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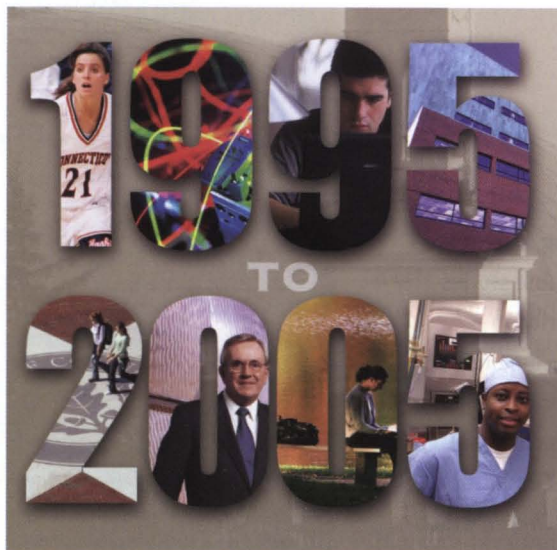
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A Message from the Editor

A PLACE OF DISCOVERY

This edition's stories about how UCONN 2000 moved from being a dream to becoming a reality provided a change in approach from how most stories published in *Traditions* are prepared. Instead of relying primarily on interviews conducted in 2005, the story is largely based on historic documents and information from the University Archives, including the papers of UConn President Harry J. Hartley and 1995-96 Connecticut General Assembly transcripts compiled by Bruce M. Stave, history professor emeritus and director of UConn's Center for Oral History. The archives are housed in the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, which was dedicated in 1995 during ceremonies led by President Bill Clinton.

Researchers uncover the hidden treasures of history in places such as the Dodd Center reading room, where they can study private papers, historic documents, journals and other primary source materials that assist in learning the how and why of significant events. The reading room is a place of discovery, where the next page turned could find the missing piece of a puzzle—the so-called “Eureka” moment that provides the reward in the search for knowledge undertaken daily by researchers across many disciplines at UConn.

An axiom of publishing is that journalists write the first draft of history. Many of the stories appearing today in *Traditions* and other campus publications will be available years from now for those curious about academic programs, activities and personalities at UConn during the early part of the 21st century. That is a byproduct of the primary goal of *Traditions*—to keep alumni informed about what is going on at UConn and to highlight the outstanding achievements of its students, faculty and alumni.

The year 1995 was pivotal in the history of UConn. With help of alumni, the legislative funding for UCONN 2000 was approved and the University began to

realize its potential as one of the leading public institutions of higher education in the United States. This edition also looks back at a memorable part of that year—the first NCAA championship won by the women's basketball team, an event that is now heralded as a turning point in the history of the sport.

N.B.: In our last *Page From the Past*, we noted “The Jungle” was a freshman-only residence hall until the 1970s. Several alumni noted that upperclassmen lived there until at least 1965. Misinformation provided to us resulted in an erroneous reference to professor emeritus of music Hale Smith, who is retired and living in New York.

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President

A hope that has been realized

Those of us who talk about UCONN 2000 often describe it as a “visionary program.” That may be an understatement. UCONN 2000 has been instrumental in reshaping the University of Connecticut into one of the most dynamic institutions of public higher education in the United States. The commitment of state government, the support of Connecticut’s citizens, and the dedication of our own alumni, students, faculty and staff combined at a special moment to give a very good university the possibility of a limitless future.

This edition of *Traditions* observes the tenth anniversary of UCONN 2000. Our 160,000 alumni, along with the entire University community, can take great pride in what has stemmed from the plan once known, appropriately, as “Project Hope.”

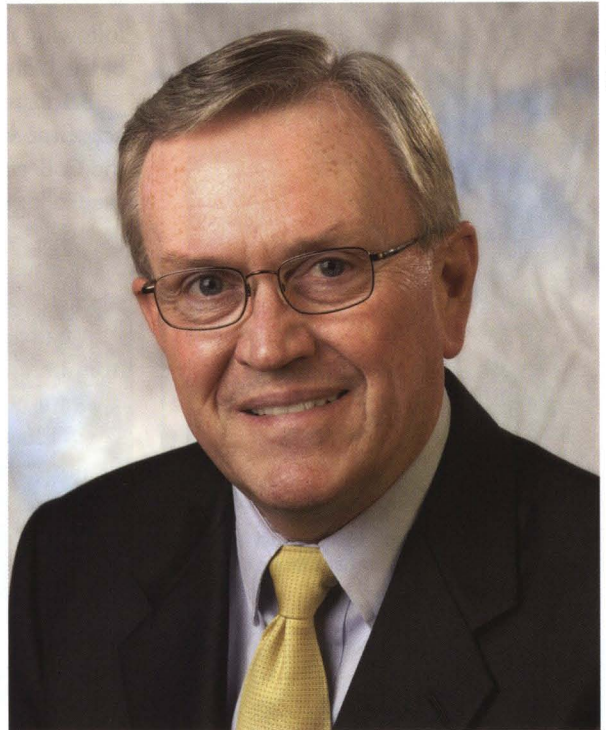
Since 1995 more than 35 new buildings have opened. Another 50 have been extensively renovated. An outstanding faculty has added to its ranks some of the nation’s foremost

The “brain drain” of the early 1990s has been stemmed. The investment has paid off.

senior scholars and most promising young professors. We have worked to offer students a living experience whose quality equals that of our academic program. Private financial support to the University has reached record levels. Not surprisingly, UConn is now a school of choice for thousands of Connecticut’s most academically talented students and for an increasing number of students from across the United States.

Three years ago our elected leaders expanded and extended our building program through 2015 with the 21st Century UConn initiative. This reflected their appreciation of the essential role of public investment in higher education and of the impact a strong, growing UConn is making on Connecticut’s economy. The “brain drain” of the early 1990s has been stemmed. The investment has paid off: a recent Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis report notes that for each state dollar spent on UConn, gross state product has increased by \$6.18 due, among other things, to the economic contributions made by our graduates as they remain in Connecticut to pursue their goals.

A great public university must not only be rigorous; it must also be financially accessible. We accept our responsibility in this regard as we work to assure that UConn is an affordable option for qualified students of all backgrounds. This year alone the University is devoting \$208 million to student financial aid. Our neediest students receive full support, and adequate financial aid is available to middle-income students as well. Approximately 75 percent of UConn



President Philip E. Austin

students receive some form of financial support.

This spring, we are once again busy presenting UConn’s story to Connecticut’s elected leaders, and we are hearing an encouraging response. Ten years ago, the first billion dollars of UCONN 2000 represented a hope that has now been realized. The hope in 2005 is simply that we receive the resources we need to continue on the path that began a decade ago, as we seek to attain ever greater levels of academic excellence.



Peter J. Nicholls, UConn's new provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

Nicholls named provost

Peter J. Nicholls, a mathematician and former dean of liberal arts and sciences, is UConn's new provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, following the departure of John D. Petersen, who left UConn to become president of the University of Tennessee.

Before arriving at UConn this spring, Nicholls served two years as provost and academic vice president at Colorado State University. He also served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Kansas State University and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Northern Illinois University.

"I am confident that Peter Nicholls is an excellent choice for UConn and will make a major contribution to our continued progress in teaching, research and service," says UConn President Philip E. Austin.

A native of Kent, England, Nicholls holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from London University and a Ph.D. in mathematics from Cambridge University.

"I am honored to have been selected for this outstanding opportunity," Nicholls says. "I have been extremely impressed with the quality and commitment of the faculty, staff and students at UConn. The opportunity to join such a vibrant and energetic University community is tremendously exciting."

UConn, ACS join in cancer fight

Education and outreach into the community is goal

The UConn Health Center and the American Cancer Society, New England Division, recently signed an agreement to collaborate on a number of key initiatives, including education programs for medical providers and consumers, advocacy and outreach efforts throughout the community, and special programs for patients and families.

"Working with the American Cancer Society enhances the support services we provide our patients and strengthens our ability to reach out to the community," says Carolyn D. Runowicz '73 (CLAS), director of the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. Runowicz was also recently named president-elect of the national American Cancer Society and will become president later this year.

Through the collaborative agreement, the UConn Health Center and the American Cancer Society will educate medical providers on new advances in all aspects of cancer care, share new information about cancer care throughout the greater

Hartford community, provide supportive services to patients at the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, and promote awareness about cancer prevention and early detection among the nearly 4,000 employees of the UConn Health Center.

The Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center provides a full spectrum of cancer services, and its patients can participate in a range of clinical trials and research studies.

Peter Morenus



Mary Ann Vanderjagt of the American Cancer Society, left, and Carolyn D. Runowicz '73 (CLAS), director of the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Storrs Center plan unveiled

Plans for a vibrant, tree-lined Storrs Center village that will draw alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents, visitors and local residents to Mansfield was unveiled to UConn and community members in November.

The proposed 15.5-acre village features narrow streets and wide sidewalks, lined with dozens of multi-story buildings that will have retail shops on the first floor and apartments and offices above them. Tucked into the woods behind the village will be town houses, condominiums and open spaces.

Mansfield Downtown Partnership



(Left) An artist's rendering of the proposed Storrs Center village that will feature narrow streets and wide sidewalks, lined with multi-story buildings. Plans call for retail shops on the first floor of buildings and apartments and offices above them.

(Below) The Biology/Physics Building, recognized with an award by the American Institute of Architects.

The village is plotted in the midst of a 45-acre site on the east side of Storrs Road, from Mansfield Road to South Eagleville Road. A landscaped town square, built at the intersection of Dog Lane and Storrs Road, will serve as an entrance to the site from campus. The center is adjacent to the entrance to the fine arts complex, where visitors will be able to enjoy theater, art exhibits and concerts.

Planners say there will be 35 to 60 different businesses in the village, reflecting a mix of primarily local and regional shops, and a limited number of carefully selected national retail outlets, including restaurants, entertainment venues, movie and clothing stores, and cafés. The village will be designed primarily as a pedestrian-friendly area, with a number of public places for people to sit and talk or read.

Up to 600 units of housing are planned including apartments, condominiums and townhouses.

The plan requires a range of approvals and permits with officials anticipating a groundbreaking for the first phase of the four-phase project in spring 2006. The entire process could be completed within five to seven years.

Al Ferreira

ARCHITECTS RECOGNIZE UCONN BUILDINGS

The designers of the UConn Biology/Physics Building (right) and the new UConn campus in downtown Waterbury were both recognized in December with top awards from the Connecticut chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Allan Dehar Associates of New Haven, the group that designed the Biology/Physics Building, and the firm of Jeter Cook & Jepson Architects Inc., of Hartford, who designed the UConn campus in Waterbury, earned the AIA recognition.

The two awards mark the fourth and fifth time the AIA has recognized architectural achievements for University facilities constructed through the UCONN 2000 building program.

Tina Covensky



Gerry Bailey, from motor pool repairs, pours biodiesel fuel into a UConn campus shuttle bus. The bus is powered by a fuel mixture composed of 20 percent biodiesel fuel, produced using about 10 gallons of waste cooking oil used in a campus dining hall.

Next stop, cleaner air

The “Biodiesel Express” began rolling around UConn’s main campus in November. This UConn bus, a standard 30-passenger campus shuttle, is powered by a fuel mixture composed of 20 percent biodiesel fuel, produced using about 10 gallons of waste cooking oil from the dining halls on campus. Students led by Joseph Helble, professor of chemical engineering, spent about six months in the lab, attending national conferences, researching other campuses, and doing the hands-on work to develop the fuel.

Combined with 80 percent diesel, the resultant formula produces a bus trip that emits fewer hydrocarbons and greenhouse gases into the air; makes use of a readily available cooking byproduct; and, if used regularly, the fuel will act like a detergent, helping clean the bus engine as it flows through the system, making it more efficient.

The project was funded through a \$15,000 grant from the Provost’s Office. Gregory Magoon ’06 (ENG) also received funding from the Summer Undergraduate Research Fund.

Several universities have recently begun to power their buses with biodiesel, but they buy the vegetable-based fuel.

“We’re the only University with students making it, using it, and researching it, learning the regulations and designing a lab,” says Richard Miller, director of UConn’s office of environmental policy.

MOTERING TO A BOWL VICTORY IN DETROIT

Throughout their years at UConn, head coach Randy Edsall described the class of 2005 Husky football players as “special” because they chose to accept the challenge of establishing the foundation of a new era of UConn football in Division I-A competition. The expectation was that future Husky players would more likely reap the larger rewards of their hard work, such as playing in a postseason bowl game.

That made 2004 more remarkable as UConn capped its first football season in the Big East with its first postseason bowl invitation and a 39-10 victory over Toledo in the Motor City Bowl on Dec. 27 in Detroit.

Senior quarterback Dan Orlovsky was selected Most Valuable Player and senior defensive end Tyler King returned from a mid-season injury to be named the United Auto Workers Lineman of the Game. Kicker Matt Nuzie ’07 (BUS) set a new Motor City Bowl record with four field goals.

More than 6,000 UConn alumni, students, faculty and fans were part of the record crowd of 52,552 at Ford Field, including military families and representatives of local charities who received tickets donated by UConn fans. Nationally, an estimated 3.8 million viewers watched the game on ESPN, the most to ever watch a UConn football game.



Peter Morenus

Head football coach Randy Edsall discusses UConn’s Motor City Bowl victory with reporters.

Urging grads to be informed citizens

Human rights expert Aryeh Neier urged graduates to fulfill their civic responsibilities during winter commencement ceremonies at Gampel Pavilion on Dec. 19.

“As informed citizens, you will help steer this country on the right course,” said Neier, president of the Open Society Institute, a private grant-making foundation that is the hub of the Soros Foundations network.

Neier, who was given an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during the ceremony, spent 12 years as executive director of Human Rights Watch, of which he was a founder. Prior to that, he worked for the American Civil Liberties Union for 15 years, including eight as national executive director.

More than 760 students received their diplomas at the end of fall semester.



Peter Morenus

Drotch, Lobo named alumni trustees

Peter S. Drotch '64 (BUS) and Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS) were appointed to the University's Board of Trustees by Gov. M. Jodi Rell.

Drotch is a retired investment management executive and emeritus director of the UConn Foundation board. Before retiring he was the head of PricewaterhouseCoopers' U.S.

Investment Management Industry Group.

A member of the UConn School of Business Hall of Fame, Drotch earned his accounting degree before joining PricewaterhouseCoopers. He was named a partner in the business in 1975 and named leader of the investment management division two years later. He joined the UConn Foundation board in 1986 and served as chairman from 1990-1994. He currently serves as an ex-officio member of the Foundation's audit committee. He and his wife, Hinda, are Constitution Circle lifetime members of the UConn Founders Society.

Lobo is a television basketball analyst and a leader of UConn's undefeated 1995 women's basketball team (See p. 38). She graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and was a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship. A member of the 1996 gold medal U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team, she was one of the Women's National Basketball Association's (WNBA) original players and played several years with the New York Liberty.

In 2003, she played her final season for the Connecticut Sun. Lobo has been a college basketball commentator for CBS, ESPN, and Connecticut Public Television. In October 2001, Lobo and her mother launched the RuthAnn and Rebecca Lobo Scholarship in Allied Health at UConn.



Drotch



Lobo

PUBLIC POLICY DEPARTMENT MOVES CLOSE TO CAPITOL

The new department of public policy, part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, combines the existing master's degree programs in public administration and survey research with the Center for Survey Research and Analysis (CSRA). It also will offer certificate programs to mid-career professionals in non-profit management and public finance in a location close to the state Capitol.

Headed by Kenneth Dautrich, an associate professor of political science and former director of the CSRA, the department is located at UConn's campus in Greater Hartford, where the master's degrees are offered through the tri-campus program.

“These programs are already an enormous resource to state government,” Dautrich says. “Through the CSRA we've worked with the governor's office, the legislature, and state agencies. By bringing these programs together in our new location, we will continue an important public service for the state while developing more internships for our students.”

“It perfectly fits the tri-campus focus on urban issues, community issues and applied social sciences,” says Edna McBreen, associate vice provost for the tri-campus. “There is a benefit to having public policy research and studies close to cities and towns that are laboratories for a range of issues in different stages of development.”

Having the program near the Capitol has already borne fruit: Connecticut Lt. Gov. Kevin B. Sullivan '82 J.D., visited a class to speak with UConn students about challenges facing state government.



(Above) Jamie Hadenfeldt '05 (CLAS) was named first team All-Big East in volleyball. (Below) Jason Parajeckas '07 (ED) finished third overall in the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association fall championship tournament.



A fall bounty of titles and tournament play

UConn athletic teams captured three Big East tournament championships, advanced to NCAA play and made history during the fall season.

The Husky football team posted an 8-4 record in its first season as a member of the Big East Conference and won the 2004 Motor City Bowl after receiving its first-ever postseason bowl invitation. (See p. 6)

Nancy Stevens earned her 400th career coaching victory and was named the Big East and regional coach of the year while guiding the field hockey team to both the Big East regular season and tournament titles with a 20-2 record. UConn advanced to the NCAA Championship for the 16th time, led by Lauren Henderson '05 (CLAS), the Big East offensive player of the year, and Abby Ostruzka '05 (ED), the Big East defensive player of the year, who were each named first team All-Americans.

The women's soccer team won the Big East tournament championship over eventual national champion Notre Dame in the Big East final. Head coach Len Tsantiris posted his 400th career coaching win during an 18-7-1 season before advancing to the third round of the NCAA Championship, making UConn one of only two teams to play in all 23 NCAA women's soccer championships. Kristen Graczyk '05 (BUS) was named a finalist for the Hermann Trophy—recognizing the top women's player in the country—and a third team All-American.

Steve Sealy '07 (BUS) was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the Big East Tournament and freshman Karl Schilling was the Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the tournament, as the men's soccer team won the Big East tournament to qualify for the NCAA Championship. Head coach Ray Reid guided the team to a final record of 12-8-3.

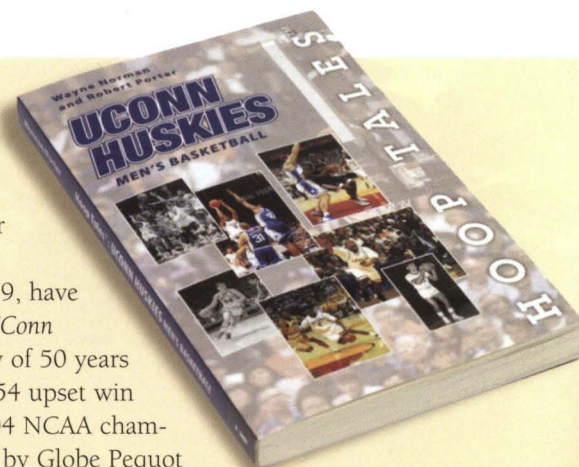
Head coach Ron Dubois led the men's golf team to the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association fall championship as Jason Parajeckas '07 (ED) finished third overall in the tournament.

Jamie Hadenfeldt '05 (CLAS) was named first team All-Big East as the women's volleyball team completed an overall record of 17-10 for head coach Kelli Myers.

The men's cross country team finished sixth at the Big East Championship for head coach Greg Roy, and the women's team was eighth for head coach Bill Morgan.

HOOP TALES

Robert Porter '71 (CLAS), former WHUS play-by-play broadcaster, and Wayne Norman, color analyst for UConn for more than 1,000 radio broadcasts since 1979, have teamed up to write *Hoop Tales: UConn Huskies Men's Basketball*, a history of 50 years of Husky basketball from the 1954 upset win over Holy Cross through the 2004 NCAA championship. The book is published by Globe Pequot Press of Guilford, Conn., and includes historic photos of UConn stars from Art Quimby '56 (ED), '68 M.A. to Emeka Okafor '04 (BUS).



Expanding diversity in health care

Aetna and Rowe Foundations create \$3.5 million endowments

A total of \$3.5 million in endowment gifts were presented to UConn in November—\$2 million from the Aetna Foundation and \$1.5 million from UConn board of trustees chairman John W. Rowe and his wife, Valerie.

The Aetna Foundation's endowment will provide long-term stability to the University of Connecticut Health Center's Health Professions Partnership Initiative (HPPI), which offers academic enrichment and support activities for underrepresented and disadvantaged students in Hartford-area middle and high schools. The program will be renamed The Aetna Health Professions Partnership Initiative at the UConn Health Center.

The endowment from the Rowe Family Foundation, to be known as the John and Valerie Rowe Health Professions Scholars Program, will

“These initiatives represent a multifaceted commitment to youth, education and health.”

enrich the academic experience for undergraduate students interested in the health professions. Rowe is chairman and CEO of Aetna and Valerie Rowe is an associate professor in the Graduate School of Education at Fordham University.

