '79 (ENG) is district office manager of the flagship office of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., in Norwood, Mass. The company is one of the largest environmental and geotechnical consulting firms in the New England area.

Saul Kassir '79 Ph.D., professor of psychology at Williams College, was elected a fellow of the American Psychological Association for 2004.

Patricia Murray '79 D.M.D. has joined Martin's Point



Health Care in Portland, Maine, as a primary care physician specializing in internal medicine. She also practices and has a special interest in osteopathic manipulative therapy.

Martin Pazzani '79 (CLAS) (BUS), '81 M.B.A. is chief marketing officer for Bally Total Fitness North, responsible for the fitness company's global branding efforts as well as overseeing all consumer, enterprise and partnership marketing initiatives.

1980s

Patrick Evans '80 (CANR) is district conservationist in Minidoka County, Idaho, for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, responsible for administering \$3.5 million to improve the environment of southern Idaho.

Lee Schweninger '80 M.A., professor of English at UNC-Wilmington, received a Fulbright Foreign Scholar award to teach in Skopje, Macedonia, for the spring 2004 semester.

Raymond Tiezzi '81 6th year retired as Amesbury (Mass.) middle school principal in 2002 after having served the Amesbury school district as an administrator for 22 years. He lives in West Newbury, Mass., with his wife, Diane.

Jonathan Zarkower '82 (BUS) is director of product management at Colubris Networks, Inc., a manufacturer of wireless networking equipment located in Waltham, Mass. He lives in Framingham, Mass., with his wife and two daughters.

David Minicozzi '83 (CLAS) was named a 2003 Volunteer of the Year by the Branford, Conn., Chamber of Commerce.

Raymond Nuzzo '83 (ENG) opened his own law firm specializing in patent, trademark and copyright law.

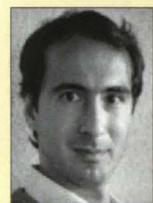
Eda Fuccella Moroney '84 6th year and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 30, 2003. She is a retired elementary school teacher from the Torrington, Conn., schools. The couple lives in Milford, Conn.

Carole-Lynn (DeNigris) Saros '83 (CLAS), '89 M.B.A. has just completed work on an investing book with her partner, Jeff McClure, *The Personal Wealth Coach*. She started her own financial planning and C.P.A. practice three years ago.

Michael Grey '84 Ph.D. was named to a physician panel by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to review claims of Department of Energy contractor employees and survivors for state workers' compensation benefits.

Richard Piacentini '84 M.S. was elected president of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, at the association which represents more than 475 public gardens and 1,500 individual members in Canada and the United States. He married Dr. Jan Steckel on July 31, 2003.

Chatschik Bisdikian '85 M.S., '89 Ph.D. was elected a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., for 2004 in recognition of contributions to the development, modeling and analysis of communication protocols and wireless personal area networks.



Tom Cole '85 (SAH) is area director of rehabilitation with Progressive Step Rehab Services, Inc., for the Ohio/West Virginia region.

Pete Denoia '85 (BUS) is senior director of customer logistics for

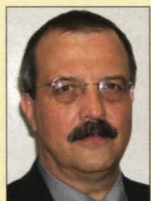
the northeastern U.S. for Nabisco, a division of Kraft Foods. He lives in Falmouth, Maine, with his wife, Maura, and daughters, Katie and Caroline.

Pam Lehman '85 (SAH), '91 M.A. and her partner, Marianne Daly, announce the birth of their twins, Matthew James and Thayer Grace, on July 7, 2003.

Scott Wolpin '85 (CLAS) was awarded Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner at the 2003 Maryland Rural Summit. He is the dental director of a rural community health center on the eastern shore of Maryland. He also is a firefighter/emergency medical technician.

Celeste Bossler Duhamel '86 (SFA) and her husband, David, announce the birth of Colby Joseph, Sept. 26, 2003.

Huw Thomas '86 Ph.D. is the dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He was a faculty member at the UConn Health Center for 12 years before taking the chairmanship of the department of pediatric dentistry at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio, Texas, in 1992.



Sylvina (Wasniewski) Rollins '86 (CANR) is an engineering technician with the town of Glastonbury, Conn. She and her husband, Kevin Rollins, enjoy fine arts and antiques. She also is a fine artist who exhibits her paintings in oils throughout the region.

James Miller '87 (SFA) and Lisbeth Miller announce the birth of their second son, Garrett, born Oct. 31, 2003. James is a creative director of interactive marketing with Trilegiant Corporation in Norwalk, Conn. The family lives in Stamford.

Emeka Nwadiora '87 M.S.W. was promoted with tenure to associate professor at Temple

University's School of Social Administration in 1996. He also is an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches African languages culture and religion.

Kevin Condon '88 (CLAS) and his wife, Judy, announce the birth of their son, Braden, who turned 1 on July 9, 2003.

Joan DeMarle-Oberlin '88 M.A. is the author of *Soul Language: Recognizing the Voice in My Heart*, an inspirational book about her conversations with God, published in October 2003 by PublishAmerica.