“We are grateful to Aetna and to Jack and Valerie Rowe for their support of the University and these important programs,” says UConn President

Philip E. Austin. “It builds upon our efforts to continue to attract the state's best and brightest young scholars, and ensures that they are included in the

‘brain gain’ in the state of Connecticut.”

“These initiatives represent a multifaceted commitment to youth, education and health,” says Rowe. “This is a perfect fit with Aetna's integrated business and philanthropic focus on reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health care. It will enrich the diversity of Connecticut's physicians and dentists and ultimately lead to increased access to quality health

care for Connecticut's diverse populations.

“Valerie and I are proud to personally support the work being done by UConn. We have spent a significant part of our lives in education and understand the importance of opening doors to new ideas. Our hope is that this gift will help expand horizons for promising students.”

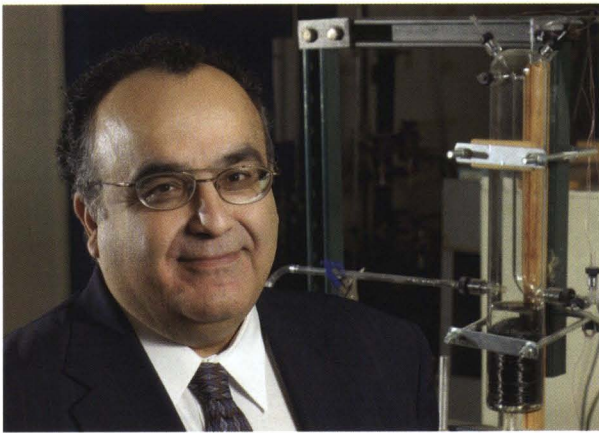
It is expected that these gifts will be eligible for matching support under the state legislature's matching grant program. This would increase the value of the combined gifts to a total of \$5.25 million.



UConn Board of Trustees chairman John W. Rowe and his wife, Valerie, enjoy the comments of Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez during a visit to Bulkeley High School in Hartford.

Peter Morenus

Peter Morenus



Faghri named to UTC Chair in Thermal-Fluids Engineering

Amir Faghri, professor and dean of the School of Engineering, has been named to the United Technologies Corporation Chair in Thermal-Fluids Engineering. The appointment is in recognition of Faghri's international reputation in thermal-fluids engineering, a field with applications in aerospace, automotive, petrochemical, biomedical and electrical industries, among others.

Faghri is the author or editor of six books, more than 245 archival technical publications—including 144 journal papers—and holds six U.S. patents. In addition, he currently serves on the editorial boards of eight of the most prestigious journals in the field. His signature work, *Heat Pipe Science and Technology*, is the most widely used book on the subject.

Faghri is recognized worldwide as a leader in heat transfer research, education and service. He has received the most significant awards in his field of research, including the Heat Transfer Memorial Award of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International and the Thermophysics Award of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

The chair is one component of a \$4 million gift from UTC and Pratt &

Whitney. Both Connecticut-based companies have had a long history of close educational and research relationships with the UConn School of Engineering.

"The investment UTC and Pratt & Whitney have made in the University of Connecticut demonstrates UConn's important role in the development of the state's scientific and

technological infrastructure," President Philip E. Austin says. "Dean Faghri has been a key figure in the state's technological growth."

Freitas Ice Forum dedicated

Mark E. Freitas '81 (BUS) with the dedication plaque unveiled during ceremonies naming the Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum on Feb. 5, 2005. Freitas, a former UConn men's ice hockey letter winner, is president and chief executive officer of Frank Crystal and Company, Inc., one of the nation's largest insurance brokerage firms. He has endowed a scholarship for UConn students who are pursuing a career in business. The Freitas Ice Forum was partially funded by the UCONN 2000 program.



BEQUEST SUPPORTS ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

A bequest of more than \$500,000 has revived UConn's Armenian studies program and is expected to be matched with \$252,000 from the state of Connecticut.

The endowment was created by the late Alice Norian, a long-time Enfield, Conn., elementary school teacher who visited UConn to see an exhibit of Armenian artifacts in 1988. Over the years, she developed an interest in Armenia through her friendship with Frank Stone, UConn professor of education, who began UConn's Armenian studies program in 1984 following his years as a missionary in Tarsus, Turkey.

The Armenian studies program will be interdisciplinary, involving UConn's School of Social Work, the Center for European Studies, and the Office of International Affairs. It will build upon a long-standing partnership between UConn and Yerevan State University (YSU) that began in 1988, when the UConn School of Social Work collaborated with YSU to develop a professional social work program there.

University President Philip E. Austin says the partnership will be a boon to both universities.

"It's exciting because it's one more sign of UConn's growing engagement with the world outside Connecticut and, indeed, outside our national borders," Austin says. "We build on a long tradition of international partnerships, but it's one that has made dramatic strides in recent years."

UConn faculty involved in planning the new program hope to develop courses on Armenian culture and history, expand exchanges between UConn and Yerevan State University, and create publications that will help educate Americans about Armenia.

The Armenian ambassador to the United States, Arman Kirakossian, helped launch the renewal of an Armenian studies program with a lecture to UConn faculty, staff, students, and members of Connecticut's Armenian community this past fall. The lecture was the first in a series that will continue as part of the Armenian studies program.

The evolution of the *Nutmeg* yearbook

Annual publication has always been a sign of the times

In the first years of the University of Connecticut, the closest thing there was to a yearbook was a keepsake edition of the student newspaper.

Starting in 1896, seniors looked forward to the final edition of *The Lookout* and then later to *Connecticut Campus* as each featured photos and profiles of the graduating class. In 1915, that changed with the first edition of *Nutmeg*, which for more than 35 years profiled members of the junior class, who could then have the yearbook available during their entire senior year for signing by friends and faculty. Seniors became the focus of *Nutmeg* in 1952, around the time that color photographs were introduced into the yearbook.

The design of *Nutmeg* has changed considerably over the years—from the Pilgrim-themed and hand-illustrated edition in 1931 and the pop-up of the Wilbur Cross Library in 1958 to the 1971 multi-volume paperback edition



Below: The design and layout of the *Nutmeg* yearbook has reflected the changing times over the years. Above: Parodies of *Time* and *Sports Illustrated*. Right: Traditional 1931 and artsy 1979 editions.

that mimicked *Time* and *Sports Illustrated* magazines. What has remained constant is the effort to provide a chronicle of the life and times of UConn students as they pursued their educational goals.



College of Continuing Studies

Safety and health degree goes online

In 2000, 5.7 million U.S. workers suffered nonfatal injuries in the workplace, resulting in a cost of \$131.2 billion including wage and productivity losses of \$67.6 billion to employers and \$24.2 billion in employee medical expenses, according to a National Safety Council report.

“The need for trained and experienced safety and health professionals is critical because the failure to address safety can have a detrimental effect on a company’s bottom line,” says Charles D. Reese, UConn extension professor and coordinator of UConn’s programs in occupational safety and health. “The National Safety Council shows that a work-related death costs an employer on the average of \$1.2 million.”

UConn’s College of Continuing Studies has responded to the increasing need for qualified safety and health professionals by developing an occupational safety and health concentration that is part of its online master of

professional studies degree program.

Reese says that with the large number of safety and health professionals who have retired in the past few years, working professionals in the field are benefiting from convenient access to advanced degree programs.

“The online program makes our master’s degree available to thousands of hard-working safety and health professionals—not only in Connecticut but also throughout the nation,” he says.

The curriculum covers many aspects of occupational safety and health management, including loss control strategies, safety and health management, safety and health law and regulations, human resource development, risk management, workplace health evaluation, and safety and health training.

Graduates of the program will be qualified to assume senior safety and health positions in various industries and companies.



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curriculum is being expanded, and other electronic technology is being introduced that will help medical students prepare for possible careers in family medicine.

The new grant equips students performing their family medicine rotation with technology that can make high quality information available to them while they are talking to patients. The information is loaded onto a hand-held computer about the size of a deck of playing cards.

The tiny computer can provide detailed information on hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and a host of other conditions within seconds.

“As science and knowledge about health care continue to grow, the technology will help physicians be lifelong learners, able to access relevant new information as it becomes available,” Agresta says.

If a patient comes in for a checkup and has high blood pressure, the student can call up information from clinical studies, calculate the patient’s risk of heart disease or stroke, get information on medications, and print out diet tips and guidelines to give to the patient right then.

The hand-held computers also enable the students to keep information about the patients they see throughout their four years of medical school, which helps medical faculty to know they have seen enough types of patients to ensure that they become competent physicians.

Part of the grant also will be used to expand UConn’s efforts utilizing community health centers as training facilities. Currently, family medicine students see patients at community centers in Meriden, Middletown, Hartford and East Hartford.

Thomas Agresta, associate professor of family medicine, right, instructs medical students on the use of hand-held computers in medicine.

School of Medicine

Grant bolsters curriculum in family medicine

When third-year UConn medical students begin their family medicine rotation, they’re loaned laptop computers and introduced to the McQ family who “lives” inside.

“The McQs are a teaching tool designed to orient our students to an entire family rather than to an individual,” says Thomas Agresta, associate professor of family medicine at the UConn Health Center. The family includes a mother, a father, two children, and a set of grandparents, who exist in carefully crafted medical records detailing past visits to the doctor created from answers to multiple choice questions in McQ.

Thanks to a new three-year, \$592,578 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the McQ



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Robert McCarthy, right, dean of Pharmacy, with Joseph Palo '73 (PHR) of IBM, tour the new Pharmacy Building that will open this fall.

School of Pharmacy

Alumni help formulate advice

With the need to keep up with advances in technology, updates to curriculum and the activity to prepare for the opening of a new home later this year, there is a buzz of excitement throughout the School of Pharmacy. The feeling extends to alumni who are members of the school's advisory board, a group of 28 volunteers who provide their time, experience and assistance to advancing the school's mission of research, teaching and service.

"The advisory board is one of the most important resources I have," says Robert McCarthy, dean of the School of Pharmacy. "Members offer a wealth of knowledge because they come from all different areas of pharmacy. The premier schools all over the country have this in common."

The advisory board meets in April and October for a day-long retreat, working in groups led by faculty facilitators to work through strategic issues to help keep UConn's School of Pharmacy at the leading edge of the profession. Members are among senior leadership in pharmaceutical science, pharmacy practice, government and nonprofit institutions. Students and faculty are also members.

"It adds a dimension to the school and to us as individuals to interact with other alumni and current students," says Joseph Palo '73 (PHR), a partner in the business consulting services division of IBM Global Services. "One of the reasons I'm involved is that if you look across the pharmaceutical industry, you don't find a lot of pharmacists involved in major business decisions."

Deborah Faucette '80 (PHR) spent 20 years in retail pharmacy before becoming director of pharmacy operations for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) Foundation.

"My most rewarding role is educating students about their options," she says. "There are more experiential rotations than ever before. It's neat to see the enthusiasm of Connecticut-based companies offering different educational opportunities for UConn students."

Faucette provided such an opportunity for Erica Nunes '05 Pharm.D., who became the first UConn student to do a rotation at NACDS, learning about association management, program development and legislative issues.

School of Allied Health

Genetics may determine a taste for alcohol

A UConn study is the first to suggest that genetics can influence alcohol drinking behaviors based on how people perceive the taste of alcoholic beverages.

For some people, alcohol tastes like medicine, and no amount of sweetener is going to help the medicine go down. Those who consider alcohol a bitter-tasting brew are known as supertasters, and they are among the 25 percent of people who possess a taste receptor gene that heightens oral sensations.

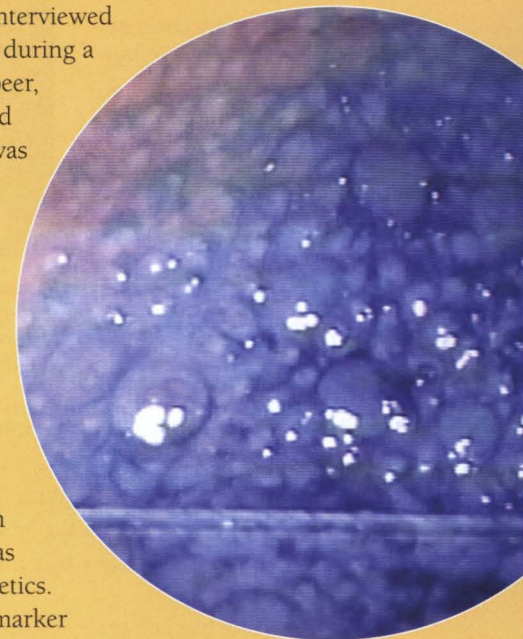
A recent study by Valerie B. Duffy, UConn associate professor of allied health and nutritional sciences and a registered dietitian, indicates that supertasters report drinking alcohol about half as often as people who do not taste the bitterness. The study was published in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*.

Duffy's study included 84 men and women who described themselves as light to moderate drinkers. They were interviewed about how frequently during a year they consumed beer, wine, wine coolers and liquor. A blood test was used to determine the presence of a protein that indicates that the research subject has the supertaster gene. Participants tasted and rated the bitterness of each of five different concentrations of a bitter chemical known as PROP that is used as a marker for taste genetics.

"Using PROP as a marker of taste genetics, those who tasted the least bitterness averaged consuming alcoholic beverages five to six times weekly," Duffy says, noting that genetic variation in taste is only one factor in alcohol consumption rates and a number of environmental factors also determine the risk of excess alcohol consumption.

She also adds that results of this study may not apply to individuals who abuse or are dependent on alcohol.

The alcohol taste study is the latest in a series of taste perception studies that Duffy has conducted on variations of taste and how these differences influence what people like to consume.



Blue dye helps show taste buds on the tongue as part of a study to determine how people perceive the taste of alcohol.

School of Engineering

3-D imaging has medical, security applications

Humans live in a three-dimensional world but view images that are almost entirely two-dimensional. Bahram Javidi, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, is deploying his extensive knowledge of optics and image processing to add that third dimension—depth—to a system that may prove valuable to homeland security and medical and military applications.

“Three-dimensional imaging mimics human vision and gives us vastly more data—and thus a far better picture—than two-dimensional views,” Javidi says.

Javidi’s system uses a laser to acquire data in all three planes of the object being “photographed.” The data are processed by a computer with the object “reconstructed” and displayed as a holographic 3-D image. The data itself can be stored and manipulated like any other data.

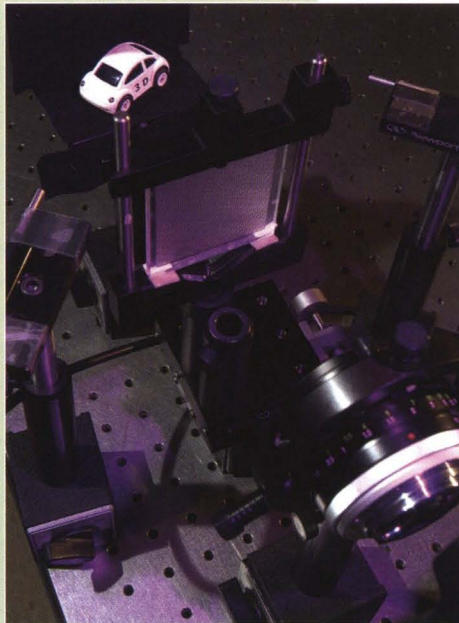
As a homeland security application, Javidi’s system might be used to examine a particular facial feature of people as they enter a shopping mall. Because ears are said to be as unique as fingerprints, the images could be compared with a database of ears of known terrorists immediately, with matched images highlighted. The system could also be used in medical applications, to give a 3-D view of an organ or a tumor, for example.

Javidi’s interests include many of the ways optical systems can serve humanity—from digital image processing and pattern recognition to communication systems, optical data storage, and signal processing.

“Optical systems use light to display information, process information, store it and transmit it. Optical systems are more powerful and secure than electronic ones,” Javidi says.

Another application of Javidi’s research is the development of 3-D television and movies. Unlike the 3-D movies of the 1950’s, with lions leaping off the screen into an audience wearing funny-looking glasses, the emerging optical technology will not require the glasses, yet the images will be frighteningly real. That is, Javidi says, if the technology can be developed with an affordable price tag.

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A three-dimensional imaging experiment in Bahram Javidi’s lab uses lasers to acquire data on all three planes of an object.

School of Social Work

Valuing diversity in students, faculty, courses

On a crisp fall morning, more than 100 UConn students form a line on the lawn outside the School of Social Work. They have just been introduced to the faculty and are waiting to start the privilege walk, part of a daylong diversity training program that all new students at the School of Social Work participate in.

“It is important for social work students to have a strong understanding of what will be needed to work with very different populations,” says Kay Davidson, dean of the School of Social Work. “Diversity is a curriculum content area required for accreditation, but that’s not the only reason why we do it. We value it.”

The training seeks to introduce to students from the outset of the need to be aware of the different populations they will work with, as well as recognize their own differences within the training group and school.

Davidson says the School of Social Work has worked to be a model in terms of the diversity of its student body and faculty and to create a curriculum that consciously addresses social issues relevant to minority groups. She says a great deal of effort is put into recruitment and to ensure strong support for retaining faculty and students from all backgrounds.

One such support is the areas of study, Davidson says. Students may take an area of focus such as “Black Studies for Social Work Practice” or “Puerto Rican/Latino/Latina Studies in Social Work.” In addition to specific courses that teach students about various groups, there are lectures, discussions and other activities to enhance and support the curriculum.

Although much of the diversity at the School of Social Work relates to racial and ethnic differences, it is also a place where gay, lesbian and bisexual people feel comfortable, Davidson says. “Social work is a profession that is focused on human and civil rights and social justice. The school is a receptive place for students of these populations and for learning to work with their special needs.”

Tina Covensky



School of Dental Medicine

Study explores non-surgical treatments

A UConn Health Center study on jaw pain is providing its participants with tools ranging from biofeedback and meditation to physical therapy and medication in an effort to establish which of these approaches is most effective.

The five-year study is looking at non-surgical treatments for temporomandibular disorder (TMD), an often disabling condition that affects between 5 percent and 12 percent of the adult population, usually in their 20s or 30s, and costs billions to treat every year.

“The condition can be marked by pain that prevents people from chewing or talking,” says Mark Litt, a professor of behavioral sciences and community health, who is principal investigator for the \$1.69 million study funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

Although TMD is often caused by problems between the joint discs of the upper and lower jaw, the pain is usually not caused by joint damage. Health professionals have turned to non-surgical treatments such as psychotherapy,



Mark Litt, professor of behavioral sciences and community health.

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biofeedback, physical therapy and meditation to get sufferers to relax the large muscles of the jaw. The purpose of the study is to try to determine which of these non-surgical treatments are most useful.

All study participants are examined by an oral surgeon and are fitted with a clear plastic splint to wear so their top and bottom teeth don't touch. The biofeedback component of the study requires

sending the patient home with a cell phone.

Four times a day, participants receive calls from a computer program that asks them to rate their pain on a scale from zero to six and whether they have taken steps to manage the pain, such as taking anti-inflammatory medication or using techniques offered by the researchers.

“Our strategy is to give participants real tools and strategies for dealing with the pain and to monitor their use of those tools,” says Litt. “We want to get them to change their thoughts about their pain and help them understand their own behavior.”

School of Fine Arts

UConn students debut at Carnegie Hall

UConn students in the School of Fine Arts performed on one of the world's most prestigious stages last fall. Led by conductor Jeffrey Renshaw, UConn professor of conducting and ensembles, 90 student musicians from UConn's chamber orchestra, jazz and wind ensembles performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The concert program featured compositions that were commissioned by Raymond and Beverly Sackler, philanthropists who support a variety

UConn student musicians perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City, led by Jeffrey Renshaw, UConn professor of conducting and ensembles.



of arts and science initiatives at UConn, including the annual Sackler Music Composition Prize. The Carnegie Hall concert featured works by seven composers, including previous Sackler Prize winners, Karim Al-Zand (2003) and Gabriella Frank (2002). The program also featured the world premiere of *Recoil* by Joseph Schwantner.

Carnegie Hall has been the premier classical music performance space in the United States since it opened in 1891. The main concert hall, named for violinist Issac Stern, has hosted the world's greatest soloists, conductors and ensembles. Those who have performed on the same stage include pianist Arthur Rubenstein, violinist Jascha Heifetz, singer Marion Anderson, and conductors Gustav Mahler, Leonard Bernstein and Arturo Toscanini.

“It's an incredible educational experience for students to be on the same stage as the world's foremost professional ensembles,” says Renshaw.