Kim (Ingalls) Esposito '88 (CANR) and **Michael Esposito '86 (CLAS), '92 M.B.A.** announce the birth of their daughter Isabelle Marie, born June 22, 2003. Isabelle joins her brother, Zachary, 5 and sister, Alyssa, 3.

Mark Glatzhofer '88 (BUS), Sonja (Fasciano) Glatzhofer '88 (CLAS), and big sister Brooke announce the births of Colton Alex and Kate Elizabeth on Oct. 30, 2003. The family lives in Stamford, Conn., where Mark is the vice president/general manager of Media Networks, Inc.

Leslie (Farrow) Hutchinson '88 (BUS) and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Garrett Travis, born Aug. 20, 2003. He joins his 3-year-old twin brothers, Kyle and Timothy. The family lives in Herndon, Va.

Reginald Mayo '88 Ph.D. is the superintendent of schools



in New Haven, Conn., and was named Connecticut 2004 Superintendent of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents. He is one of four finalists for the 2004 National Superintendent of the Year Award from the American Association of School Administrators.

Call For Nominations

■ **Do you know an outstanding alumna, alumnus or faculty member?**

The UConn Alumni Association has established awards for the purpose of recognizing the outstanding achievements and contributions by alumni, non-alumni and faculty. The UConn Alumni Association is proud of these achievements and welcomes the opportunity to extend recognition through its annual awards. The awards ceremony will be held at the new Nafe Katter Theater on the Storrs campus on Oct. 3, 2004.

To obtain a nomination form and a list of past recipients, visit the Alumni Association website at www.uconnalumni.com. Deadline for 2004 nominations is March 31, 2004.

Mike Small '88 (BUS) and his wife, Amy, announce the arrival of their fourth child, Emma Sarah Small, born Aug. 5, 2003.

Lynne Smith '88 (CLAS) is deputy assistant commissioner, Office of Training and Development, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, with responsibility including oversight for training more than 40,000 employees.

Heather Parker '89 (CLAS) received the U.S. Coast Guard's highest award that can be given to a civilian, the Distinguished Public Service Award, for excellence in her scientific support on oil spill responses, planning, preparedness and training for the Coast Guard 11th District in California.

Dominick Santoro '89 (BUS) and **Amy (Grady) Santoro '90 (CLAS)** announce the arrival of their son, Luke Dominick, born Aug. 26, 2003.

John Schiess '89 (CLAS) is the director of sales and services for regulatory compliance of publicly traded companies for e-Onehundred Group, based in Southington, Conn.

David Vest '89 (CLAS) is a sports reporter for the *Arizona Republic* in Phoenix, Ariz., and works as a correspondent for the local NBC television affiliate, KPNX Channel 12.

1990s

Timothy Bartlett '90 (ED), director of membership



growth and services for the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, recently graduated from the Institute of

Organization Management, a four-year professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Kevin Downer '90 M.B.A. is a student at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, working toward a master of divinity and ordination in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

Lisa Marie Banks '83

Bryant Bullock '77

Pauline Fairservice '94 M.S.W.

Mitchell Gardner '60 J.D.

Robert Giacomi '73

Deborah (Horowitz)
Greenberg '91

John Kearney '49

John Magee '56 Ph.D.

Christopher D. Meehan '92

Kenneth Pitney '49

John Popkins '79

Basil Tsakonas '49

Edward White '56, '69 6th year

FACULTY

Stanley Wedberg

Cory Janssen Foran '90 (CLAS) and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of their first child, Brandon Christopher, on Oct. 29, 2002.

John Dower '91 (CLAS), '92 (BUS) and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Alexandra, on July 12, 2003. He is a vice president at Stern Stewart & Co., a corporate finance consulting firm. He and his family live in Manhattan.

Karen Ortisi '91 (SFS) became certified as a family consumer science teacher and teaches home economics at Windham Middle School in Willimantic, Conn.

Laura (Rossi) Totten '91 (CLAS) and Randolph Barton Totten announce the births of their twin daughter and son, Julia Nancy and Matthew Philip, born on Jan. 19, 2003.

Grace (Lim) Baccay '92 (CLAS) and her husband, Francis, celebrated the birth of their first child, Wesley Francis Lim Baccay, on April 15, 2003. The family lives in New York City.

Maj. Mike Cornell '92 (CLAS), '01 J.D. returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan, where he served as an intelligence officer assigned to Headquarters, Combined Joint Task Force 180. A member of the Massachusetts National Guard, he is a business litigation attorney in the Boston office of Pepe & Hazard LLP.

Catherine (Conway) Crowe '92 (CLAS), a social studies teacher at Litchfield (Conn.) High School, was named district teacher of the year for the school system.

Edward Hill '92 (ENG), '94 M.S. began a post-doctoral position at MIT for the MITgcm project, which is designed to simulate flow and transport phenomena in the atmosphere and oceans.

Chris Murphy '92 (CLAS) and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of twins, Matthew

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Howard and Emily Grace, born Nov. 12, 2003. They join big sister, Meaghan Rose, born Aug. 25, 2002. The family lives in Middletown, Conn.

Robert Pohlmann '92 (ENG) joined Raytheon Intelligence and Information Systems in Nov. 2003 as a systems engineer in Falls Church, Va.

Gabrielle Stone '92 (CLAS) married Christopher Roth on Nov. 10, 2002. She is pursuing a certificate of special studies in administration and management at Harvard University. The couple lives in Cambridge, Mass.

Dennis Weinstein '92 (CLAS) is a chiropractic doctor in Glendale, Ariz., and is starting a new practice in Lansing, Mich.

Ellen Barrett '93 (CLAS) and Steve Inglese '93 (BUS) are engaged to be married in 2004. She is the founder of buffgirlfitness.com and is also director of fitness for Reebok in New York City. He is a commercial broker in New Haven, Conn.

Kimberly Bishop-Stevens

'93 (SFS) is the statewide substance abuse coordinator in Massachusetts and a newly named fellow in the Developing Leadership in Reducing Substance Abuse program for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.



James Chambers II '93 (BUS) and his wife, Veronica, welcomed a baby boy, Carter Joseph, on Jan. 17, 2003, who joins big sister, Alexandra, 3. He is vice president of investment for UBS in New London, Conn. The family lives in East Lyme.

Beth Lindsay Chapman '93 (BUS) and Mark Chapman '93 (CLAS) welcomed a new son, Mark Alexander, on July 21, 2003, who joins his sister, Lindsay, 3.

Danielle Christiana '93 (BUS) is volunteering at Intercommunity Mental Health Group in East Hartford, Conn.

Alison Fine '93 (CLAS) married Lance Berks in Old Saybrook, Conn., on July 6, 2003. The couple lives in Sydney, Australia, where she is teaching fourth and fifth grade at the American International School.

Lorraine Garrity Shea '93 (NUR) and her husband, Scott Shea '89 (BUS), announce the birth of their son, Ryan Thurman, born Nov. 27, 2002.

Julie Goodwin Gallo '93 (CLAS) married Michael Gallo Nov. 8, 2003. She is a research assistant in UConn's psychology department and lives in East Lyme, Conn.

Ryan King '93 (CLAS) and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their first child, Sarah Evelyn, on Sept. 25, 2003.

Jason Krafchik '93 (CLAS) is a juvenile probation officer serving the New Britain Superior Court. He married Sara Barron on New Year's Eve 1998. They live in Rocky Hill, Conn., with their two children, Skylar Corrin, 3, and Justin Gabriel, 2.

Kathleen (Szewczyk) Kenney '93 (ED) and Daniel Kenney '91 (CLAS) announce the birth of their son, Daniel Robert, on May 8, 2003, who joins a sister, Kylie Nicole, 2. Daniel is self-employed in the bar/restaurant business, and Kathleen is a health and physical education teacher/athletic trainer.

Julie (Cummings) Mullen '93 M.B.A. and Kevin Mullen '92 M.B.A. live in Burlington, Conn., and stay busy keeping up with their Mullen gals, Molly, 6, Katherine, 4, and Maeve, 1.

He is an economist with the Treasury Department and she now is at home full-time.

Stefan Murrah '93 (BUS) married Jenna Benzenhafer on June 22, 2003. The couple lives in Hudson, N.H. He is a senior business analyst with PC Connection Services in Merrimack, N.H.

Joe Rodgers '93 (BUS) was named a partner in the firm of Carney, Roy & Gerrol, P.C. located in Rocky Hill, Conn. He and **Nancy Martel '95 (BGS)** reside in Manchester, Conn., with their three children, Joey, Lindsey and Hailey.

Kristin (Borodezt) St. Germain '93 (CLAS) and husband, **Stephen St. Germain '88 (PHR)**, welcomed their first child, Michael Aaron, on Aug. 1, 2003.

Suzanne Woods '93 (ED), '94 M.A. and **Ricardo Ruiz '01 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their first child, Zachary James Ruiz, on June 24, 2003. The family lives in Madison, Conn. She is a fourth grade teacher at Wesley Elementary School in Middletown, and he works at Principal Financial Group in Middletown.

Stephen Balkaran '94 (CLAS), '96 M.A. was named a research



assistant for Kathleen Cleaver, professor of law and Afro American Studies at Yale University. He is also on the

faculty of Teikyo Post University, where he teaches politics and law. Prior to lecturing, he worked for the African National Congress, was a research associate for the United Nations in New York, consulting on projects for the World Bank, and was a former aide to the secretary of state of Connecticut.

Becca (Torns) Barker '94 (CLAS) married Jeremy Barker on July 19, 2003, in Gloucester, Mass., where they scuba dive.

They live in Acton, Mass., where she is a technical writer and is studying massage therapy.