“It's humbling to think about all the performances that have taken place there,” says student David Syzdek '03 (SFA), a master's degree candidate. “It's a great accomplishment for us to perform new material there. It makes you feel like you're adding something to the larger scale of music.”

The performance was preceded by a lecture and panel discussion on “The Composer in the 21st Century,” which featured participation by Al-Zand, Frank and Schwantner, as well as noted composers Morton Gould, Jim McNeely and Michael Torke.

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Having fun learning about the environment

Connecticut's school children are having fun learning environmental science with a new curriculum developed with a \$600,000 grant from the Bingham Trust.

UConn's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) curriculum focuses on protecting the environment through methods that reduce dependence on pesticides while using a variety of activities that make learning science fun for youngsters. The program began with seventh and eighth grade students and has been expanded to include components for kindergarten and first graders as well.

The activities include indoor and outdoor projects, lab exercises, Internet assignments and community enrichment projects. All are accompanied by lesson plans for teachers that include resources, references and support materials.

"This is really exciting. The students are involved in hands-on activities, learning by doing," says Richard Ashley, professor emeritus of plant science, who developed the curriculum.



Lesson titles are designed to pique students' interest. Some of the older grade titles are "More Than Just Dust Bunnies," "Ant Antics" and "Hygiene for Horror." The younger student lessons have titles such as "Some Seeds Grow Weeds" and "Ladybugs to the Rescue."

"Our motivation is that the children who are in school right now are going to be asked to make environmental decisions as adults," Ashley says.

"We thought it was critical that these students know how to make decisions that are grounded in solid science."

Each curriculum package includes 25 to 30 lessons for teachers. The lessons teach the practices of integrated pest management as well as identification of pests, the importance of biodiversity and dangers from overuse of chemical controls. In addition to teaching science, the program relates to other core subjects, such as social studies, language arts and mathematics.

IPM's mascot of Izzy the Praying Mantis brings the curriculum to life with an interactive show for school assemblies, featuring puppets, music and singing.

Neag School of Education

U.S. funds groundbreaking UConn research

The Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development has received a five-year U.S. Department of Education grant of nearly \$3 million to test a pioneering reading program that inspires children to appreciate books while increasing their reading abilities.

"To have the U.S. Dept. of Education recognize that this could be groundbreaking research and encourage us to replicate it in new places provides us with a remarkable opportunity," says Sally Reis, head of the UConn educational psychology department and a principal investigator for the reading intervention study.

According to a report released by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, 38 percent of the nation's fourth-graders and 28 percent of eighth-graders cannot read at their grade level.

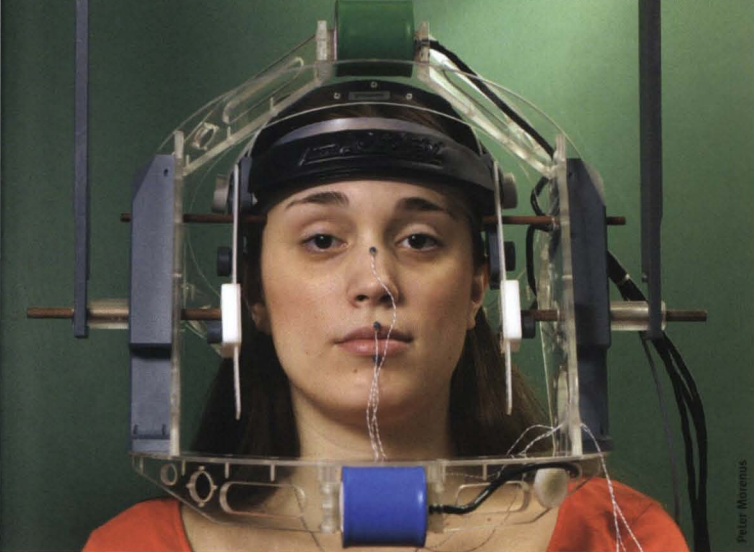
"Why aren't more children reading, and why are so few reading at appropriately challenging levels?" asks Reis. "You have to engage kids long enough to develop a sense

of enjoyment in reading. Too many youngsters are turned off to reading before they're turned on."

The Schoolwide Enrichment Model Reading Framework, a 12-week reading intervention, was implemented at two urban elementary schools in Connecticut for one year and at one urban and one suburban school in the second year of the study. Using two groups of students, the study found the students using the enriched reading program had higher standardized reading achievement tests and higher reading fluency scores. They also had more favorable attitudes toward reading when compared with the control group.

Reis says the results were significant. "The gains we saw here were not by the most academically talented students," she notes. "They were found across all achievement levels and were apparent across both years of the study."

With the grant, Reis's team, including professors Jean Gubbins and Rebecca Eckert from the Neag Center, will travel to 10 schools in Florida, Minnesota, and New York to further test the effectiveness of the program.



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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Research on stuttering explores motor control, medication

People who stutter avoid using certain words or speaking much in public, but very little is known about the condition, which afflicts 1 percent of the population.

Ludo Max, an assistant professor of communication sciences at UConn, is among the researchers who believe that stuttering is fundamentally a motor problem affecting the use and sophisticated coordination of an estimated 100 different muscles in the speech system.

In his quest to understand the motor aspects of speech, Max has conducted research with fluent speakers as well as stutterers. His latest research addresses the relationship between dopamine levels in the brain and motor control. Brain imaging research has shown that people who stutter have about twice as much dopamine in the brain as people who do not. When given medication that blocks dopamine, subjects who stutter tend to produce more fluent speech.

In current clinical trials Max is conducting in collaboration with two UConn Health Center researchers—Andrew Winokur, associate chair of research programs, and Nicholas A. DeMartinis, assistant professor of psychiatry—adults who stutter are given a drug that has the capacity to adjust dopamine levels so they are maintained at more ideal levels.

As part of the trial Max will employ two high-tech devices to better understand the effects of the medication on speech fluency. An articulograph will measure the movement of the lips, tongue and jaw as speech is produced, while a computer-controlled robotic arm will enable the computer to precisely track and change the jaw's movement.

"We can study to what extent the movement trajectory is altered and to what extent the subject was able to compensate and perform more normal movements," says Max.

Although others have done trials with drugs that affect dopamine metabolism in people who stutter, Max and his colleagues are the first to combine the medication with the sensory-motor experiments.

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Distinguished chair in plasma chemistry created

A \$4.2 million gift to UConn has established the Yuji Hayashi Distinguished Chair in Plasma Chemistry and created the Yuji Hayashi Fellows within the chemistry department.

The gift from the founder and CEO of the firm I'mPACT World creates the second distinguished chair and first endowed fellowships in the department.

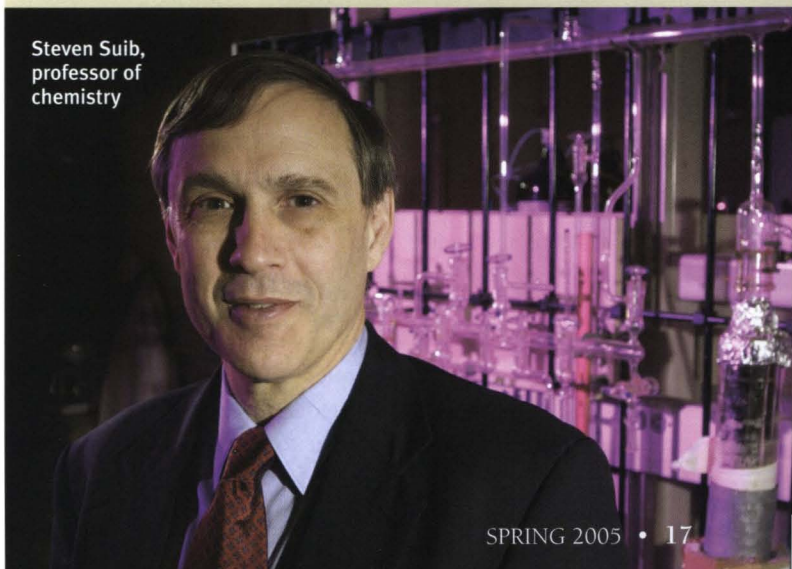
A recognized expert in the field of plasma chemistry, Yuji Hayashi has worked for 10 years with Steven Suib, professor and head of UConn's chemistry department, who is also one of the few experts in the field of plasma chemistry. I'mPACT's gift is the firm's first to an institution of higher education.

"UConn is presented with an unparalleled opportunity at the forefront of a field that impacts energy production, manufacturing, the environment, and medicine—virtually every aspect of how we live, work and play," says Ross MacKinnon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "The potential for related interdisciplinary research at UConn in such areas as physical electronics, environmental science, biomedical engineering, business, and information technology is both significant and exciting."

The acronym "PACT" in the company's name stands for "plasma assisted catalytic technology." This technology has the potential not only to benefit millions of people but also to help reverse some of the damage that has been done to Earth's ecosystem. The technology is already being applied in Japan to decompose sulfur dioxide in motor vehicle exhaust and remove sulphur from fuels. Other applications—such as fuel cell production for transportation and power generation, sensor science, creation of new compounds, semiconductor processing and nano-technology, synthetic fuel production, mobile chemical plant technology and medicine—are also being investigated.

With the PACT technology developed through the collaborative work of Hayashi, Suib and their colleagues, it is now possible to create an economical and environmentally friendly source of hydrogen for fuel cells, using water and methane.

Steven Suib,
professor of
chemistry



School of Law

Judges cite UConn law faculty writings

Judges and legal decision makers throughout the nation are increasingly citing the scholarly writings of UConn School of Law faculty in legal opinions, according to reference services used by the legal profession.

“When courts are seeking to answer complex legal questions, they want all the help they can get. The fact that judges rely on our faculty’s work is a tremendous endorsement of the work of this institution,” says Paul Chill, associate dean for academic affairs for the UConn School of Law.

Scholarly writings provide background on legal issues and can illuminate ideas for the court that attorneys arguing a case may not have not fully explored.

UConn tax law specialist Richard Pomp, Alva P. Loisel Professor of Law, is widely cited in tax courts across the nation. Pomp, co-author of the leading state tax law casebook, says he thinks judges appreciate his work because he

presents a vision of what the law should be and then explores the steps needed to make the vision a reality.

“I try to take highly intricate, convoluted material and make sense of it,” Pomp says. “I think judges appreciate that a neutral third party is providing a blueprint or road map.” Nell Jessup Newton, dean of the UConn law school, says the impact of scholarly writing has become more apparent.

“In the past 15 years more and more footnoting has been going on in legal decisions,” she says. “They directly quote a law article. A footnote is something you’d associate more with scholarly writing than a judicial decision.”

Sometimes a professor can be surprised to learn that his or her writings have been cited. While litigating a case, Chill heard the judge quoting from a handbook on the law of child abuse and neglect in Connecticut. Chill was the author of the book.

“It’s a sign of respect when a judge cites your work,” Chill says, noting that he prevailed in the case.

School of Nursing

Going behind bars to help children

Early in her career as a psychiatric nurse interested in the health challenges of juvenile offenders, Deborah Shelton was curious about how young prisoners get mental health services while incarcerated. She tried to find research on the subject.

“There was no literature,” says Shelton, UConn associate professor of nursing. “Nobody knew what was going on behind bars because these children were locked up in these walled, caged places.”

Shelton set out to develop an understanding of what happens by going into juvenile jails and prisons to see what kind of services were provided for these offenders. For more than 20 years, she conducted research studies, published nursing journal articles and presented her findings at more than 40 international conferences, helping develop the field of forensic nursing and the development of juvenile forensic psychiatric nursing. Her career achievements were recognized recently with the 2004 Achievement Award from the International Association of Forensic Nursing.

Her research and writings in a variety of nursing specialties, along with her experience developing public policy for mental health needs of juveniles at risk, have established her as a well-respected advocate for youthful offenders.

Shelton says nurses have unique opportunities to provide mental health services for juvenile offenders, who typically find themselves in trouble often due to circumstances beyond their own control.

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Deborah Shelton, associate professor of nursing.

“We have this opportunity to help because they’re being held in one place,” Shelton says. “With the appropriate intervention we can make a difference in redirecting these children’s lives.”

Since arriving at UConn last year, she has worked to develop an advanced practice in psychiatric nursing in Connecticut, which has been embraced by nursing students. Shelton also has started meeting with officials in the city of Hartford to gain funding for an intervention program for pre-adolescent children that uses expressive art—such as movement, visual arts and music—that she developed in Maryland, where she helped to gain approval for a juvenile justice mental health bill.

“Not all children will be saved,” she says. “But we’ve learned that you can help a lot of them.”



The SS&C Technologies Financial Accelerator in downtown Hartford provides a real-world financial environment.

Paul Horton

School of Family Studies

70 Years of 'Kids on Campus'

In an era that most people associate with stay-at-home mothers, UConn opened a nursery school in 1934 as part of its School of Home Economics. As the 70th anniversary of the early childhood education program was celebrated last fall with a "Kids on Campus" seminar, the School of Family Studies remains at the leading edge of child development and early childhood education.

One of the key components of this program is the Child Development Laboratory (CDL), which began in 1971 and today serves as a model demonstration laboratory center for improving early childhood programs. Programs for 100 children ages six weeks to 6 years are offered through the CDL. Four programs—infant, toddler, preschool and kindergarten—are open 10 hours a day, five days a week, for 37 weeks a year.

"The CDL gives UConn students a chance to understand the social and emotional stability of children and their readiness for learning," says Deborah Adams, executive program director of the CDL. "They come to understand the role of the adult in how young children learn and how to effectively plan for young children with a purpose while keeping the play base that children need."

Adams says UConn students in a variety of disciplines can observe children in the CDL, including those in psychology, human development, education, sociology and communication sciences. Students also can take courses in human development and family services and work directly with the children in the CDL, including working to plan key experiences for children as part of the teaching team.

The CDL is licensed by the state of Connecticut and accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.



A 1950 photo of the on-campus nursery school in what was then the UConn School of Home Economics. (University Archives photo)

School of Business

Financial Accelerator and Learning Center opens

With a bell ringing reminiscent of the opening of trading on Wall Street and the lighting of a Jumbotron at the corner of Kinsley and Market streets in downtown Hartford, the SS&C Technologies Financial Accelerator and UConn School of Business Graduate Learning Center opened in October.

The Financial Accelerator and Learning Center, which occupies 40,000 square feet at 100 Constitution Plaza, allows students to work alongside business executives and faculty to solve real problems. Students have access to a Wall Street-style trading floor, real-time data from the stock markets, and high-tech classrooms and computer equipment.

"This is a dream come true, for a top business school on a fast track to national prominence to be located downtown alongside outstanding companies," says Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez.

The downtown location is designed to help boost Hartford's renewal by drawing nearly 500 students, many of them mid-level executives, pursuing advanced business degrees in the city throughout the year.

UConn President Philip E. Austin says the Financial Accelerator is an excellent example of how a public research university collaborates with major enterprises to form a partnership to improve the state's economy. "It enhances our students' education and it strengthens their ability to compete in the market," he says. "It's good for our private sector partners because there is a greatly increased pool of highly qualified talent and a group of potential employees who are technically proficient as well as intellectually creative."

"Seeding the accelerator with SS&C's technology will both jump start the accelerator and position it as a leading center of higher learning," says William C. Stone, chief executive officer of SS&C Technologies. "We believe this is one more exciting thing happening in downtown Hartford to keep bright, young, productive people in our great state."

The opening activities included a keynote address by Roger Ferguson, vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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Rachel O'Neill, assistant professor of molecular & cell biology.

Stirring up chromosome research with rock wallabies

Study of rock wallabies could have implications in identifying human medical conditions

The centromere doesn't look like much under a microscope—just a tiny knot of a chromosome. But this basic cellular structural element is a source of fascination for UConn's Rachel J. Waugh O'Neill, who has spent hours trying to unravel its secrets. Part of her research involves separating the double-stranded DNA helix to map dye-marked genes onto chromosomes and examining their multi-colored configurations under a fluorescent microscope.

"The centromere is the site in a chromosome that's essential for cellular division," explains O'Neill, assistant professor of molecular and cell biology. "We know how it works functionally, from yeast to humans, but the sequence is very different between closely related species, and we don't understand why that is."

O'Neill monitors the work of five graduate students and one undergraduate student in her third floor laboratory

at Beach Hall. A Texas native, O'Neill earned her Ph.D. at La Trobe University in Australia and arrived at UConn in 1999.

She is studying centromeres in several animal models, but it is O'Neill's research on a small kangaroo species known as the rock wallaby that has attracted international attention—and a five-year National Science Foundation grant. Rock wallabies are marsupials, a type of mammal that diverged from

the eutherian branch of the mammalian species, which includes humans, around 180 million years ago.

O'Neill's passion for her work stems from a "Eureka" moment occurring when, as a graduate student working on gene-mapping, she noticed an amplified retrovirus while peering at a rock wallaby chromosome under a microscope. The discovery created a stir in the scientific community.

"I couldn't believe it," O'Neill says. "It had long been thought the centromere did not contain functional genes, but we've found functional retroviruses exist at the centromere in marsupials."

Perhaps best known for their insidious role in AIDS, retroviruses exist primarily to replicate themselves. O'Neill explains that retroviruses are parasitic and use a cell's machinery to make their own proteins. Normally retroviruses lay silent because the genome has mechanisms to silence them, but O'Neill's research is finding they also have a specific function in a cell.

"What's remarkable is they're active in the marsupial genome," she says.

O'Neill and her students are trying to determine how retroviruses are functioning structurally at the centromere, and they are sequencing large portions of the genome to find out the differences between an active centromere and a silent one.

They are studying centromeres in animals, including deer mice bred in UConn laboratories and rock wallabies living in a colony in Australia. O'Neill says rock wallabies are an especially good research model because they

have large chromosomes and can produce new hybrids rapidly.

"We think this type of chromosome change is happening more frequently in hybrids, which are a cross between two different species, and this is why we've moved into looking at other species," O'Neill says. "We think there's a relationship between hybrids and chromosome rearrangements, and

O'Neill's research on a small kangaroo, known as the rock wallaby has attracted international attention—and a five-year National Science Foundation grant.

we're trying to understand why they occur and what instabilities they create. The marsupials we've looked at have undergone rapid chromosomal change, and the vast majority involved the centromere."

She says the research could have important implications for humans: "The types of random rearrangements you can see in humans often are associated with centromeric instability. A lot of times there are fertility defects,

such as parents unable to have children, or they produce other medical problems from cancer to immune system deficiencies."

"I do what I do because I love science," O'Neill says. "I am here to answer questions and know that with every question we answer, we raise 10 more."

Her team of student researchers is currently writing papers about topics such as placental defects in mouse hybrids, retroviral activation in mouse hybrids and a "full characterization" of the retrovirus in marsupials.

O'Neill is eager to share her enthusiasm for her work with her students, who each focus on illuminating a piece of the centromere puzzle.

"I often end up learning from them, which is how it should be," she says.
— Karen Singer '73 (CLAS)

(Right) A female rock wallaby with her young. Rock wallabies are marsupials, mammals that diverged from the eutherian branch of the mammalian species, which include humans, more than 180 million years ago.



Students

An informed enthusiasm about UConn

Velez enjoys the community atmosphere on campus

Hector Velez '05 (CLAS) has an informed enthusiasm for the University of Connecticut. He loves being a tour guide at the Lodewick Visitors Center during the school year and in the summer, and he enjoys talking about UConn when he returns home to Puerto Rico.

"I love this place," he says of UConn. And, being a seasoned spokesperson, he can tell you exactly why he and the University are a perfect fit.

When Velez was in high school, he knew he wanted to be a chemistry major, and UConn offered a small, close-knit chemistry department with "awesome" world-class facilities.

He says, "I wanted a department where students interact with their professors very closely and do research."

Research opportunities at UConn have been extremely valuable to Velez, who is an aspiring doctor. Most recently Velez worked on an interdisciplinary project in the analytical chemistry lab. Using high-tech methods and instruments, he measured the metal content of animal tissue samples to further the research team's understanding of how zinc and other metals are metabolized.

Velez says UConn also shares a characteristic with his home country: "People in Puerto Rico are very community oriented. And one thing I love about UConn is that it's very community oriented." It's diverse as

well. Says Velez, "When I saw that UConn had five different cultural centers and so many activities, that was definitely a plus."