Joseph Canas '94 (ENG) and his wife, Shelley, announce the arrival of their second child, Anna Emily, on Jan. 19, 2003, who joins her brother Owen, 3, at home in Beacon Falls, Conn.

Jennifer Colangelo Fricke '94 (SFS) and **Richard Fricke '95 (CLAS)** had their second child, Richard Joseph (RJ), on Oct. 24, 2003. RJ joins his big sister, Charlotte Grace, 2, and the family lives in Farmington, Conn.

Kevin DeMarco '94 (CLAS) and **Joan (Lambert) DeMarco '94 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their third son, Devin Jack, on Aug. 1, 2003, who was welcomed by his brothers Shaun, 5, and Ryan, 2.

Tejal Desai '94 (PHR) won a 2003 Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Christine (Colby) Eaton '94 (CLAS) and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their son, Harrison, on June 3, 2003. The family lives in Norton, Mass.

Scott Goldberg '94 (ED) is director of development at



Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He and his wife, Amy, recently welcomed a daughter,

Keeley, born July 19, 2002.

Julie (Bartley) Holzworth '94 (SFS) and **Jay Holzworth '94 (CLAS)** welcomed the birth of their daughter, Avery Sophia, on June 11, 2003. The family lives in Groton, Conn.

Karen Poulin '94 (CLAS) married **Stephen Bresciano '97 (BGS)** in October 2002. She is assistant dean of students at UConn, and he is a police officer in Manchester, Conn.

PROFILE

Caretaker for canine Huskies

One of a veterinarian's biggest difficulties relates to doctor-patient communication. **Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, '03 (BGS)** owner of the Bloomfield Animal Hospital and host of the *Pet Talk* radio show on Hartford's WTIC 1080, says, "My patients don't speak, and that is constantly a challenge."

Elected last September to represent alumni on the UConn Board of Trustees, Dennis-LaVigne hopes her constituents will be more forthcoming. This is because she firmly believes that yesterday's students have a role to play in the future of the University of Connecticut. "Alumni participation strengthens the University," says Dennis-LaVigne. "The stronger we make this University, the better it will be to provide an education to our own children."

Dennis-LaVigne's past contributions to UConn include serving as president of the Alumni

Association and being a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the UConn Foundation Board of Directors, the President's Athletic Advisory Committee, and the President's Task Force on Diversity. All while juggling work and family. Her business partner is husband **Randy LaVigne '79 (BUS)**, who was a member of the 1975-79 baseball and basketball teams.

What's behind this kind of commitment? "I do appreciate the education that I received at the University of Connecticut," says Dennis-LaVigne. Enrolling at UConn in the late 1970s, she received her degree in veterinary medicine from Tuskegee University before returning to UConn to earn a Bachelor of General Studies degree. "What I got from UConn was of great value." At the same time, she says, "We have the opportunity to take something that's very good and make it even better."

When she visits the campus today, she is proud of the tremendous physical improvements brought about by the state legislature's historic investment in the UCONN 2000 initiative, as well as the strides made in such areas as diversity. Dennis-LaVigne, who has chaired the Alumni Association's Committee on Diversity and Opportunity, notes, "We are growing and improving on so many levels. Increasing the diversity of our student population has to be a part of the success story."

In her role on the UConn Board of Trustees, she says she will be doing a lot of listening and learning, especially in the early part of her four-year term. "My goal," she says, "is not just to help the University of Connecticut remain the top public university in New England but one of the top public universities in the nation." — *Leslie Virostek*



Peter Morenus

Victoria Rowley Higley '94 (SFA), widow of **Robert Higley '94 (CLAS)**, who died in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, has two children, Amanda Nicole, 6, and Robyn Elizabeth, 2. She recently remarried to Richard Pratt. The family lives in Danbury, Conn.

Kathleen Binkowski '95 Ph.D. married Patrick Murray in 1997 and became superintendent of schools for Plainville, Conn., in July 2001.

Lan Cameron '95 (CLAS) and his wife, **Laura (Stowe) Cameron '93 (CLAS)**, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Scott, on July 8, 2003. She is an attorney in Rhode Island, and he is a doctoral student at Boston College.

Julie Carr '95 (CLAS) and her husband, Christopher Cole, celebrated the birth of their son, Jason Forrest Cole, on July 25, 2003. She earned her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law. The family lives in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

David Cassenti '95 (CLAS), '97 M.S. was married to Lisa Glanvill on Aug. 29, 1998. Their daughter, Sarah, was born on July 19, 2002. He is a math and science teacher at The Franklin Academy, a school for students with nonverbal learning differences in East Haddam, Conn.

Lisa (Bald) Laakso '95 (BUS) and **Erik Laakso '94 (ENG)** announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Grace, born Sept. 15, 2003.

Peter Larkin '95 (ENG) and **Jennifer Robella Larkin '96 (CLAS)** of South Glastonbury, Conn., announce the birth of their first child, Quinn Patrick, on Sept. 30, 2003.