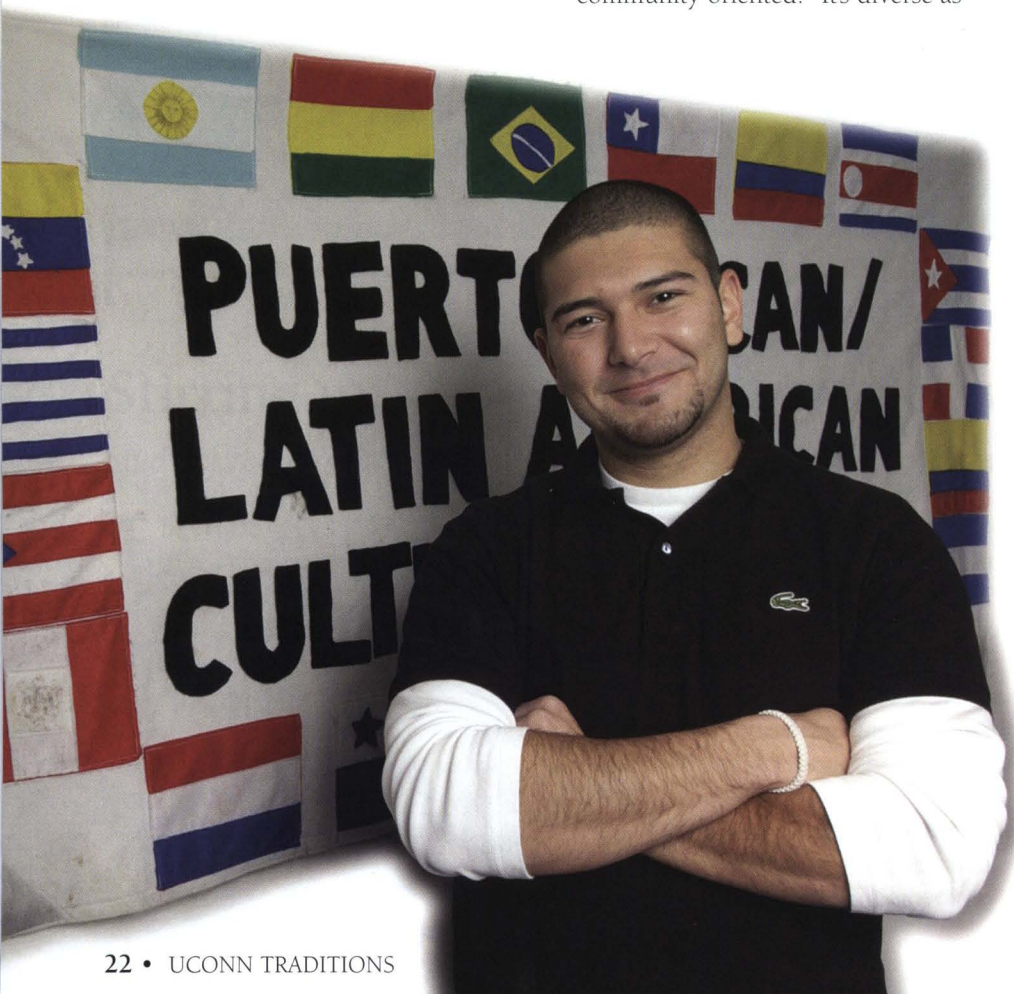
During his first year, Velez began working at the Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center, helping to develop community events. He also joined the Latino Students Association, which he now serves as president.

Velez says his pursuits at UConn have allowed him to combine his two life passions: science and people. He hopes a career in medicine will do the same. For the past three summers, Velez has worked with radiologists in a hospital in Puerto Rico, gaining valuable knowledge about clinical and practical aspects of medicine—a nice complement to his laboratory work at UConn. He has been accepted to medical school in Puerto Rico and will do his residency and other further training in the United States, specializing in the relatively new field of invasive radiology.

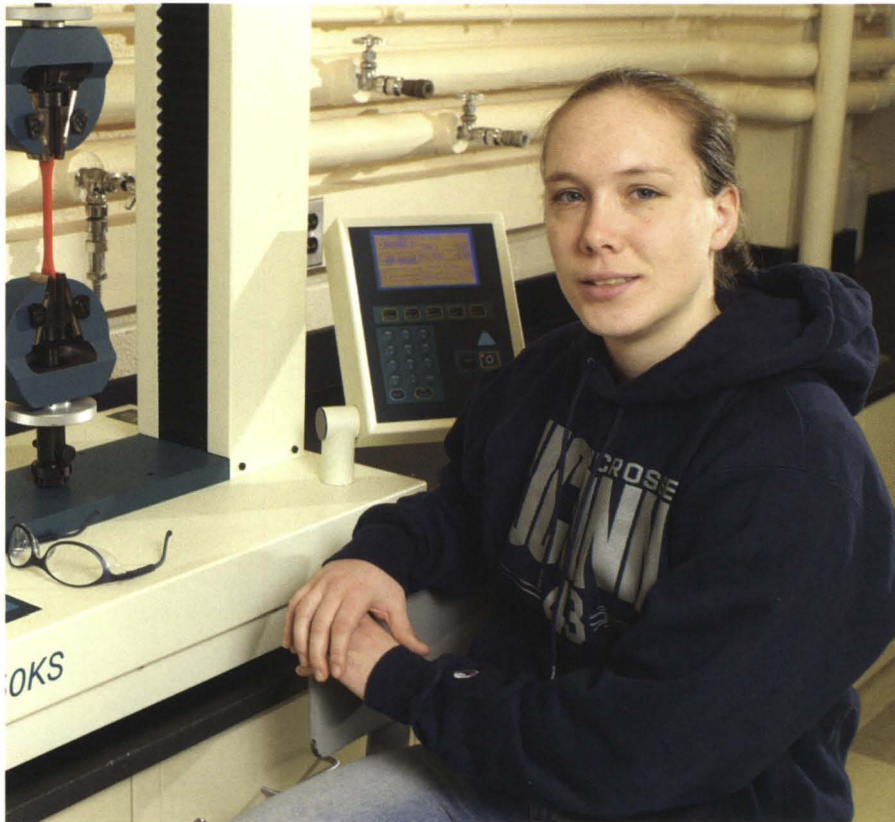
In the meantime, you'll find Velez promoting UConn's chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society. Their goal is to mentor new UConn students and to serve as a critical link between these students and UConn's faculty.

— Leslie Virostek

Hector Velez '05 (CLAS) is president of the Latino Students Association, one of his many activities outside the classroom.



Peter Morenus



Kristen Haldeman '07 (ENG) earned a 4.0 GPA last year as a biomedical engineering major, even while playing lacrosse.

science, the subjects she felt most passionate about.

Discovering organic chemistry, and after taking a course that exposed her to the sub-disciplines of engineering, she found herself on the path to pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering.

“Kristen has an active dedication to learning. She’s focused on what she’s doing,” says John Enderle, Kristen’s academic advisor and director of the UConn biomedical engineering program. “She’s competing in the classroom not only with biomedical students but also with organic chemistry and electrical engineering students. She’s always been the top student in our class. She’s not only the best in the program but also among the best in the University. She’s fabulous.”

Kristen deftly balances her academic work, which includes two or three labs per semester—equivalent to as many as nine hours of extra weekly class time—with her sport, which has practices six days a week, three or four hours a day during the spring. “I thrive on a tight schedule,” she says.

And that includes international exposure. Haldeman, who was born

The two sides of Kristen

Stopping goals on the field, achieving them in the classroom

There are two unmistakable sides to Kristen Haldeman '07 (ENG). On the one hand, there is Kristen, the biomedical engineering major who earned a 4.0 GPA both semesters last year. An extremely organized, serious student, she likes nothing more than exercising her brain.

“I love to solve math and chemistry problems where professors give you a question and you could sit and spend an hour working on that one problem until you finish it,” she says.

Then there is “Haldeman,” as she is known in the lacrosse program at UConn, the teammate with a great sense of humor who is the goalie that head coach Bonnie Rosen says is distinguished by her lightning-fast reflexive movement.

“I tend to over-think everything, but you don’t have time to think when you’re playing goalie,” Haldeman says,

“Ninety percent of it is just reacting. And that’s what I like the most—because I can just read and react.”

Growing up in Pennsylvania, Kristen Haldeman discovered her “inner goalie”

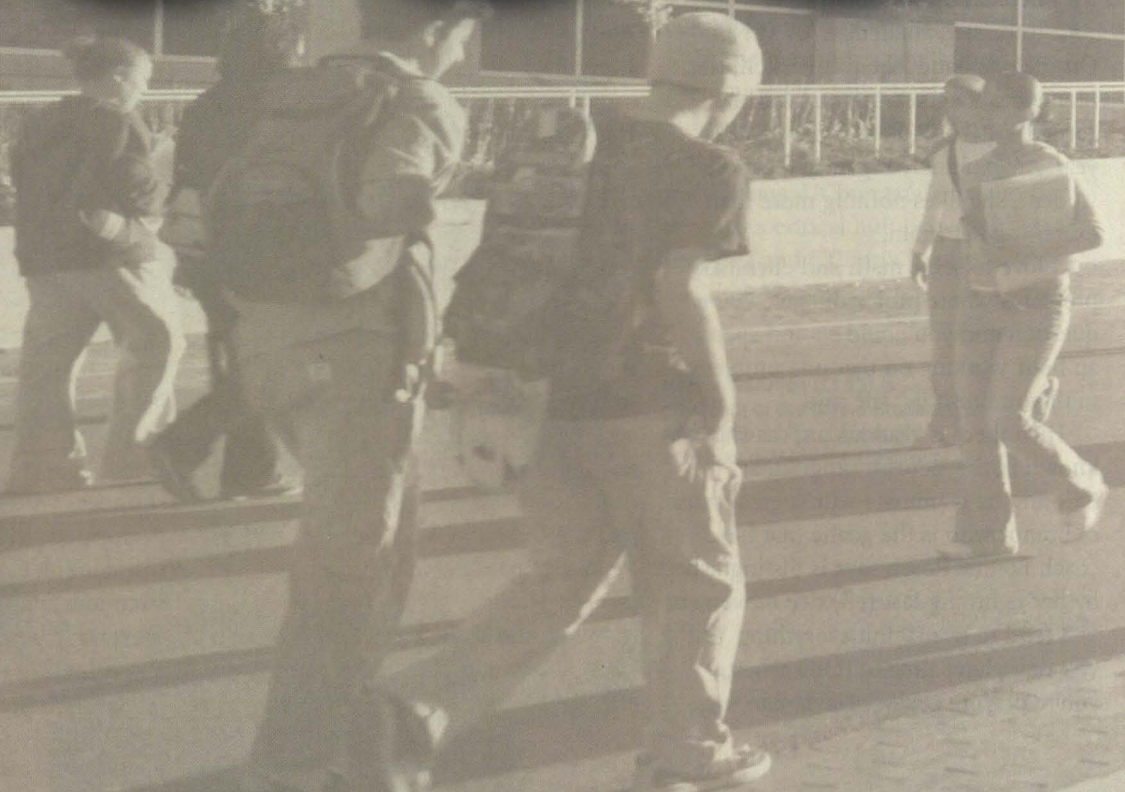
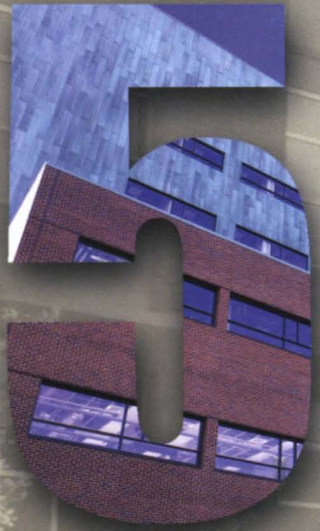
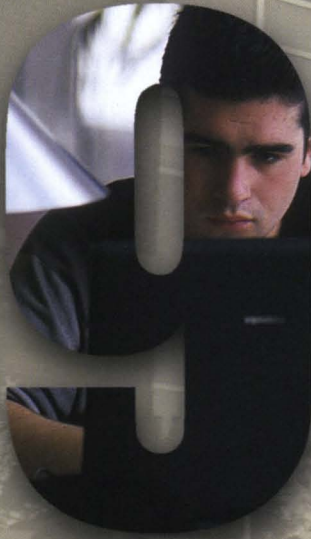
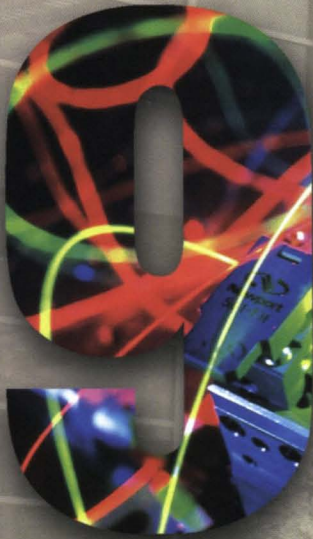
“She’s always been the top student in our class. She’s not only the best in the program but also among the best in the University.”

in seventh grade when she began playing lacrosse. When nobody else wanted to be the goalie, she volunteered for it and quickly learned to enjoy the position. In high school, she became a two-time Honorable Mention All-American and the Defensive MVP for the 2002 Pennsylvania state championship lacrosse team.

When she arrived at UConn, Kristen knew she would play lacrosse and that she would pursue a major in math or

in Nova Scotia, recently secured a spot on the Canadian national team. She is currently trying out to be one of the 16 players on Canada’s roster for the lacrosse World Cup tournament this summer.

For now, Kristen Haldeman will be maintaining her mentally and physically strenuous, yin-yang life at UConn—preventing goals on the lacrosse pitch and achieving them in the classroom. — Leslie Virostek





A Decade of Transformation

The year 1995 was a pivotal time for the University of Connecticut. The campus infrastructure was crumbling even as a long-range strategic plan to address academic needs and capital requirements was being developed. Connecticut was experiencing a “brain drain,” as our best and brightest young minds were leaving to be educated elsewhere.

Members of the UConn community, alumni and other supporters conceived a bold, far-reaching proposal that came to be known as UCONN 2000. It would transform the University into a world-class center of learning and scholarship over the next decade. The accomplishments of UCONN 2000 and the story of how it came about are recalled during this year’s 10th anniversary of the events of 1995, including a look back at a perfect season that changed the history of women’s basketball.

Transformation

A historic timeline

A DECADE OF

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1995



UCONN 2000 signed into law

1996

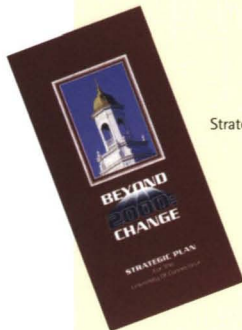


Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev

First women's basketball national championship



Strategic plan



■ A comprehensive strategic plan is developed with the aim of advancing UConn to the top ranks of American public higher education.

■ UCONN 2000, a 10-year, \$1 billion commitment from the state to rebuild and enhance the University's infrastructure, is signed into law in an effort to upgrade facilities, stop the flow of high achieving students to colleges outside of Connecticut and cultivate private giving among alumni and friends of UConn.

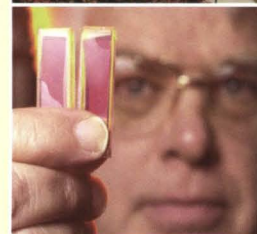
■ The first \$1 million gift to the School of Business is committed by the GE Fund and GE Capital under the state's new matching gift program, which is launched in conjunction with UCONN 2000.

■ The women's basketball team wins its first NCAA championship, defeating Tennessee 70-64 to complete a 35-0 record and spark unprecedented national interest in women's basketball.

■ President Bill Clinton speaks at the dedication of the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, launching a year-long observance of human rights.



School of Law Library



Robert Birge, Schwenk Distinguished Professor of Chemistry

■ Two record-setting gifts are received: Raymond Neag '57 (BUS) establishes the gifted and talented education program in the School of Education; Harold S. Schwenk Jr. and Paula Schwenk '79 (ED) endow the first distinguished chair in chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

■ Nobel Peace Prize winner Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, delivers the keynote address to close a year-long examination of human rights issues.

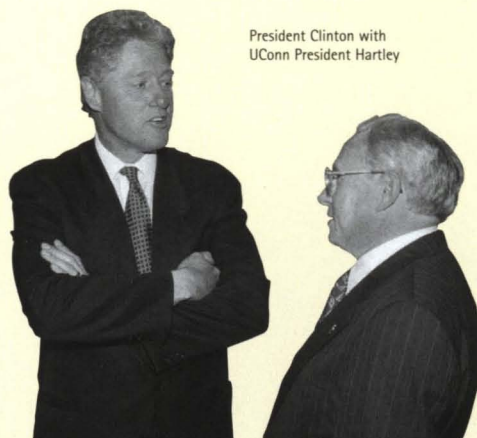
■ The new library opens at the School of Law with 120,000 square feet of space containing 400,000 volumes making it one of the largest academic law libraries in the country.

■ Harry J. Hartley steps down after six years as president of UConn.

1995-2005

The decade of UCONN 2000 moved the University of Connecticut to the upper echelon of U.S. public universities. This historical timeline highlights UConn's dramatic transformation.

By Patti Fazio



President Clinton with UConn President Hartley

1999

1998

1997



Rated the top public university in New England



Homer Babbidge Library



South Campus Residence Halls



UConn Stamford Campus



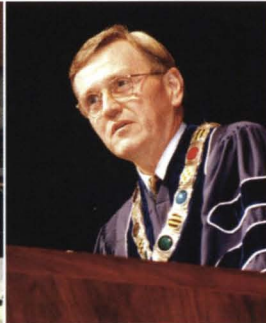
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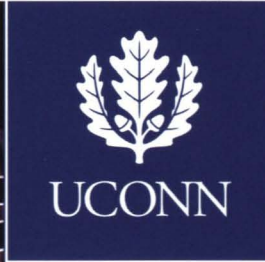
NCAA championship



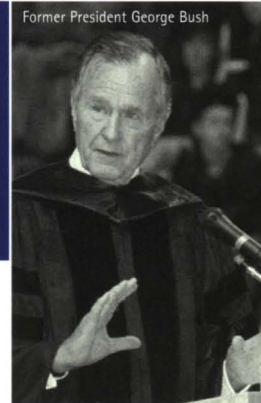
Pharm.D. doctoral program



President Philip E. Austin



New graphic identity



Former President George Bush

■ Several renovated buildings reopen, led by the Homer Babbidge Library, hailed as one of the most technologically advanced research libraries in the U.S., and the new UConn campus in downtown Stamford. The suite-style South Campus residence halls open as the first of many new residential communities.

■ UConn launches a Master Plan and to further strengthen University coherence and pride, the oak leaf logo is introduced.

■ The Tri-Campus Program is established, with select four-year degree offerings at UConn campuses in Greater Hartford, Torrington and Waterbury.

■ The largest gift ever made to a public university in New England is made by Raymond Neag '57 (BUS), who donates \$23 million primarily for the School of Education as well as to establish an endowed chair in vascular biology at the School of Medicine.

■ Richard Treibick donates \$1 million on behalf of the Treibick Family Foundation, the largest gift to date from a University trustee.

■ In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the new Chemistry Building opens, integrating teaching, research and technology.

■ The research vessel, *R/V Connecticut* is launched, invigorating the marine sciences program at UConn's Avery Point campus. Later it helps solve one of New England's oldest maritime mysteries, the location of the steamship *Portland*, which sank in the Atlantic Ocean in 1898.



Raymond and Beverly Sackler

■ *U.S. News & World Report* rates UConn the top public university in New England for the first time. Seven years later, UConn has yet to relinquish this top position.

■ Philip E. Austin is inaugurated as UConn's 13th president, saying "UConn is poised to become a world-class university and play a key role in Connecticut's economic future."

■ The School of Pharmacy, the primary training ground for pharmacists in Connecticut, launches a new Pharm.D. doctoral program to meet industry demands.

■ Raymond and Beverly Sackler begin the Sackler Artist-in-Residence Program in the School of Fine Arts to bring renowned artists, playwrights and musicians to the University, later establishing an annual music composition prize to promote composers and new musical works.

■ Connecticut Repertory Theatre in the School of Fine Arts receives two 1998 Connecticut Critics Circle Awards, one year after being declared eligible for the awards.

■ The Insurance Law Center opens as part of the School of Law, positioning UConn as a national leader in insurance law.

■ Former President George Bush speaks at undergraduate commencement ceremonies.



Cloned cow



Judith Zachs

■ UConn researcher Xiangzhong "Jerry" Yang of the Center for Regenerative Biology, part of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, announces the first of a series of remarkable breakthroughs with the birth of a cloned cow named Amy.

■ The men's basketball team wins its first NCAA championship, defeating Duke 77-74.

■ UConn forms a historic partnership with the African National Congress to archive materials documenting the ANC's struggle for human rights in South Africa.

■ Henry M. and Judith M. Zachs '77 M.S.W. establish the Zachs Endowed Chair for Doctoral Studies in Social Work, the first doctoral program for the School of Social Work and the only one at a public university in New England.



Connecticut Repertory Theatre

2000

First Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors are named



DNA research

■ Major gifts include Aetna's establishing the Aetna Center for Financial Studies and an endowed chair in the School of Business and a grant from the Connecticut Innovation Center and its 11 participating companies for research projects.

■ UConn's Biotechnology-Biosciences Center launches a five-year breakthrough research project on transferring DNA from one species of fish to another with a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant.

■ Funded by Philip '66 (BUS), '67 M.B.A. and Christine '67 M.S. Lodewick, the Lodewick Visitors Center opens as a gateway to the University. Today more than 30,000 prospective students and their families visit annually.

■ The first group of Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors is named, recognizing outstanding teaching and scholarship by UConn faculty.

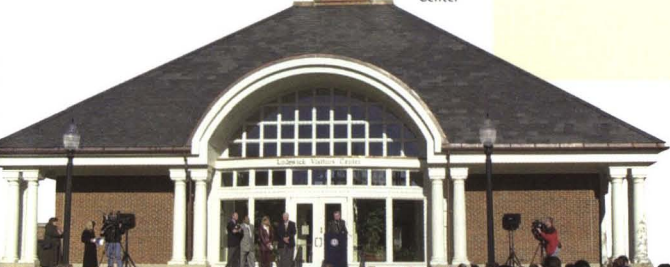
■ UConn forms a unique partnership with the University of Fort Hare in South Africa, funded by a United Negro College Fund grant, to foster international understanding and cooperation by creating opportunities for faculty, staff and student interaction and exchanges.

■ Men's soccer wins its second NCAA national title.

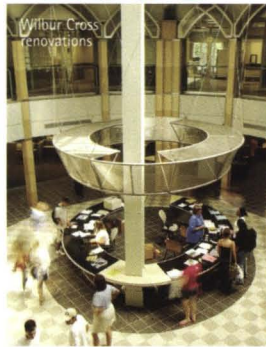
■ The College of Continuing Studies is formed to develop learner-centered educational programs of the highest caliber.



Lodewick Visitors Center



2001



Wilbur Cross renovations



Dental School



Campaign UConn

■ UConn's School of Dental Medicine is ranked the top dental school in the country.

■ Major gifts include \$11 million from the GE companies to the Schools of Business and Engineering and the Neag School of Education; \$4 million from United Technologies Corp. to the School of Engineering; and \$1.5 million from alumni James L. '41 (CLAS) and Shirley A. '41 (CLAS) Draper to establish the first endowed chair in American history in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

■ The historic Wilbur Cross building is renovated to serve as a one-stop service center for most student business needs and the Marine Sciences Building opens at UConn's Avery Point campus.

■ Campaign UConn, a \$300 million private fund-raising initiative, is launched.

■ The Center for Land Use Education and Research is established in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to assist municipalities with their land use planning.

■ Researchers at the UConn Health Center discover a gene that doubles life in fruit flies. The gene is also found in humans and could one day extend human life.



Longevity gene discovery

2002



21st Century UConn



ITE Building



School of Business



Metropolitan Opera partnership



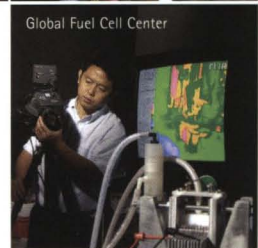
UNESCO chair in Human Rights

■ The Connecticut Legislature approves 21st Century UConn, the 11-year, \$1.3 billion program to continue the transformation of the University, including enhancements to academic facilities for the Schools of Allied Health, Nursing and Family Studies.

■ New or renovated building openings include the School of Business building and the Information Technologies Engineering building in the School of Engineering.

■ A historic partnership between the Metropolitan Opera and the School of Fine Arts provides unrivaled student access to the world's most prestigious opera company.

■ Researchers at the UConn Health Center School of Medicine discover a gene that causes the most common form of glaucoma.



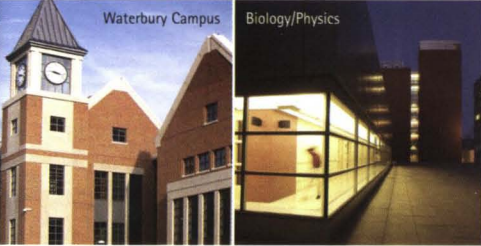
Global Fuel Cell Center

■ UConn receives the first United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) chair in human rights in the U.S. Professor Amii Omara-Otunnu is appointed to the chair.

■ The Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center opens in the School of Engineering, the largest academic facility dedicated exclusively to developing non-polluting energy cells in a cost-effective manner.

2004

2003



Waterbury Campus

Biology/Physics



Twin NCAA championships

2005



Rentschler Field

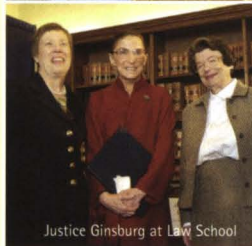


Neag Cancer Center Gift



Since the inception of UCONN 2000 a decade ago, the University has seen dramatic changes in the quality of its students and support from alumni and friends:

- UGS PLM Solutions, a subsidiary of EDS, awards UConn a software grant valued at \$146.1 million, the largest contribution UConn has ever received.
- New building openings include UConn's new campus in the heart of downtown Waterbury as a critical component of the city's revitalization, the Biology/Physics building, the Advanced Technology Laboratory and the Agricultural Biotechnology Laboratory.
- The football team begins NCAA Division I-A play in its new home stadium at Rentschler Field with a 34-10 win over Indiana before a sell-out crowd of 40,000 fans.
- The Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center is dedicated at the UConn Health Center.
- Husky Dairy Bar Ice Cream is made available in grocery stores throughout Connecticut. Royalties from sales go to benefit academic programs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



Justice Ginsburg at Law School

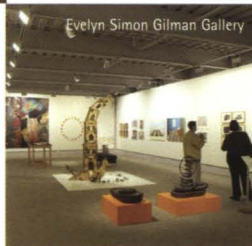
Accelerator and Learning Center in downtown Hartford; the Evelyn Simon Gilman Gallery in the William Benton Museum of Art in the School of Fine Arts; and the first phase of the Student Union, which includes a 500-seat movie theater.

■ Campaign UConn, the largest private fund-raising effort ever conducted by a public university in New England, exceeds its goal by raising \$471.1 million.

■ Major gifts include \$10 million to support the cancer program at the UConn Health Center from Ray '57 (BUS) and Carole Neag and Pfizer's endowment of the first distinguished chair in pharmacy.

■ The Husky football team, playing its first bowl game in school history, wins the Motor City Bowl, defeating Toledo 39-10.

■ New or renovated building openings include the School of Business' S&C Technologies Financial



Evelyn Simon Gilman Gallery

■ Ruth Bader Ginsburg, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, delivers the Day, Berry Et Howard Visiting Scholar Lecture at the School of Law.

■ The men's and women's basketball teams win unprecedented dual NCAA championships in the same year.

- The number of students applying to UConn has nearly doubled, reaching 19,574 applicants in fall 2004.
- With the size of the freshman class in Storrs held to approximately 3,200, UConn has become more selective than ever, accepting approximately 50% of freshmen applications compared to an acceptance rate of 70% in 1995.
- Since 1995, undergraduate SAT scores for freshmen entering the main campus have increased 64 points. A total of 567 freshmen valedictorians and salutatorians have enrolled at UConn, and freshmen minority enrollment has increased 77%.
- As of fall 2004, the freshman retention rate is 90% while our freshmen minority retention rate is 89%. Minority enrollment across UConn's six campuses now accounts for nearly 20% of our undergraduate population.
- In fall 2004, 35% of freshmen came from the top 10% of their high school class, an increase of 109% over 1995 levels. SAT scores for freshmen have risen from 1113 to 1177 since 1995, with honors students averaging 1382.
- Since 1995, the number of enrolling out-of-state freshman students has increased 129%.

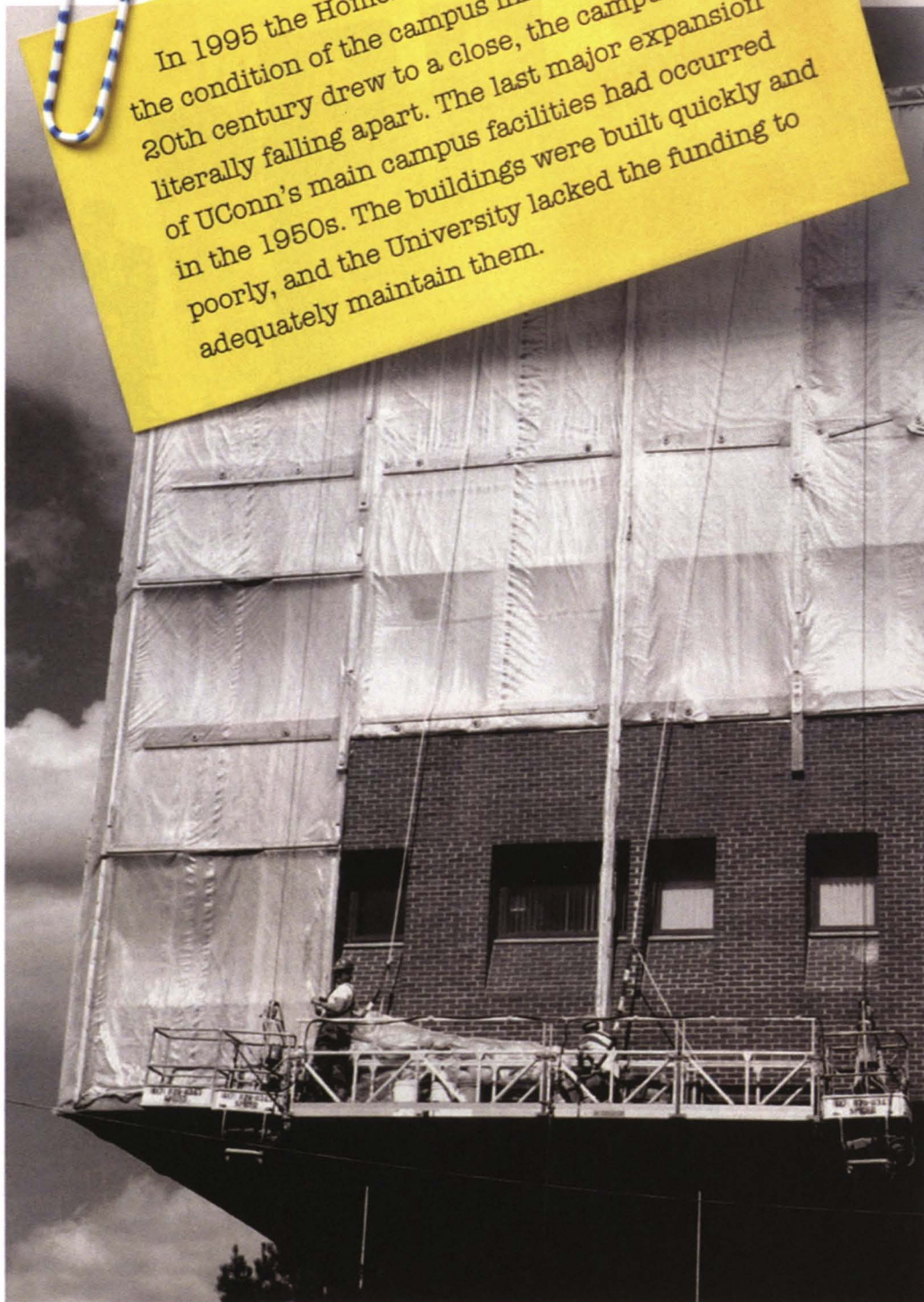
- Total annual private giving has increased from \$8.7 million to \$75 million since 1995.
- The number of endowed funds has more than doubled from 500 to 1,016 with endowed assets increasing from \$49.5 million in 1995 to \$250 million in 2004.
- UConn alumni rank seventh in the nation among public universities for alumni giving with a participation rate of 24%.

Dairy Bar Ice Cream



SS&C Technologies Financial Accelerator

In 1995 the Homer Babbidge Library symbolized the condition of the campus infrastructure. As the 20th century drew to a close, the campus was literally falling apart. The last major expansion of UConn's main campus facilities had occurred in the 1950s. The buildings were built quickly and poorly, and the University lacked the funding to adequately maintain them.



Project

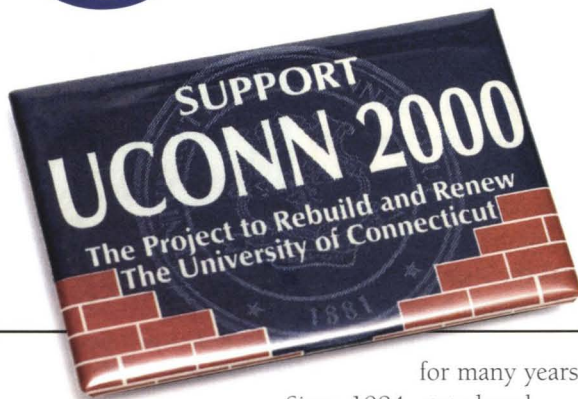
Ten years ago UConn alumni advocates and supporters had a vision to rejuvenate the University. This is the story of how their actions helped propel UConn into the top ranks of public higher education.

The signing ceremony authorizing UCONN 2000 legislation on June 22, 1995, included from left: Rep. Denise Merrill '88 (BGS), UConn President Harry J. Hartley, House Speaker Thomas Ritter '73 J.D., Rep. Cameron Staples '89 J.D., Senate finance committee chair William H. Nickerson, Rep. Robert Farr '65 (ENG) '69 J.D., Gov. John Rowland, Rep. Jefferson Davis, Rep. Michael Cardin '94 (CLAS), House Minority Leader Robert Ward '74 (CLAS), Rep. Kevin Ryan, and Senate Deputy Minority Leader Kevin B. Sullivan '82 J.D.



Hope

By Kenneth Best



The sky on the afternoon of Thursday, June 22, 1995 was dark and overcast, not the kind of day for a celebration. The Homer Babbidge Library, wrapped in scaffolding and plastic, loomed large behind a table where a crowd began to form, looking more like a forbidden zone than a welcoming center of scholarship. The library had become a symbol of the neglect of the University of Connecticut.

But later as a crowd of UConn students, faculty and administrators gathered for the scheduled festivities, the sun broke through the clouds. Gov. John G. Rowland sat down at the table, surrounded by UConn President Harry J. Hartley, House Speaker Thomas Ritter '73 J.D., House Minority Leader Robert Ward '74 (CLAS), Senate Deputy Minority Leader Kevin B. Sullivan '82 J.D., Rep. Denise Merrill '88 (BGS) of Mansfield and other legislators.

"We have a first-class university at the University of Connecticut, and it's about time that state government recognizes that," the governor said before picking up a pen and signing the authorization for UCONN 2000—a \$1 billion plan to rebuild the crumbling University of Connecticut infrastructure and transform it into

a world-class center of learning and scholarship.

"We have committed the resources to bring the University of Connecticut into the 21st Century," Ritter told the crowd. "We'll all be watching to see how you handle this project. Let's come back in 10 years and see it all done."

Today, a decade later, the work started by UCONN 2000 and the dramatic changes throughout the University of Connecticut are plainly visible—from the state-of-the-art classroom and research facilities to the variety of housing options offered to students and the national reputation enjoyed by UConn as the top public university in New England and among the top public institutions of higher learning in the United States. And now with 21st Century UConn—a \$1.3 billion, 11-year continuation of the landmark building program—the University will continue for another decade to build on the success of UCONN 2000 as it attracts top students and faculty to its campuses.

But in 1994, all of this was not much more than a dream for UConn, which had seen its financial support from the General Assembly dwindle

for many years.

Since 1984, state bond authorizations and facility projects for the University had declined to less than 2 percent of all state bonding. The state's allocation as a percentage of the UConn operating budget had dropped from 50 percent in 1991 to 43 percent in 1995. Since 1989, tuition had increased by about 129 percent. The last major expansion of UConn's main campus facilities had occurred in the 1950s, as G.I.s flocked to college campuses after returning home from World War II. The buildings were built quickly and poorly, and the University lacked the funding to adequately maintain them.

As the 20th century drew to a close, the campus was literally falling apart as the state of Connecticut faced a major budget crisis. Former U.S. Senator Lowell Weicker, who won election as governor as an independent candidate and battled the state's financial crisis by introducing the state income tax, had proposed in 1991 to cut \$18 million from the UConn budget.

Alumni, students and the unions representing UConn faculty and staff worked together to restore the proposed cut by mounting a campaign of letters

and phone calls directed at legislators.

“We did these mailings and the reaction was instantaneous,” recalls Jonathan Peltó '84 (CLAS), who at the time was a state representative. “Legislators were bombarded by letters and phone calls, saying put the money back in. And all the money was put back.”

The response from friends of the University in restoring the operating budget provided legislators with a new sense of UConn's importance to voters as the state's symbol of public higher education. It was the second time UConn had achieved an important victory in Hartford.

UConn had earlier pursued another critical objective—the independent responsibility to manage its own budget, which reduced the lengthy processes of hiring personnel, purchasing equipment and developing construction projects.

Early in 1993 the University also began work on a long-range strategic plan that would address its academic and capital requirements for the new century.

Those two legislative successes set down the foundation and strategic guidance for the effort to build support for UCONN 2000. Over the next two years, several independent events unfolded that would come together in early 1995 to make it possible for UCONN 2000 to become a reality.

In 1993, Ritter, a Democrat, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, placing a UConn alumnus in one of the top legislative positions in the General Assembly. Another alumnus, Ward, a Republican, was elected deputy minority leader and in 1995 he would become minority

leader. Sullivan, a Democrat, was the deputy minority leader in the Senate. Their efforts in building bipartisan support for UConn would be critical in helping legislators to recognize the importance of building a first-rate flagship university as a key element to

improving the state's lagging economy.

Early in 1993 the University also began work on a long-range strategic plan that would address its academic and capital requirements for the new century. UConn officials were confident that such a plan would improve academic quality and University facilities and provide the impetus to reverse Connecticut's “brain drain” as the state's best and brightest sought their education elsewhere. From 1991 to late 1994, UConn's undergraduate enrollment had dropped by more than 3,400 students. A *Hartford Courant* editorial published in September of

1994 said, “The infusion of dollars to repair the damage of neglect and bring UConn up to par is essential if it is to attract top scholars and remain competitive with other schools.”

The final blueprint for infrastructure repair would be far-reaching, touching every part of the University. The strategic plan was scheduled to be ready in early 1995. As work on that plan progressed through 1994, the cost of the capital needs

proposal totaled nearly \$2 billion. Hartley, who had worked to improve UConn's standing with legislators over the past four years, was concerned about gaining wide support for such an unprecedented proposal.

“I lagged behind my staff when I heard a price tag of \$2 billion,” Hartley said. “It wasn't that I didn't believe in our concept ... [however] I believed my staff had gotten away from what would be politically feasible.”

During the summer of 1994, Scott Brohinsky '76 J.D., UConn's director of government relations and the former legislative liaison for the state



Senate finance committee chair William Nickerson, center, talks with UConn's Scott Brohinsky '76 J.D., second from right, during the General Assembly debate over UCONN 2000 legislation in early 1995.

Department of Education, had met with House Speaker Ritter, who indicated he would be willing to support a “significant” project for UConn in the 1995 legislative session. Their discussion moved toward a long-term plan to renew the University’s crumbling infrastructure, the most visible symptom of the need for urgent action and a major factor in the recruitment of top scholars and students. For the rest of the summer and early fall, Ritter’s staff and UConn representatives began weekly meetings to develop an agreement on the scope of a plan to create a strategy to gain legislative support for what was then called Project Hope.

The gubernatorial race in November 1994 ended with the election of Rowland, a Republican, who was the only candidate to visit UConn during the campaign, when he met with Hartley.

“During our private conversation, we focused on how UConn could be a partner to the state in economic recovery and also how UConn needed more money from the state to be an effective partner in job creation and job retention,” Hartley recalled about his pre-election meeting with Rowland.

“We did a walking tour of the campus. He realized that my request for better facilities was based on real needs.”

Responding to candidate questions published in the University’s faculty-staff newspaper, Rowland proclaimed his support to provide help for UConn. “There is no excuse for the state’s flagship university to have a library that is falling apart. The condition of some other buildings at the university constitutes a disgrace,” he said. “We need to develop a reasonable capital facilities budget that will be implemented.”