Caryn Bello '96 (CLAS) announces her engagement to Seth Levine. She is a clinical psychologist at Harvard University. The wedding is planned for September 2004.

Jennifer Dorau '96 (CLAS) married **William Souhrada '96 (BUS)** on July 19, 2003. He is a team leader/network engineer for IBM in Southbury, Conn., and she works as an online affiliate marketing coordinator for 4sure.com in Trumbull. The couple lives in Shelton.

David Price '96 (BUS) and **Kristin (Filippi) Price '96 (BUS)** celebrated the birth of their son, Branden David, on Jan. 29, 2004. David is the northeast regional manager for Floorserve Inc., and Kristin served as an account supervisor for MGH Advertising before her son was born. The family lives in Baltimore, Md.

Tracie Sannicandro '96 (PHR) and **David Osgood** announce their engagement. An April wedding is planned in Charleston, S.C.

David Schuman '96 (BUS), '98 M.B.A. started Schuman's Speed Center in 2003. Schuman's Speed Center focuses on speed, quickness, and agility training for athletes. There are over 10 training areas nationwide.

Eric Chamberlain '97 (CANR) is a plant and quarantine officer covering Connecticut for the USDA. Some of his previous work stations included Hawaii and California.

Harold Daniel, Jr. '97 Ph.D.



was promoted with tenure to associate professor in marketing at the University of Maine Business School, Orono, Maine.

Deborah (Mooney) DiNicola '97 (SFA) married **Eric DiNicola** on Sept. 27, 2003. She is a senior art director with Scholastic in Danbury, Conn., where the couple lives.

Karen (Hoffman) Fox '97 (SAH) wed **Jonathan Fox '97 (CLAS)** on Dec. 15, 2001.

Catherine (Connolly) Horkan '97 (CLAS) and **Marty Horkan '96 (CLAS)** welcomed the birth of their son, Liam, on Aug. 29, 2003. She is a school adjustment counselor in Peabody public schools and he is a biology teacher at Malden Catholic High School. The family lives in the Boston, Mass., area.

Daniel Montgomery '97 (BUS) was promoted to north-



east operations manager for Lexmark International, a leading developer, manufacturer and supplier of printing solu-

tions. He lives and works in New York City with his wife, **Angela Montgomery '98 (CLAS)**.

Sam Pierre-Louis '97 (ENG) and **Nernante (Moise) Pierre-Louis '97 (SFS)** are celebrating the birth of their first child, Alexi Brienne. The family lives in Alabama where Sam is the data security officer for UAB Health System.

Michael Savino '97 (CLAS) married **Kelly Dunton '99 (BUS)** on Oct. 26, 2002 in Newtown, Conn. The couple lives in West Hartford, Conn., where he is a territory manager for Johnson & Johnson and she is a business analyst for Carters Children's Clothing.

Jennifer Schilt '97 (BUS) was married to Christopher Perfetti in Bayside, N.Y., where she is an IT/Management consultant for IBM's business consulting services.

Kerri Allison Smith '97 (SFA) has been teaching dance for 10 years, and acting for six. She is the co-director and choreographer of Kids Company for Arts in Motion in Willimantic, Conn., and has taught at many private dance schools. She is working on her master's in English and modern studies, and will teach in the public schools.

David Berman '98 (BUS) married **Renee Caggiano '99 (CLAS)** on Sept. 14, 2003 in Boston, Mass. He is a financial consultant/manager at Simione Consultants in Hamden, Conn., and she is an associate attorney at Nuzzo & Roberts in Cheshire, Conn. They live in Hamden.

Curt Leng '98 (CLAS) was elected councilman-at-large in Hamden, Conn., and is the manager of monitoring and evaluation for the city of Bridgeport's Housing and Development Department.



Ponn Mahayosnand Sabra '98 (SAH), of Toledo, Ohio, has been selected to be included in a biographical directory published by *Marquis Who's Who*, the leading biographical reference publisher of the highest achievers and contributors from across the country and around the world.



Jennifer Reed '98 (CLAS) married **Michael King** on Dec. 28, 2002. She is a human resources manager at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, Conn. They live in Wallingford.

Heidi Winsor '98 (CLAS) married **Charles Darling** on Oct. 11, 2003. They live in St. Louis, Mo.

Karen Dahl '99 (CLAS) married **Brian Reich** on Oct. 19, 2003 in Brookline, Mass. She earned her M.Ed. from Harvard in 2003, and is national operations coordinator for Jumpstart for Young Children, a nonprofit based in Boston. They live in Cambridge, Mass.

Melissa (Moeckel) Ellenberger '99 (SFA), '99 (ED) and Staff Sergeant **Reed Ellenberger**, U.S. Army, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathleen Ann, born on July 17, 2003.

Danielle Mayoros '99 (CLAS) is director of planning for North Beach Engineering, Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla. She also is an elected member of the board of directors for the First Coast Chapter of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association.

Erin O'Brien '99 (CLAS) is pursuing a master's degree at Central Connecticut State University in criminal justice. She lives in Barkhamsted, Conn., with her two weimeraners, Tom and Mel.