The week after the 1994 election, a group of more than a dozen UConn alumni and supporters met at the Hartford Club. Among those who attended were Lewis B. Rome ’54 (CLAS), chairman of the UConn Board of Trustees; Patrick Sheehan ’67 (CLAS), who had high visibility as a Hartford television news anchor; businessman Roger Gelfenbein ’65 (BUS); and Peltó, who had since left the legislature. The group’s objective was “to address ideas for defining a long-range strategy for funding the capital and operating needs for the University.”

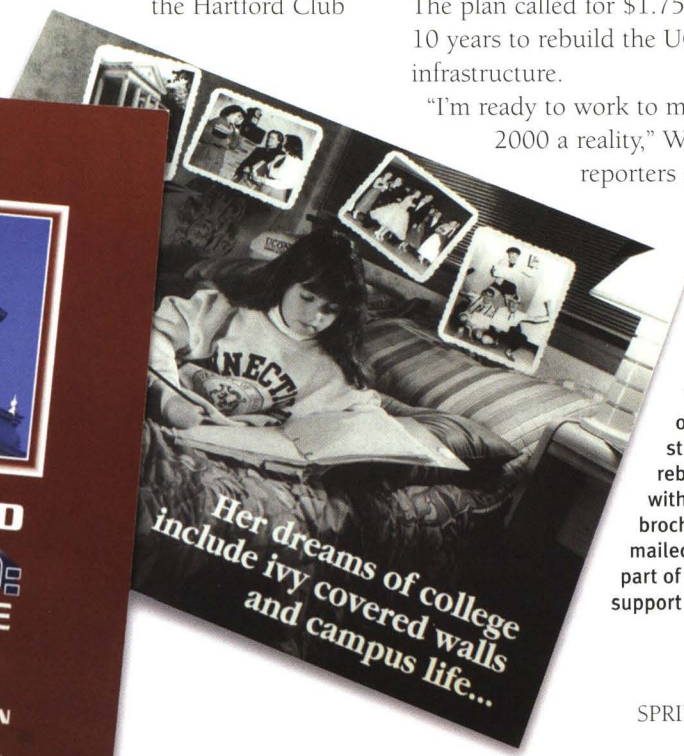
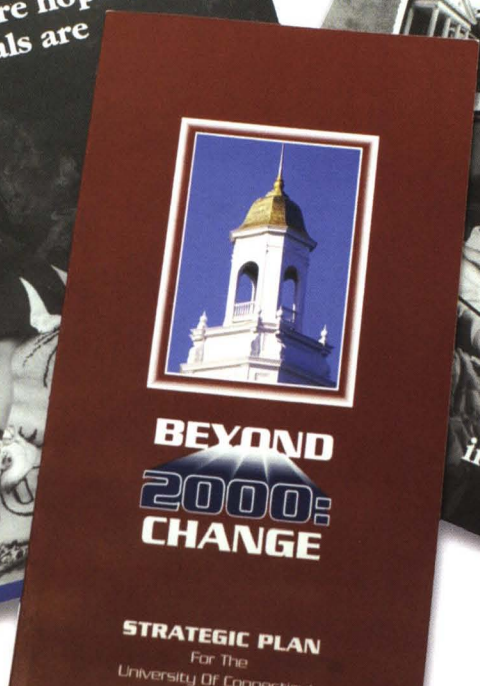
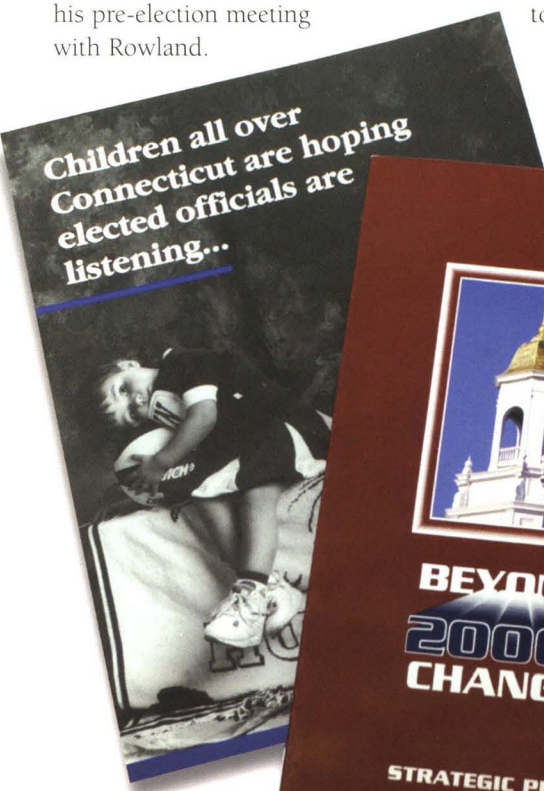
“The plan must be radical enough to get attention, yet realistic enough to get support,” Peltó told the Hartford Club

group before unveiling a draft of a strategy that would build on the grass roots initiative that proved successful in restoring the UConn budget in 1991. UConn alumni, friends, faculty and staff would be asked to join together to support the plan to transform the University.

By late January of 1995, plans to publicly announce UCONN 2000—formerly Project Hope—were being finalized just as the legislative session was beginning. In a fortuitous coincidence of timing, both the UConn men’s and women’s basketball teams were ranked No. 1 in the nation for the first time ever, igniting Huskymania and enthusiasm for UConn across Connecticut.

Hartley led a delegation of UConn supporters to the Capitol in Hartford on Jan. 30 to formally announce the plans. At a news conference, Hartley shared the podium with legislators and announced their support for the proposal to help UConn. The group included Senate President Pro Tempore M. Adela Eads, a Republican, and many UConn alumni legislators, among them Ward and Ritter. The group held similar sessions in Storrs and the UConn campuses in Stamford and Avery Point. The plan called for \$1.75 billion over 10 years to rebuild the UConn infrastructure.

“I’m ready to work to make UCONN 2000 a reality,” Ward told reporters during



The document outlining the strategic plan for rebuilding UConn, with copies of brochures that were mailed to alumni as part of the effort to gain support for UCONN 2000.

the Capitol news conference. "We're telling high school students all the time: If you work hard, you'll get ahead. But there's another part of the puzzle—we should be able to tell them: If you work hard, we have in this state a top-notch university waiting for you."

Ritter recalled later that he wanted to make the 1995 legislative session "the year of UConn."

Legislators could not recall any other issue that generated such an overwhelming appeal for support from throughout the state.

"We agreed that we wanted to try and get some kind of bipartisan press conferences in the beginning of the session so at least some people in the Capitol building would begin to take the initiative seriously," he said. "Bob Ward really deserves a lot of the credit for this ... He had just been elected minority leader ... He had a Republican governor he needed to consider, but he really spoke positively about the UConn project ... That press conference got us a lot of mileage."

Over the next 12 weeks of the 1995 legislative session, UConn supporters in the Capitol worked to guide the UCONN 2000 proposal through the General Assembly. Opposition to the plan was voiced, but there was no overwhelming cry against it.

"There was no organized opposition from the private colleges and universities or from Connecticut State University," Ward said. "Some people suggest that the high profile that the University had in athletics (turned the tide). I am sure with some members that probably helped. I think it was more that people saw what was on campus and realized

The UCONN Advance, the faculty and staff newspaper, announces the General Assembly's approval for UCONN 2000.

the deteriorating state of a number of buildings."

As the work continued in the committee rooms and halls of the Capitol, the effort to demonstrate grass-roots support for UConn moved into high gear. Alumni and parents of students were mailed brochures with photos of the crumbling facilities with a message to help provide Connecticut's

children with the promise of a quality education in the future. A return postcard that could be sent to legislators was included. Television ads were also developed and broadcast statewide.

Many alumni chose to write personal letters to their legislators, including Claire Ellen Egan '85 (ED), who wrote to State Rep. Lawrence F. Cafero Jr. '79 (CLAS) of Norwalk on behalf of her infant daughter, Cara Ann Egan, whose photo was included: "My grandpa [Ralph Viola '53 (ED)] went to UCONN ... My mommy went to UCONN. Please let me be able to go to UCONN too!"

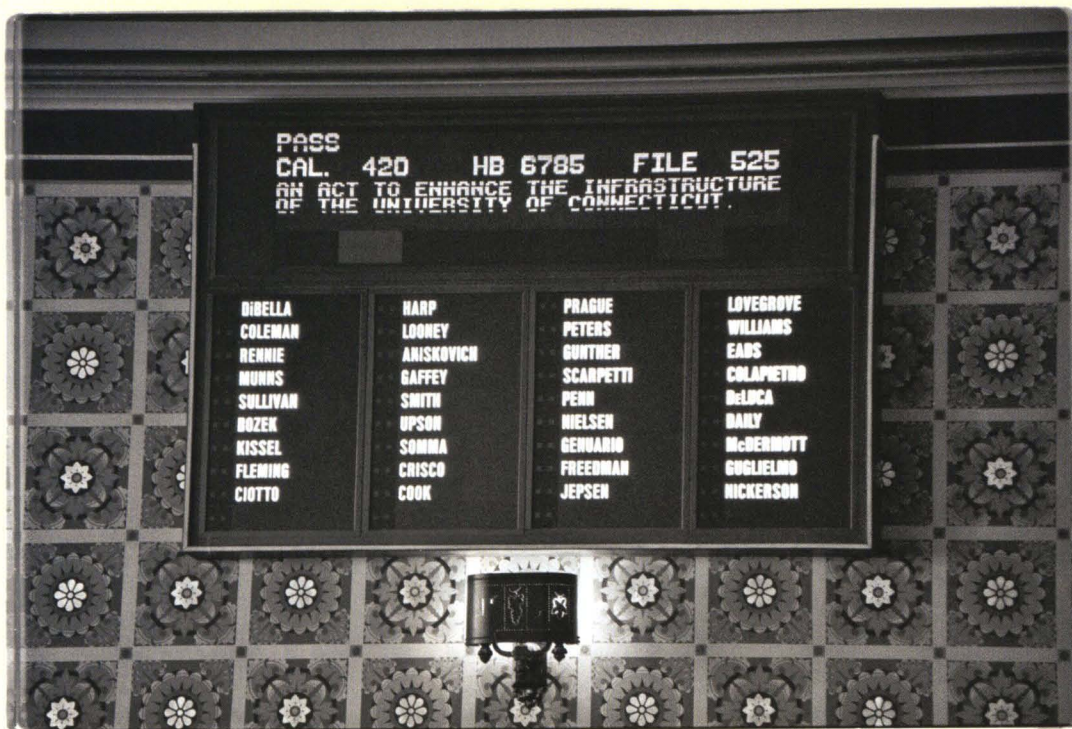
Support UCONN 2000 and let a family tradition live on."

More than 9,100 postcards and letters were delivered to members of the General Assembly. Legislators could not recall any other issue that generated such an overwhelming appeal for support from throughout the state. At the same time, alumni legislators from both sides of the political aisle met together and signed onto a letter from Ritter asking for broad-based support. Soon UConn alumni from throughout the state were invited to meet with their state representatives and hear about UCONN 2000.

"The reason alumni were so important is because the plan called for using that person's strength not only as an alumnus but in their own particular world," Pelto said. "All of the cards were written and distributed to constituents who happened to be alumni, not alumni who happened to be constituents."

Another element that was considered crucial was to enhance the University's ability to raise private funds through an endowment program that would include state





The tally board in the Senate chambers announces the voting for the proposed UCONN 2000 legislation on June 3, 1995, the next to last day of the legislative session.

matching funds. The endowment was a \$20 million program separated from the direct state funding of the building plan.

Rowland, who had not yet announced his support for UCONN 2000, decided to do so on Husky Day, the annual celebration of UConn in Hartford, when members of the UConn basketball teams visit the state Capitol. The date was set for April 26, three weeks after the UConn women's basketball team had won the NCAA championship for the first time by beating Tennessee and the men's team had narrowly missed going to the Final Four in a loss to UCLA.

The governor was hoping to keep the entire UConn plan to \$1 billion, which meant the critical endowment fund would be eliminated. Ritter was pressing to keep the endowment program. Weeks of wrangling over the issue had passed, and now Husky Day had arrived without a compromise. Ritter had told the governor he would not attend the scheduled press conference without Rowland's support for the endowment fund.

Husky Day was on a Wednesday, the day of a regularly scheduled weekly meeting between the governor and legislative leaders. Shortly after 9 a.m., Ritter met privately with Rowland, who had received a message earlier the same day from Hartley urging him to resolve the issue.

"John and I were in the room. The position I had was that I wanted \$1 billion to go to UConn, not including debt service and the \$20 million endowment," Ritter said. "He said he did not want anything over \$1 billion. So we agreed—that we would make the endowment \$20 million but the construction and everything else \$980 million. It was typical of the way the governor and I could compromise."

Standing in the legislative meeting hall later, Hartley addressed the politicians and praised the governor's support for the proposal, concluding his comments by saying: "I've been at UConn for 23 years ... I can't think of a more historic day in the history of UConn."

On May 10, the House approved UCONN 2000 overwhelmingly by a vote of 138-10. On June 3, the next

to last day of the 1995 legislative session, the Senate voted 35-0 for UConn. Some noticed that the Senate vote matched the unbeaten record of UConn's championship women's basketball team.

Ten years later, Brohinsky is one of the few remaining senior

administrators working on the UConn campus who participated in the UCONN 2000 effort. As he makes his way around the campus for meetings and events, he passes by the tangible results of what some characterized as "a naive dream," even as the sights and sounds of 21st Century UConn construction move ahead. And visitors to his office may notice that on the corner wall adjacent to his desk hang photos from the 1995 governor's signing ceremony.

"There was a great sense of excitement and accomplishment that day—a level of enthusiasm that had no previous history at the University," he recalled. "There was also a pervasive sense of optimism that it was a new day for UConn. Looking back today a decade later, the entire University community—especially its alumni—can take pride in what they helped to accomplish. Today we are continuing to build together on what they made possible through UCONN 2000."



ONE

Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS) leads the celebration of the 1995 NCAA championship, the first of the UConn women's basketball team's five titles.

Standing before his team in the locker room of the Target Center in Minneapolis on April 2, 1995, **head coach Geno Auriemma told his players that the University of Connecticut could make history** as an unbeaten team if they won the 1995 NCAA women's basketball championship. The team had compiled a 34-0 record. **He asked for ...**

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"As we were doing it, we had no idea what the significance of it was," Auriemma says of the 1994-95 season. "We were just trying to win games, and it took on a life of its own. It's still amazing to me when I look back at the magnitude of it all. None of us would have imagined the impact it would have over time."

By Jim H. Smith

A decade later, having won four more NCAA titles—including three consecutive championships between 2002 and 2004—the significance of the 1995 UConn title can be seen not only as a historic turning point for the sport of women's basketball but also for its role in drawing attention to women's athletics in general.

"Before 1995, there was already movement to create women's professional basketball," says Peter Roby, director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University, "but UConn's undefeated season really propelled it.

"Nothing like this had happened in women's basketball before. You had an enormously successful coach. You had personalities who captured the public imagination. You had an undefeated team. And it was all going on right in the back yard of major media. It was the perfect storm."

Little more than a year after the Huskies' unprecedented victory, there were not one but two women's professional leagues—the American Basketball League and the WNBA. Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS), the Academic All-American who led the Huskies, became an icon for young girls, many of whom wore UConn jerseys with her number 50. A Rhodes scholarship candidate, Lobo would make history as a member of the U.S. women's basketball team that distinguished itself—on the 20th anniversary of the first appearance by women in Olympic basketball competition—by winning gold at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. She then became one of the nation's first professional female basketball players in the WNBA.

"The 1995 season was an extraordinarily important one for UConn," says Jeffrey Hathaway, UConn director of athletics. "Certainly it was a tremendous validation of the quality of our program, and it provided exposure

for a variety of women's teams around the country. Our women's basketball team became nationally recognized and Rebecca Lobo became an icon in women's athletics."

The 1996 Olympics provided women's team sports with their greatest spotlight to date. In addition to winning the basketball gold medal, teams of U.S. women also won gold in soccer and, for the first time ever, in softball. Almost 35 percent of the competitors in Atlanta were women, compared to barely 20 percent in the 1976 games in Montreal, and they won a record 19 team medals. Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly and the other members of the U.S. women's soccer team became role models for young girls. By 2002, women's professional leagues in soccer, volleyball and football joined the women's pro basketball leagues.

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"It takes 20 years to make an Olympic athlete," observes Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation. "The women who competed in Atlanta in 1996 were the first generation of Olympians to have grown up as full beneficiaries of Title IX."

Title IX is the landmark federal legislation that greatly expanded educational and athletics opportunities for girls and women. Until its passage, in 1972, girls and women had limited resources and opportunities to compete in high school or collegiate athletics. In 1973, the first year of Title IX, only 13,000 U.S. high school girls played basketball, and there were just 30,000 women participating in NCAA-sponsored intercollegiate sports, scarcely 15 percent of college student athletes. That was the same year the Lobo family of Southwick, Mass., celebrated the birth of a baby girl they named Rebecca.

"Even at the collegiate level, many women's teams played in auxiliary gyms and antiquated facilities," says Roby, describing women's basketball in those days. "They often dressed in hand-me-down uniforms."

"When I was in high school, we didn't practice in the same gym that we played in until the day before the game," says Chris Dailey, UConn's associate head coach for women's basketball. "When I played at Rutgers (1978-82), we didn't split time in the gym with the men's team, the way we do today at Gampel Pavilion."

Lopiano says that after Title IX was approved, the women's basketball programs able to jump out to a lead were at universities that already had separately administered programs. Texas, Iowa, Tennessee and Minnesota excelled in

those early years.

"Schools like UConn had to wait for the right coach and the right time," she says.

For UConn, that coach would be Auriemma, who arrived in 1985 and inherited a team that had enjoyed just one winning season in its 11-year history. By 1987 he had them winning routinely. Their first Big East regular season championship came in 1989.

It would take six more years before the women's basketball team would reach the level of respect and great success that it was destined to find. Today, the widespread popularity of women's college basketball stands as a tribute to the watershed moment created by UConn's 1995 championship team:

- In 1997 the number of girls who registered for AAU basketball tournaments passed the number of boys playing basketball for the first time, according to a 2004 Women's Sports Foundation report.

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Champions Reunion

The 1995 NCAA championship team reunited for the first time when it was honored during the 2005 Big East Tournament at the Hartford Civic Center on March 6. Front row (L-R): Kim Better-Thompson '96 (ENG), Carla Berube '97 (CLAS), Kelley Hunt-Gay '98 (CLAS) and Pam Webber-Mitchell '95 (ED), '98 (BUS). Back row: assistant coach Tonya Cardozza, head coach Geno Auriemma, associate head coach Chris Dailey, assistant coach Meghan Pattysyn-Culmo '92 (CLAS), Jennifer Rizzotti-Sullivan '96 (CLAS), Kara Wolters '97 (CLAS), Brenda Marquis-Wilson '99 (CLAS), Sarah Northway-Maria '97 (CLAS), Jill Gelfenbien '95 (SFS), Rebecca Lobo-Rushin '95 (CLAS), Missy Rose '97 (ED), Nykesha Sales '98 (BUS) and Jamelle Elliott '96 (ED), '97 M.A.

Combining psychology and the law

Anne Dailey challenges long-held notions



Lanny Nagler

Dailey's thesis was recently recognized with a prestigious essay prize from the American Psychoanalytic Association.

UConn law professor Anne Dailey is challenging long-held notions about the role of families in a strong, vibrant American democratic society. At the moment, she says, families are left on their own to raise productive citizens. In her view, government must do more to ensure that American children have the opportunity to one day fully engage in our democratic system of government.

Dailey is using psychoanalytic developmental psychology to show that the quality of early care children receive can affect the long-term development of the skills required for personal autonomy and political participation in a democratic society. She says the government should strengthen the rights of youth and better equip families with the tools needed to successfully raise their children. These governmental responsibilities are necessary to realize a true democratic society, she says.

"Democratic freedom assumes certain psychological skills," Dailey says, "such as critical self-reflection and emotional self-control. Acquiring those psychological skills requires certain social preconditions. People can have internal constraints that prevent them from fully living their own lives. These constraints begin in early childhood."

Dailey's thesis was recently recognized with a prestigious essay prize from the American Psychoanalytic Association. The award honors psychoanalytically informed research in the social sciences, arts and humanities. The paper will be published next year in the *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*.