2000s

Lucia Perfetti '00 (CLAS) received an M.A. in criminal justice in 2001 from S.U.N.Y. at Albany. She married Timothy Clark in June 2003. They live in Albany, where she works as a criminal justice research scientist.

Mary Ellen San Juan '00 (SAH) is engaged to **Jeff Miller '00 (SAH)**. She is a cytogenetic technologist at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., and he is a medical technologist at Clinical Laboratory Partners, based in Newington and Hartford, Conn.

Shelly Seney '00 (SFS) graduated with an M.S. in counseling from Shippensburg University in December 2003 and anticipates working with students transitioning in and out of college.

Wendy Sewach '00 (CLAS) is an academic athletic coordinator at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va., where she will assist student-athletes in competing in Olympic sports.

Melissa Hatteyer '01 (SFA), '02 M.A. is engaged to **John Korduner '99 (CLAS)**. They plan a June 2004 wedding in Connecticut. They live in California, where he serves as a captain in the Air Force and she is a resident director.

Andrew Kuether '01 (ENG) earned an M.S. in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is with Opus Architects and Engineers of Minneapolis, Minn.

Stephen Lima '01 M.B.A. and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney MacKenzie, born on June 22, 2003. He is a communication development manager for CIGNA

(Prudential) in Hartford, Conn. They live in Colchester, Conn.

Jeffrey Solak '01 (SFA) is a graphic designer at Bertz Design Group in Middletown, Conn. His work has appeared in *Baseline* and *Print* magazines and has received an Excellence Award in Design from the Connecticut Art Director's Club.

Erica Watson '01 (BGS) is teaching at the Regional Multicultural Magnet School in Waterford, Conn., and will be applying to medical schools next year.

Sue Bird '02 (CLAS) has been named to the women's U.S.



Olympic basketball team that will compete during the 2004 Olympic Games this summer in Greece. She is a two-time All-Star for the Seattle Storm of the WNBA.

Natalie Crosdale '02 (CLAS) is the assistant registrar in the division of student affairs at Manchester Community College in Manchester, Conn.

Tiffany Silver '02 (CLAS) was awarded a C. Clyde Ferguson scholarship for academic excellence at the Rutgers University School of Law at Camden for the 2003-04 academic year.

Lynn Gatehouse '03 M.A. received the San Francisco Bay Area Gifted and Talented Education Distinguished Service Award from the California Association for the Gifted during the organization's annual meeting in February. She is a teacher at the Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton, Calif.

Kristin Volpe '03 M.A. is engaged to **Bryan Lentini '03 (PHR)**. They plan a summer 2004 wedding. She is a first grade teacher in Wallingford, Conn., and he is a pharmacist in Portland.

Peter Soteropoulos '03 (BUS) has been named to the Greek national baseball team that will compete during the 2004 Olympic Games this summer in Athens. He is eligible to represent Greece because his grandparents were born there.

AT THE VON DER MEHDEN RECITAL HALL

Spring 2004 Highlights

The performance home of the Department of Music, von der Mehden Recital Hall hosts nearly 100 ensemble concerts, faculty, guest artists and student recitals annually.

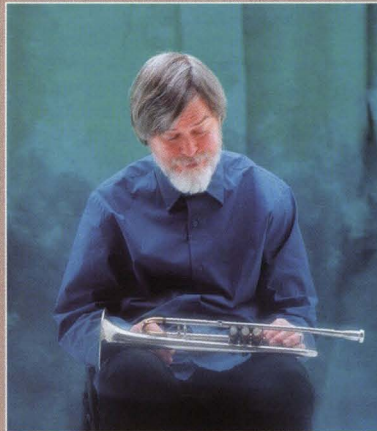
Natalia Khoma

Thurs., April 1, 2004, 8 p.m.

Visiting assistant professor of music and cellist Natalia Khoma, Ph.D., (Moscow Conservatory of Music) will perform sonatas by Cezar Franck and Sergei Rachmaninov, accompanied by pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky.



Joann Savio



Tom Harrell

Thursday, April 15, 2004, 8 p.m.

Hear one of the most creative, uncompromising jazz instrumentalists and composers of our time—Grammy-nominated trumpeter and composer, Tom Harrell—performing with director Earl MacDonald's UConn Jazz Ensemble.

"There is no one in jazz today writing with more intelligence, depth and heart than Tom Harrell."
—*JazzTimes*

Tom Harrell will also be performing Friday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. at von der Mehden Recital Hall as part of the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts *Jazz Dog Café* series.

All concerts, including student recitals, and schedule changes can be found at www.sfa.uconn.edu or by phoning the 24-hour event line at 860-486-2106.