Psychoanalysis is a theory of personality that strives to understand how the unconscious mind works. It emphasizes the role of early experience in shaping present behavior.

In her essay Dailey illustrates how a psychoanalytic developmental perspective can be used to explain how poor childcare for the nation's children jeopardizes the stability of the American democratic society.

"A child's capacity for reason and self governance has to do with learning how to control emotions," Dailey says. "Families

with greater environmental stresses, such as a extreme poverty, domestic violence

and homelessness, have a harder time providing a soothing, responsive care-giving environment for their children."

Dailey says the government should do all it can to provide families with what they need to create a relatively stable, long-term, care-giving relationship for their children.

"This also raises questions about workplace policies that would allow parents to maintain their jobs while adequately caring for their children," Dailey says.

Melvin Lansky, who chaired the essay prize committee, says the spirit of the law professor's essay excited the judges. "She makes a giant leap from constitutional law to what we know about why kids do what they do," Lansky says.

Dailey, who teaches family law at the UConn School of Law, says she has always been interested in the law's perception of human nature and the role of the family in political life. She is writing a new book that explores how the tension between scientific and psychoanalytic psychology has influenced the development of the law and legal ideas.

"Psychoanalysis is a missing component today in law and legal scholarship," Dailey says. "Psychoanalysis has a tremendous amount of empirical work to offer us about human behavior, about how people behave unconsciously in unintended and often self-destructive ways."

— Peyton Woodson Cooper

Scoring students on the field and in the classroom

Highly respected professor fills mandated NCAA faculty post

Five years ago when he was asked to be UConn's NCAA faculty athletic representative, Scott Brown says he welcomed the opportunity.

"I see how hard these students work—academically and athletically—and how much they want to succeed in everything they do. It's a pleasure working with them and helping them," says Brown, a professor of educational psychology who previously served as chair of the UConn Advisory Committee on Athletics.

The NCAA established the mandatory position of faculty athletic representative for each of its member institutions in 1989 to "ensure academic integrity, facilitate institutional control of intercollegiate athletics, and enhance the student-athlete experience."

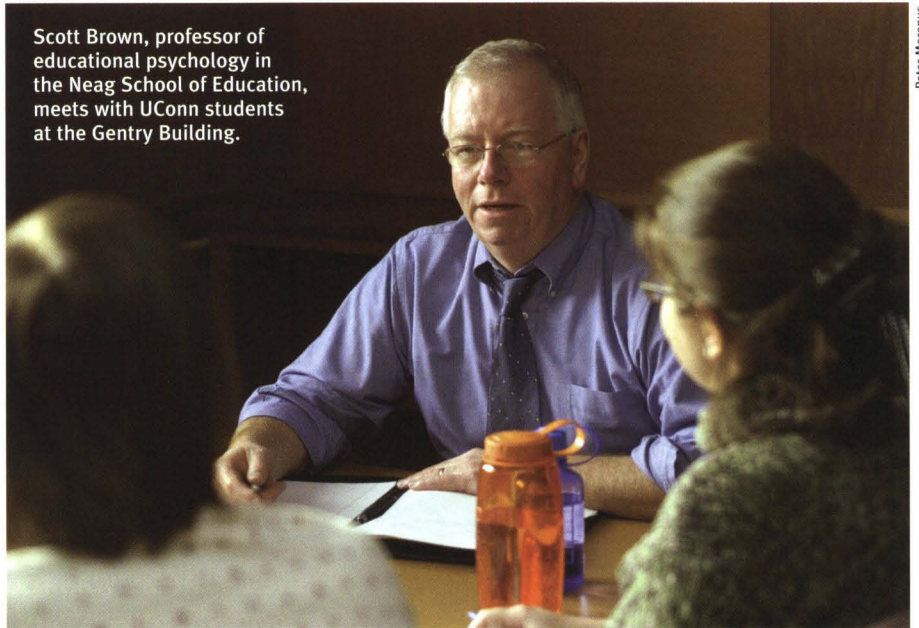
"We take the term *student-athlete* very seriously," says UConn President Philip E. Austin, who recently became chair of the NCAA Division I board of directors. "Whoever serves as faculty athletic representative plays a vital role in translating that term into an operating reality and, on an even more fundamental level, assuring the integrity of our athletic program."

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Brown continues to teach and conduct research and has earned the respect of his UConn colleagues. He was selected to administer the Teachers for a New Era Project, a \$5 million grant from the Carnegie Corp., awarded to only seven universities. The grant—shared by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Neag School of Education—will increase research collaboration, analyze and redesign curriculum in general education and content courses, and develop new tools for assessing how the quality of teachers affects student performance.

"Scott is an outstanding teacher and advisor," says Richard Schwab, dean of the Neag School of Education. "His students routinely give him the highest ratings, and he's non-stop. He'll keep teaching and researching regardless of his NCAA

Scott Brown, professor of educational psychology in the Neag School of Education, meets with UConn students at the Gentry Building.



Peter Morenus

duties, his efforts on the Carnegie grant, and his other committee work. He loves teaching."

That includes working with student-athletes, individually counseling freshmen about NCAA regulations, UConn rules, or the rigors of maintaining good grades while practicing 20 hours a week.

Brown's lectures to freshman student-athletes are taking on renewed urgency in light of recent scandals that have rocked a number of universities and focused scrutiny on intercollegiate athletics programs. He is confident of UConn's continued compliance with established guidelines for student-athletes.

"We have a good history of doing the right thing. We're very careful and we're constantly vigilant. We have good coaches who have high standards," he says, noting his regular discussions with UConn colleagues in the athletics department and the Registrar's Office, who work to ensure student-athletes are keeping up with their academic responsibilities and are on track for graduation.

Brown says the University's goal is to have student-athletes graduate at a rate equal to or higher than the general student population, a goal that has been achieved several times in the past four years. Last year more than 40 percent of UConn's slightly more than 600 student-athletes made the Dean's List, achieving grade point averages of 3.0 or better, and a half-dozen earned a 4.0.

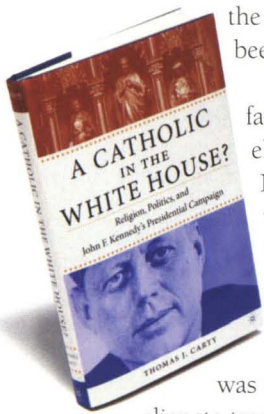
— Richard Veilleux



Recent works by alumni and faculty

A complicated mix of religion and politics

Although the issues in U.S. presidential elections have recently focused on a complicated mix of religion and politics—including abortion rights, same-sex marriage, embryonic stem cell research and family values—it is not the first time religion and politics have been raised in national elections.



In 1928, N.Y. Gov. Alfred E. Smith faced anti-Catholic propaganda in the election won by Herbert Hoover, and in 1960 John F. Kennedy became the nation's first Catholic president, despite being questioned during the campaign about whether he would take political direction from the Vatican.

"Kennedy was able to prove he was secularist enough in a way that didn't alienate traditionalists, and he had help from non-Catholics who resented the anti-Catholic rhetoric," says Thomas J. Carty '93 (CLAS), '99 M.A., Ph.D., author of the book *A Catholic in the White House? Religion, Politics and John F. Kennedy's Presidential Campaign* (Palgrave/Macmillan). "The question now is how does a Catholic candidate deal with each specific policy issue, such as the death penalty, poverty or embryonic stem cell research?"

Carty, who is an assistant professor of history at Springfield College, says opposition to questions about Kennedy's religion from Protestant evangelical leaders was negated when the young candidate's supporters raised the constitutional requirement of the separation of church and state. Most other religious leaders were reluctant to voice political views publicly in 1960, he adds.

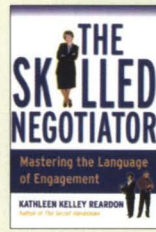
"The Rev. Billy Graham opposed Kennedy but not publicly," Carty says. "When Graham's friend Norman Vincent Peale, a conservative Protestant minister, did publicly oppose Kennedy, people shouted him down and Peale's syndicated column was taken out of the papers."

He says that "sentimental support" helped to break the barrier about a candidate's religion as an obstacle to being elected. In the 2004 election, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry became the third Catholic nominated to run for president.

"Most people didn't know Kerry was Catholic," Carty says. "In Kerry's case, he lost the Catholic vote because of his views on abortion and same-sex marriage issues."

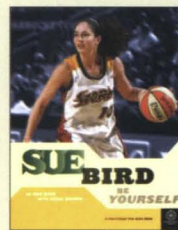
Carty says a presidential candidate's ability to demonstrate independence from clerical pressures without alienating his or her religious base, as Kennedy did, will remain the model for future elections. — Kenneth Best

ALSO OF INTEREST



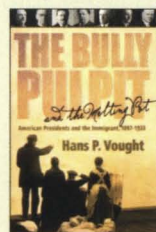
The Skilled Negotiator: Mastering the Language of Engagement
Kathleen Kelley Reardon '72 (CLAS)
(Jossey-Bass)

The ability to successfully manage a persuasion situation is a valuable skill in both professional and personal life. People attempt negotiation daily and often do not succeed. Reardon's fifth book focuses on the language of negotiation and takes the reader through a series of steps to improve and expand negotiation skills. *The Skilled Negotiator* provides a menu of persuasion techniques to help turn everyone into a versatile and sensitive communicator. Topics discussed include how to frame topics, handle conflict, develop communication strategies and cross cultural persuasion.



Sue Bird: Be Yourself
Sue Bird '02 (CLAS)
(Positively For Kids)

Sue Bird's autobiographical children's book encourages young readers to aspire to greatness. Using examples from her life, the WNBA star and 2004 U.S. Olympian demonstrates the importance of remaining true to yourself. *Sue Bird: Be Yourself* takes the reader on a journey from her early childhood memories playing soccer to winning the NCAA basketball tournament at UConn and going on to be a two-time all-star in the WNBA. Throughout, Bird emphasizes important life skills such as determination and hard work from childhood to adulthood.



The Bully Pulpit and the Melting Pot
Hans P. Vought '92 M.A.
(Mercer University Press)

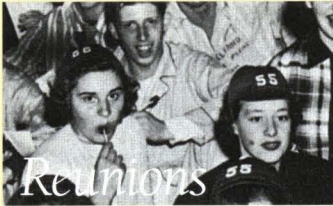
Hans P. Vought examines the efforts of seven U.S. presidents from 1897 to 1933 to defend assimilation into American life for millions of immigrants against the fear of the melting pot society. *The Bully Pulpit and the Melting Pot* demonstrates how each president welcomed new Americans who accepted American ideals by embracing the immigrants' cultures and proclaiming that the melting pot of new citizens would create a stronger nation. Vought uses the letters, speeches and administrative records of presidents from William McKinley to Franklin D. Roosevelt to explore the efforts by the White House to strengthen the changing nation.

— Erin Wenzler '06 (CLAS)

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Save the Date Reunion Weekend June 10 & 11, 2005

Classes of 1940, 1945, 1950,
1955 & 1980

Mark the dates on your calendar! The Reunion Weekend schedule will include tours of campus, keynote speakers, museum tours, a dinner Friday evening where the classes of 1955 and 1980 gifts will be presented and a New England Clambake on Saturday afternoon. Check your mail in April for registration information or check our Web site,

www.uconnalumni.com, for program updates. There will also be a Student Union/Student Leader Alumni Reunion. For more details on this, go to www.subog.uconn.edu

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1940s

Alfred Marder '46 (CLAS) was elected president of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities. He is also president of the U.S. Peace Council and a member of the Secretariat of the World Peace Council.

Jim Patric '48 (CANR) published a book of his wartime experiences, *A Memoir of World War II Aboard a Destroyer* (McFarland & Company, Inc.).

Angelo "Jim" Tiezzi '49 (BUS) was elected national president of The Society of the Third Infantry Division U.S. Army, the oldest continuous Army Veterans Association, at the group's recent reunion in Savannah, Ga.

Hilda Keer Rosenman '49 (CLAS) was presented with the Orange-Milford Beach Honored Member Award from the Connecticut State Division of the American Association of University Women. She is the first to be honored with this special recognition for her many years of service to the A.A.U.W.

1950s

Carlos Fetterolf '50 (CANR) received the 2004 Nancy Foster Habitat Conservation Award from the American Fisheries Society at the University of Wisconsin, recognizing his long-term contributions toward saving marine habitats.

Don Moxley '50 (BUS) and his wife, Dot, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2004. Don also celebrated his 80th birthday in December 2004.

Dick Vining '51 (ED) is the head baseball coach at the Long Island University C.W. Post campus, in his 51st year of college coaching, and a retired associate professor of health science and physical education.

Joann (Matheson) Griswold '54 (NUR) retired in 2001 after 22 years in nursing. She is now enjoying time with her husband and family, including seven grandsons.

Janet (Drescher) Lewis '54 (BUS) retired in July 2004 from Regional School District #14 in Connecticut, where she was the payroll/benefits administrator. She now enjoys leisure time with her grandchildren.

Hannah Korobkin '55 (SAH) is retired and enjoying her children and grandchildren. She is volunteering and participating in the Silver Sneaker program at her Y.M.C.A.

Myron Eisenhaure '56 M.A., '60 (6th year) retired as principal of Avon Public Schools in Avon, Conn. He travels, enjoys his grandchildren and lives in Granby, Conn.

Peninnah (Manchester) Schram '56 (SFA) co-authored a new book, *A Tree in the Garden*. She is associate professor of speech and drama at Stern College of Yeshiva

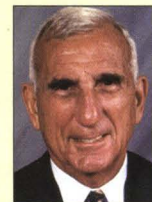
University and is a professional storyteller.

Leonard Seale, Jr. '56 (BUS) was recognized by the Old Timers Athletic Organization in New Canaan, Conn., for track championships he won for New Canaan High School in 1950, '51 and '52.

William Rollinson '58 (RHSA) retired from the USDA Forest Service after 44 years of service. He lives in Shelton, Conn.

Bill Dunn '59 M.S. and his wife, Jane, recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. They have five children: William, Timmy, Jeremiah, Cornelius and Kathryn Mary Scott.

1960s



Gregory Apkarian '60 M.A. retired to Englewood, Fla., after 43 years of service in overseas locations for the U.S. Department of Defense.

William Howard, Jr. '60 (CLAS) filled five notebooks recording experiences and impressions playing 1,200 golf courses in all 50 states and in 21 countries. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo., with his wife, Dolores.

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

PROFILE

A legal learning experience

Serving as the first female president of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association was a learning experience for **Kathleen Lenehan Nastri '83 (BUS), '86 J.D.**

Attorneys are trained to be advocates for their clients, not to negotiate political compromises, says Nastri, a partner in the firm Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder, P.C. in Bridgeport, who led the trial lawyers association in 2004. Her term was highlighted by the group's legislative efforts on the issue of limiting medical malpractice awards when she appeared before the Connecticut General Assembly to provide testimony and answer questions before legislators.

"It requires a completely different skill set," she says of learning first hand about the legislative process. "It goes completely against the grain of what lawyers are trained to do. Rather than defend your client, you have to be very diplomatic."

Nastri says her experiences provided new insights on what will be needed in the future by lawyers as the resolution of legal matters moves away from courtroom trials to the increasing trend of negotiated settlements.



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"I think it's going to be more and more important for lawyers to learn those skills as we move away from traditional courtroom resolutions," she says. "Not all lawyers are cut out for it. For the most part, it is a skill that most of us are better to have."

Nastri's interest in law originated from time spent with her uncle, John McKenna '70 J.D., who served as general counsel for UConn from 1977 to 1982. He also represented the UConn Alumni Association for 10 years.

"He was a big part of my motivation to go to UConn and then to law school," Nastri says, noting that during her first year at the UConn School of Law, she lived in McKenna's home, where they had long discussions about the law. Talking about the law and UConn with family members would be an ongoing theme for Nastri. Her husband, Robert Nastri '85 J.D., is a trial lawyer; her brother Kevin Lenehan '82 (BUS), '84 M.B.A., '01 J.D., followed in her footsteps; as did Kevin's wife, Mary Lenehan '84 (ED), '95 J.D.

Nastri continues to use her new skills by working on the medical malpractice issue for the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association in Hartford during the current session of the General Assembly. — *Mary Anne Chute Lynch, '76 (CLAS)*

Robert Blair '61 (BUS) retired from International Business Machines after a 39-year career in sales/sales management.

Jeff Ossen '62 (CLAS), '66 M.A. married Eileen Moran. He is the owner and developer of manufactured housing residential communities and was honored by Windham Community Memorial Hospital in Willimantic, Conn., as Philanthropist of the Year.

Michael Velgouse, Jr. '62 (BUS) retired after 40 years in banking, the last eight as vice president and senior operations officer at Essex (Conn.) Savings Bank. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Westbrook, Conn.

David Chase '63 (BUS) closed his photography studio and retired in 1999. He married Janet Harwood the same year. He was recently elected



president of the Rotary Club of Winchester, Mass.

Jean Marzollo '64 (CLAS) was recognized by the Association of Jewish Libraries, which selected her book *Daniel in the Lions' Den* as a Sydney Taylor Honor Book for 2004. The book is one of a series of Bible stories she wrote, which were also named 2004 Notable Books of Jewish Content.

Robert Nielsen '64 (ED), '67 M.A. was honored at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Service Awards program. In addition to teaching an occasional class at UMBC, he has taught criminal justice classes at Catonsville Community College and served on the Governor's Executive Advisory Council for several years.

Ellen (Hodgson) O'Shaughnessy '66 (SFA), '71 M.A. teaches seventh and eighth grade math and algebra at Tolland Middle School. Ellen

and her husband, **John O'Shaughnessy '66 (ED)**, an insurance agent at Farm Family Insurance Co., have three children and live in Ellington, Conn.

Lee Greif '67 (CLAS), '70 J.D. is chairman of the board of Sequoia Corporation, an investment company. He lives in Kansas City, Mo., with his wife, Amy, and three children.

Charles Lipson '67 (BUS) is the senior vice president of Advest, Inc., in Bedminster, N.J. He lives in Monroe Township, N.J., and spends his winters in Palm Desert, Calif.

Dick Pirozzolo '67 (SFA) owns Pirozzolo Company Public Relations. His company has been retained by RYPOS, which makes diesel emission control systems, to create and manage a comprehensive marketing campaign.

Mark Lazaroski '68 (RHSA) was elected to a two-year term

as vice president of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference. He is the director of cemeteries for the Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y.

Carol Milardo '68 (NUR) is the director of professional services at the Heartland Hospice in West Covina, Calif. She and her husband visited Yucatan, Mexico, this past year.

Lynn (Schwartz) Durham '69 (NUR) spoke about spirituality and health care at Congress 2004, a national nurse manager conference in Chicago, Ill.

Jerry Lieberman '69 (BUS) is the president and chief operating officer of Alliance Capital Management. He and his wife live in Harrison, N.Y.

Dani Palumbo '69 (ED) retired from a 25-year career in main-frame programming at the Hartford Financial Services Group. She is currently studying to pursue a new career in art.

1970s

Raymond Freedman '70 (SFA)



is active in music and special education. He continues to write and perform chamber, solo piano and choral music.

He and his wife, Kathy, live in Eugene, Ore.

Edward Nusbaum '70 (CLAS) is included in the 2005-06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He lives in Weston, Conn., with his wife, Kathleen, and sons, Jesse and Cody.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

Richard Newton '28
 Evelyn (Trowbridge) Smith '32
 Benton Berman '40
 Ralph Sand '42
 Louise Sevin Ackerman '43
 Thomas Calkins '50
 Donald Griswold '53
 Bruce Ley '55
 Richard Barnes '56
 William Moore '57
 Peter Schoech '59
 Richard Holdt '64
 Cynthia Sanborn '64
 Robert Forkey '67
 Glenn A. Goldberg '69
 Marianne (Bally) Walker '75
 Joyce Kingsbury-Howe '77
 Edward Tomaszycycki '77
 Alan Lehto '83
 Mary Elizabeth Kennedy '94

FACULTY

Fred Kort
 John Stock

STUDENTS

Brett Bashaw '05
 Jessica Kolaric '05

John Foerster '71 Ph.D. retired from the U.S. Naval Academy oceanography department after 26 years of teaching and research. He received the Navy Civilian Commendation Award for exemplary service. He lives in Millersville, Md.

Leland McElrath '71 (6th year) retired from the Woodbridge, Conn., school system after 44 years of teaching.

D. Wesley Slate, Jr. '72 (CLAS) is a major account executive/interconnect for Paetec Communications in Waltham, Mass.

Jim Thorpe '72 (CLAS) is the vice president and general manager of the Tennessee and Kentucky markets for Cingular Wireless. He lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Gregory Boyko '73 (BUS), '78 J.D. is the executive vice president of Hartford Life, Inc.