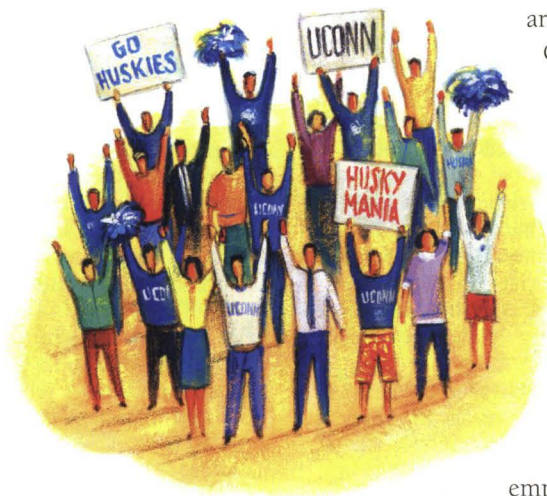
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Connecticut Pride

And what about the Huskies?

The great success of UConn's athletic teams has served as a source of pride for not only the University but also for the citizens of Connecticut who have embraced student athletes and celebrated their achievements both on and off the court. "Huskymania" is the singular and unifying source of pride for Connecticut residents as well as an economic force within the state. The remarkable popularity of Husky athletics has annually drawn more than 320,000 fans to Hartford for basketball games and nearly 225,000 people to East Hartford for the first year of Division I-A football.

Major corporations also affiliate themselves with the University through their sponsorship of UConn athletics. State-based vendors produce UConn branded items that



are sold in retail outlets throughout Connecticut, from family-owned businesses to local outlets of national firms, generating income for businesses and state sales tax revenues.

"UConn is a major economic driver in the state's economy," says McMillen. "It's the spending the University does, it's students and employees who purchase goods and services and the development of the professional workforce that reduce the cost of recruiting skilled employees. This all combines to be a powerful economic engine. It's an incredible story about what happens in towns and cities across Connecticut because UConn is here. And there is also a large intangible result: the increase in the quality of life we enjoy as citizens of the state because UConn helps make Connecticut a better, cleaner, safer and more enjoyable place to live, learn and play."

A few more examples...

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Business provide expert tax advice in income tax clinics held in local communities. The School of Dental Medicine is the single largest provider of dental care to the state's neediest residents while School of Medicine students operate a clinic for homeless people in Hartford.

■ Controlling Poison

Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, the UConn Health Center's Poison Control Center is available to provide important and immediate information to residents throughout the state as well as for doctors, emergency rooms, police departments and companies in Connecticut.

■ Problem Solving & Preservation

The Connecticut Cooperative Extension System is a statewide, public education program within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the School of Family Studies. Cooperative Extension educational programs and problem-solving assistance are based on current research at UConn. Programs include pesticide safety education, forest stewardship and residential water quality, among others.

■ Resident Experts

UConn is the home base for the state Archaeologist, Historian and Ornithologist, who each provide expertise and serve as a resource in their areas of specialty for Connecticut.

■ Responsible Growth

The Center for Land Use Education and Research in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources provides education and assistance that help land-use decision makers protect Connecticut's natural resources while accommodating economic growth. Presently, the Center is engaged in projects related to coastal habitats, urbanizing areas and the management of Connecticut forests.

■ That's Entertainment

In the School of Fine Arts, the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts and von der Mehden Recital Hall each host world-class performers in music, theater and the performing arts, such as the Royal Shakespeare Company, violinist Itzak Perlman, the American Ballet Theater, blues singer Susan

Tedeschi, jazz master Dave Brubeck and poet Maya Angelou.

■ Downtown Renaissance

The new UConn campus in Waterbury is a \$30 million facility that is the cornerstone of a larger (\$120 million) downtown redevelopment program, which includes a grade 6 through 12 fine arts magnet school and the restoration of the historic Palace Theater.

■ Environmentally Friendly

Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) is a UConn program that provides education to Connecticut municipalities in the areas of wetlands protection, reducing water runoff, preserving farmland, and open space planning. NEMO has worked with almost two-thirds of the 169 municipalities in Connecticut.

HUSKYMANIA AND CONNECTICUT PRIDE

■ Licensed World Wide

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consumables has expanded the line of UConn Husky products from tortilla chips and salsa to bottled water, coffee, milk, chocolate bars and ice cream products that are manufactured, sold and licensed by Connecticut companies. The worldwide licensing of Husky products generated about \$15 million in retail sales during 2002-03.

■ Husky Nation

The increasing popularity of Husky athletics has annually drawn more than 320,000 fans to Hartford for basketball games and nearly 225,000 fans to East Hartford for the first year of Division I-A football. UConn's ability to draw fans has resulted in Connecticut hosting NCAA women's basketball regional tournaments for the first time in both Hartford and Bridgeport in 2004.

■ An Important Assist

Major corporations seek a public association with UConn through sponsorship of athletic programs. Sponsorships support UConn's division of athletics, fund student scholarships and help increase the popularity of the University's academic programs for aspiring young minds.




Costa Rica



Russian cathedral

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May 1–8, 2004

An authentic sternwheel-driven cruise ship, *Queen of the West*, cruises the Columbia, Willamette and Snake Rivers. Depart from Portland, Ore., and follow the historic path of Lewis & Clark and the Oregon Trail.

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Charles Hagen, *Anna in the Seaweed, Deer Isle, Maine, 1998*

I made this photograph of my daughter, Anna, six years ago in Deer Isle, Maine, where we frequently go on vacation. As often happens, it was foggy that morning; we were walking along the shore near the cottage we were renting. Anna ran ahead of us and, for no apparent reason, lay down on the rocky beach. She has bright red hair, and when I saw the long tendrils of seaweed draped over the rocks I wanted to make a picture comparing the two. I framed the scene in various ways, but it wasn't till months later that I noticed this shot on my contact sheet.

Anna and my wife, Laura Newman, appear frequently in my photographs, but I do not regard my pictures of them as family photographs or portraits or even as documents of a time or place. Instead I regard my subjects as actresses and work with them to discover expressive gestures, creating a kind of symbolic theater. I use medium- and large-format cameras to increase the monumentality of the images and often light scenes with flash, held away from the camera, to heighten drama. These images are often posed, or at least repeated after

an expression or juxtaposition is noted. Increasingly I work with large-format cameras, not only for the more detailed negatives they provide but also for the sense of ceremony they impose on the act of photographing.

I love the paradoxes of photography, that it's both public and private, the basis of both mass

media and snapshots. I try to embody these paradoxes in my photographs of my family. I want my pictures to be personal and intimate, but commanding and inevitable as well. I value surprise and play in making my pictures—and count on the world to continue to inform and delight me.

Charles Hagen is associate professor of photography and video and the graduate coordinator in UConn's Department of Art and Art History. His photography is included in collections at *Reader's Digest*, Johnson & Johnson, Buhl Foundation and elsewhere. His work has been exhibited at the Aldrich Museum of Art, Lennon Weinberg Gallery, David Beitzel Gallery, Four Walls in Brooklyn, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and the Benton Museum of Art. He is also a critic, having written for *Artforum*, *ArtNews*, *American Photo* and *Afterimage*, and is a curator of photographic exhibitions around the United States.

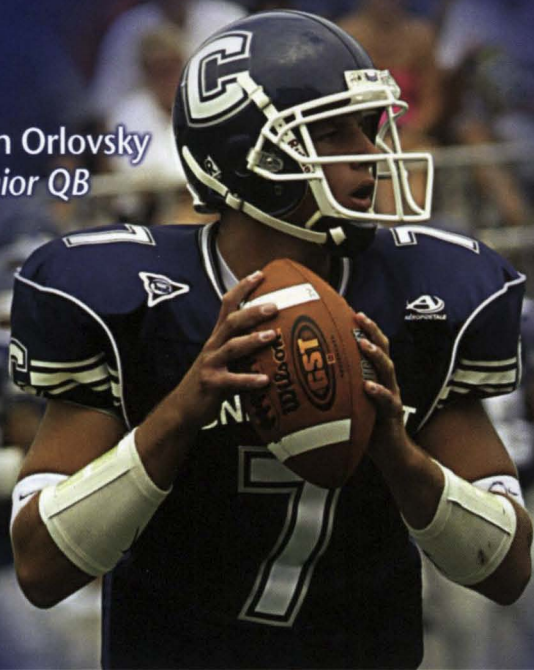
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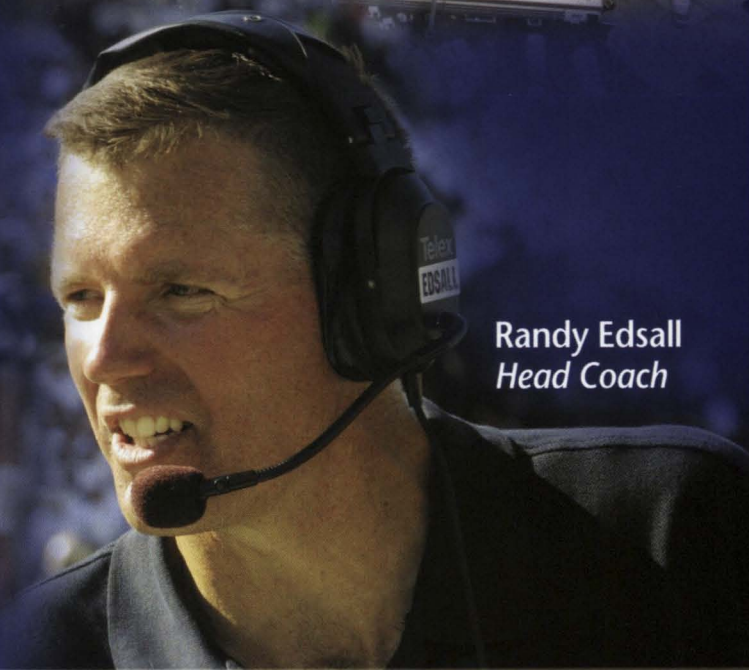
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