Janice (Berens) Killian '73 M.A. is the chair of music education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, and is the immediate past head of the college division of the Texas Music Educators Association.

Marc Nemeth '73 (BUS), '84 M.B.A. was elected chairman of the board of directors at MidState Medical Center in central Connecticut. He is president of Jonal Laboratories in Meriden, Conn., and lives in Berlin, Conn., with his wife, Jean, and their three children.

Joseph Maltese '74 (CLAS) was promoted to senior traumatic brain injury counselor at the Birmingham Group in Ansonia, Conn. He is married and lives in West Haven, Conn.

Mark Carroll '75 (BUS) retired as an assistant United States attorney and is now counsel to the U.S. House Appropriations Committee.

Brenda Faye Collie '75 M.A. put on a production of her play, *In the Playwright's Room*, in February 2005.

Patricia (Bloom) McGraw '75 Ph.D. has taught at Cape Cod Community College for 27 years and is married to a minister. They each have two adult children and two grandchildren.

Reid Mitchell '75 (ENG) is the project quality control manager of construction for M. A. Mortenson at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn.

George Seabourne '75 (CLAS) was elected chairman of the board of directors of Thomaston Savings Bank of Thomaston, Conn.

Kevin Bohacs, '76 (CLAS) was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of America in recognition of his contributions to the field. He is a senior research associate at ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company in Houston, Texas.

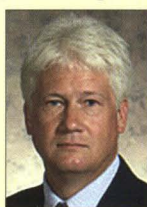
Joseph Conetta '76 (BUS) is a group finance/financial reporting manager for General Reinsurance Corporation in Stamford, Conn.



Thomas Shea '76 M.B.A. is the managing director and head of the New England office for Pearl Meyer & Partners in Marlborough, Mass.

Jane (Giannuzzi) Hutchinson '77 (SAH), '80 M.A. is a R&B, jazz, and pop singer/performer as well as a self-employed antique dealer. She is the mother of three sons.

James Rapacki '77 (ENG) is a project engineer for United Technologies Corporation, where he has worked for 25 years. He is currently



developing the gas turbine fuel metering and control system for the joint strike fighter aircraft. He lives in Enfield, Conn., with his wife, Patricia, and children Christopher, Erin and Kathryn.

Daniel Salmon '77 (CANR) was awarded the 2004 Rockland County (N.Y.) Volunteer of the Year Award from the Rockland Development Council. He is the president of L.S.K. Smoked Turkey Products, Bronx, N.Y. He and his wife, **Eleanor Blume '77 (CANR)**, an emergency medical technician and first aid instructor, have three children.

Lynn (Hintz) Compton '78 (ED) received the 2004 Hillsborough County Environmental Teacher for establishing outdoor learning at the Peterborough Elementary School in Peterborough, N.H., where she has worked for 20 years, teaching music and art.

Les Granow '78 (BUS) is the managing director in Los Angeles, Calif., for Giuliani Capital Advisors. He lives with his wife, Deborah, and three children in Manhattan Beach, Calif.



Loretta Jean Rivers '78 (CLAS) recently completed a documentary on the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry and Puppet Arts Program at UConn.

Christine Murphy '79 (BUS) is a senior executive sales representative for Glaxo Smith Kline Pharmaceuticals. She and her husband, Angelo, and sons Evan, 15, and Andre, 12, live in Southbury, Conn.

Robert Summa '79 (BUS) is the national sales manager for Independent Financial Marketing Group, Inc. He lives in New Hartford, Conn., with his wife and two children.

1980s



Tony Bland '80 (BUS) is a registered investment advisor, personal finance expert, and consumer advocate, published the book *Six Steps to Financial Fitness*.

William Cantin '80 (CLAS), '80 (NUR) retired as a lieutenant commander after 24 years of military service. A champion runner in high school and at UConn, he was inducted into the Enfield (Conn.) Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. He and his wife, Mary, live in Enfield.

Robert Gasparini '80 (CLAS) has been appointed president and chief science officer of NeoGenomics, Inc. He has also been appointed to the company's board of directors.



Robyn Haegel-Hill '80 (CLAS) is the vice president of human resources for Moen Incorporated in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Brian Lord '80 (ENG) and his wife, Katherine Lee, announce the birth of their child, Kaila, on July 15, 2003. The couple married in September 2000.

Elizabeth (Mopsy) Matthews '80 M.D. is the medical director of Children's Medical Services at the New Mexico Department of Health.

Ray Petty '80 (6th year) is a professor of education at Inter American University of Puerto Rico, specializing in conferences on classroom management throughout Latin America.

Houston Putnam Lowry '80 M.B.A. is the Freeman



of the City of London and is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators in London, England.

Russ St. John '80 (ENG), '85 M.B.A. is the senior vice president of product development and marketing at Katun Corporation in Minneapolis, Minn.

Jim Condon '81 (CLAS) was elected to the Vermont legislature, where he is serving as state representative from the Town of Colchester.



David Dvorak '81 (CANR) recently purchased a 40 acre horse ranch. He is a co-owner of a liquor store in

Wichita, Kan. He and his wife, Jayne, live in Augusta, Kan.

Brian Doyle '81 (BUS) is the founder and director of Vision New England Men's Ministries, which was awarded the 2004 National Ministry of the Year award by the National Coalition of Men's Ministries. He and his wife, Barbara, and their five children live in West Hartford, Conn.



Kerri Mansberg '81 (CANR), '86 M.B.A. is the head of marketing and product development for Aetna Dental.

Sue Brenchley '82 M.A. is the coordinator of community based programs for Choptank Community Health Systems in Denton, Md.

Felice Duffy '82 (CLAS), '87 M.A., '91 Ph.D. is an associate at the law firm of Zeldes, Needle & Cooper in Bridgeport, Conn.

PROFILE

Artfully helping young cancer patients

Helping children with cancer is a mission of joy for **Kevin Rice '93 (CLAS)**. As director of outreach and art programs for the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, Rice travels around New England visiting children hospitalized with cancer and other serious illnesses.

Rice divides his time between Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Yale-New Haven Hospital, the Floating Hospital in Boston, and private physician offices, often speaking with parents or providing them with some respite from caring for their child.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, Conn., is a free summer program for children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases founded by actor Paul Newman. Fully staffed with doctors and nurses, the camp also offers experiences such as swimming, games and arts and crafts.

Rice, who earned a communication sciences degree, works with patients, using many of the skills he learned at UConn as a campus orientation leader and member of the marching band. He began providing therapeutic art to patients while volunteering as a camp counselor when Eileen Gillan, medical director of the camp at the time, asked him to paint with her patients.

"I worked arts and crafts with the same work ethic that you would work a job," Rice says. "I had no idea what I was doing, but I loved it." Rice walks into a child's room and notices what he or she is interested in, such as a picture of Spider-man on the wall, and they may begin working together to draw their own



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picture of the comic super hero. His visit offers children a welcome break from medical questions or at times painful treatments.

"You make amazing connections when you're sitting and painting," Rice says. "I don't want anything from them, I'm a safe zone. I divert the kids from their time in the hospital."

Gillan, now a pediatric hematologist at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, says Rice's skill working with patients is unique.

"Kevin is a magician in every sense of the word," she says. "He is not caring for them medically, so he can connect with them and discuss their feelings in a way that we can't. He's absolutely wonderful. I wish we had five more of him." — *Alix Boyle*

PROFILE

A personal and professional UConn connection

For **Carrie Musil '01 (SFS)**, a continuing connection with UConn is both personal and professional.

"[After graduation] I knew that I wanted to continue to be part of the UConn family," says Musil. "UConn is the basis for my growth and development. My intellectual curiosity was inspired, and I made lifelong friendships and professional contacts at UConn."

Musil works at the Community Health Center, Inc., in Middletown and manages its Connecticut Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program. The state and federally funded program provides screening for uninsured and underinsured women throughout Connecticut. Since last year, Musil has been working in partnership with the UConn Health Center on a pilot study aimed at reducing



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barriers to mammography and breast care in African American women.

She is also an active member of the UConn Alumni Association, serving as an officer of the New Haven Chapter, where she helps to organize activities and events.

Musil says when she arrived at UConn from a small high school in New Hampshire, she was initially concerned about how soon she would adjust to life on a larger campus. However she quickly became involved with new friends and activities and before long was helping others do the same as a Husky ambassador, working to introduce high school students and incoming freshmen to campus life.

A counseling class stirred Musil's interest in pursuing a degree in human development and family studies, which led to an internship with the Connecticut Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program at the Women's Center for Wellness in Vernon, Conn., and eventually to her current responsibilities statewide. Participation in the program has grown as awareness has increased with many women losing insurance coverage after divorce or having lost their jobs, she says. Media coverage about Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell's cancer surgery also raised awareness.

Musil says her continued involvement with the UConn Alumni Association allows her to keep connected to UConn.

"Being in the workplace has made me realize not only how well my education at UConn prepared me for my career but also how well the entire environment at UConn prepared me for life," she says. — *Karen Singer '73 (CLAS)*

Robert Hagerty '82 (BUS) became a member of the



Million Dollar Advocates Forum, which is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements.

J. Peter Natale '82 (CLAS), '83 (CLAS), '85 M.B.A. is the chief information officer of Becton-Dickinson in Franklin Lakes, N.J.



Jeff Tracy '82 (BUS) is a financial analyst for Northeast Utilities, the largest utility system in New England.

Rosanne Vlandis Leake '82 (CLAS) is director of draught operations and sales for Anheuser-Busch, Inc. She, her husband, Stephen, daughter, Hunter, and son,



Morgan, live in St. Louis, Mo.

Abigail Connors '83 M.A. published the book *101 Rhythm Instrument Activities for Young Children* (Griffon House).

Carolyn Cooper '83 Ph.D. is the director of the Provider Center for the Greater St. Louis, Mo., area. She is affiliated with the Accelerated Schools Project at UConn.

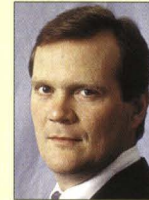
Barry Friedman '83 M.B.A., M.P.A., '91 Ph.D. was elected to a four-year term on the national executive council of the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society in September 2004.

Lt. Col. Richard Gindhart '83 (CLAS) and **Lt. Col. (Select) Ioannis Koskinas '90 (CLAS)** are currently deployed together to the Combined Air Operations Center at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. They served in the

Central Command Area of Responsibility until January 2005.

Scott Leader '83 (PHR) received his Pharm.D. from Kansas University.

John Lucas '83 (SFA) is the creative director for the Cannondale Bicycle Corporation world headquarters in Bethel, Conn.



Bernard Marshall '83 M.S.W. received a Ph.D. in clinical social work from Smith College in 2004. He works for the department of child psychiatry at Bay State Medical Center/Tufts Medical School in Springfield, Mass.

Thomas Perrine '83 (BUS) and **Connie (Egan) Perrine '83 (BUS)** have moved to Roswell, Ga. She is a controller for UPS Capital. He is a school counselor for the Cherokee County School District. They have two children, Colette, 14, and Owen, 5.

Carole-Lynn (DeNigris) Saros '83 (BUS), '89 M.B.A. was recognized as one of the top representatives by InterSecurities, Inc.

Joe Ticotsky '83 (CLAS) opened his own business, JMT Sports Travel, which specializes in travel bookings for youth, high school and college teams. He is the co-owner of The Basketball Factory, a summer overnight camp in Pomfret, Conn.

Scott Winslow '83 (BUS) started Winslow Technology Group LLC in November 2003. He lives in Boston, Mass.

Steven Yates '83 (ENG) received the 2004 Green Circle award from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection in recognition of his contributions to the Connecticut Climate Change Initiative. He is the air compliance manager for

the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. He lives in Killingworth, Conn., with his wife, **Helene (Gianitsos) Yates '82 (BUS)**, and their two children.

Eric Frankel '84 (BUS) is celebrating the 10-year anniversary



of his consulting firm, Frankel Corporate Consulting, specializing in the growth and organizational challenges of

successful mid-sized businesses. He and his wife, Nancy, and their twins, Jacob and Gabrielle, live in Westwood, N.J.

Karen Hammer '84 (SFA) is a self-employed stained glass and leather artisan in north-central Arizona.

Rosemary (Keating) Leitz '84 (BUS) and **Jeffrey Leitz '83 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their son, Desmond Avery, on March 19, 2004. Rosemary is a CPA and an attorney for Northeast Utilities. Jeffrey is a consulting actuary with Towers Perrin. They live in West Hartford, Conn.

Alumni Association Call for Nominations

Do you know an outstanding alum or faculty member?

The UConn Alumni Association has established awards to recognize the outstanding accomplishments 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 our annual awards program. The Awards Gala will be held at the Nafe Katter Theatre on the Storrs campus on October 28, 2005. To obtain a nomination form and a list of past recipients, visit the UConn Alumni Association Web site at www.uconnalumni.com. Deadline for 2005 nominations is April 15, 2005.

Robert Lenhardt '84 (CLAS) is vice chairman of the World Boxing Council Legal Committee. He was also named co-supervisor of a December 2004 world heavyweight championship bout in Las Vegas, Nev., between Vitali Klitschko and Danny Williams.

Michael Narracci '85 (CLAS) is the director for Red Sox Baseball on the New England Sports Network. He won a 2004 New England Emmy Award for live directing and play-by-play coverage of the Red Sox.

Rebecca Tumicki '85 (CLAS) is a high school math teacher in Taif, Saudi Arabia. In her free time she travels through the Middle East and is learning Arabic.

Alan Hurst '86 M.B.A. will begin serving as Rotary district



governor for southern Connecticut on July 1, 2005. He and his wife, State Representative Gail Hamm,

have been married for 29 years and are major donors to the Rotary Foundation.

Jonathan Johnson '86 M.B.A. is the vice president of Merrill Lynch's Global Private Client Group in Farmington, Conn.

Kimberly St. John-Stevenson '86 (CLAS) and her husband, Anthony, announce the birth of daughter, Sydney Lauren, on Oct. 14, 2004. Sydney joins sister, Jessica, 3. The family lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Jean Thibault Castagno '86 (BGS) just finished a year of breast cancer surgeries and treatments at age 73. Her doctors liked her positive, up-beat and fearless attitude.

Ellen Madigan '86 M.P.H. is the executive director of HomeCare and Hospice at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Conn. She has worked in nursing for more than 30 years.

Rick Clark '87 (CLAS) is a first assistant director for the WB television show *One Tree Hill*, filmed in Wilmington, N.C. The show recently featured guest star **Emeka Okafor '04 (BUS)**.



Gerard Coté '87 M.S., '91 Ph.D., a professor of biomedical engineering at Texas A&M, was named the inaugural holder of the Charles H. and Bettye Barclay Professorship in Engineering. He is the head of the department of biomedical engineering.

Mary (Stack) Dunn '87 (BUS) and her husband announce the birth of their third child, Matthew John, on Sept. 4, 2003. Matthew joins brother, Ryan, and sister, Olivia. The family lives in Milford, Conn.

Marc Mercier '87 (CLAS), '91 J.D. and his wife, **Helen Waldron '87 (CLAS)**, announce the birth of a son, Theodore Hodges Mercier, on Sept. 11, 2004, who joins brother, Levi Joseph, 4. Marc is partner at Beck & Eldergill in Manchester, Conn., and Helen is dean of academic affairs at the Forman School in Litchfield, Conn. The family lives in Torrington.

Emeka Nwadiora '87 M.S.W., an associate professor at Temple University's School of Social Administration, was an invited member of the International Conference on Languages held in the Republic of Eritrea.



Beatrice Sheftel '87 (BGS) is a program assistant at the Manchester (Conn.) Senior Center.

Peter Spicer '87 (CLAS) was elected vice president of Chubb & Son, where he is new product manager for Chubb Personal Insurance. He works and lives in Whitehouse Station, N.J.

Pamela Arison Patterson '88 (SFS) and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of a son, Everett Mark, on July 11, 2004. Everett joins sister, Anna Margaret, 2. The family lives in Fairfield, Conn.

George Aylward '88 (BUS) is the senior vice president and chief operating officer of asset management for The Phoenix Companies, Inc., in Hartford, Conn.

Andrew Bray '88 (CLAS), '91 J.D. was admitted to the Florida bar in September 2004 and has joined the firm of Cooney, Mattson, Lance, Blackburn, Richards & O'Connor, P.A. He, his wife, Natalia, and their daughter, Marina, live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

William Hamzy '88 (CLAS) was re-elected to a sixth term as state representative



from the 78th District of Connecticut. He is the assistant minority leader, chair of the Connecticut

Republican Party, and practices law in Bristol, Conn., at the firm of Hamzy & Conlin, LLC.

Leslie (Farrow) Hutchinson '88 (BUS) and her husband, David, announce the birth of their daughter, Natalie Mozelle Hutchinson, on Oct. 22, 2004. She joins brothers, Kyle, 4, Timothy, 4, and Garrett, 1. The family lives in Herndon, Va.

Kerri McManus '89 (CLAS) is the manager of accreditation services for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in Tampa, Fla.

Kaia Vayenas '88 (CLAS) is the assistant vice president of e-commerce development at Banknorth Group, Inc., in Falmouth, Maine.

Eric Yuhas '88 (ED) is the assistant principal of the Sound



School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center of New Haven, Conn. He and **Patricia (Majchrzak) Lafayllve '97**

(CLAS) were married in August 2004 and live in New Haven.

Dena Cocuzza O'Hara '89 (CLAS) and her husband, Keith, completed the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 10, 2004. She teaches Spanish at Edgebrook Elementary in Chicago, Ill., and continues her tennis business. The couple lives in McHenry, Ill., with their children Dylan, K.C., Rhone, Duun and Teagan.

Margaret Forgione '89 (SFS) and her husband, **Mark Chernauskas '87 (BUS)**, announce the birth of their daughter, Tess Madeline Chernauskas, on March 1, 2004.

Beth Lucci '89 (SAH) is the director of rehab operations for Flex Rehab Inc., which provides service for upscale retirement communities.

Sherry (Coppola) Nolan '89 (SFS) is the resources director for the Pacific northwest region at Pepsi Bottling Group. She lives in Livermore, Calif., with her husband, John, and daughter, Julia.

Marie (Santos) Ritter '89 (BUS) and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Raymond, on March 17, 2004. Nicholas joins his sisters, Olivia, 5, and Carly, 3.

1990s

Steven Baden '90 M.A. received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Iowa in December 2004. He is a visiting lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, in Dartmouth, Mass.

Julie (Letendre) Burrey '90 (CLAS) married Michael Burrey in November 2003. The couple lives in Plymouth, Mass., where they own a restoration carpentry business.

Lawrence Davis '90 (CLAS), '01 M.A., '01 Ph.D. has been appointed to a tenure-track position as assistant professor of history at North Shore

Community College in Lynn, Mass. He lives in Salem, Mass., with his wife, Donna, and son, Harrison.

Lisa Ellin '90 (CLAS) owns a technology staffing and consulting company, Safari Staffing LLC. She would like to hear from former classmates at lisa_ellin@hotmail.com.

Amy (Brouwer) Gahan '90 (SAH) and her husband, Jamie, announce the birth of their son, Ian Benjamin, on Oct. 17, 2004. Ian joins his brother, Patrick Maxwell, 1. She is a physical therapist at the VNA of Southern Worcester County in Webster, Mass. The family lives in Whitinsville, Mass.

Carol (Cox) Leary '90 (BUS) received her Ph.D. in business administration in May 2003.

Seth Messinger '90 (CLAS), an assistant professor at the University of Maryland, and his wife, Tracy, announce the birth of their son, Caleb Aaron, on Sept. 14, 2004.

Stephen Reffel '90 (CLAS) and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Parsons Reffel, on June 29, 2004. The family lives in Milford, Mass.

Dana (Rudd) Ricard '90 (CLAS) is a realtor with John R. Wood in Naples, Fla., where she lives with her husband of six years, Eric Ricard, and two daughters, Olivia, 3, and Alexis, 1.

Asim Zaheer '90 (BUS), vice president of marketing at Archivas, Inc., in Boston, Mass., was elected vice chairman to the board of directors of the Data Management Forum.



Joseph Coppola '91 (CLAS) and **Linda (Seeds) Coppola '93 (ENG), '01 M.B.A.** announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn Victoria Coppola, on Sept. 3, 2004. Kaitlyn joins triplet siblings Thomas, Daniel and

Alexandra. Joseph is a lieutenant with the Norwalk Fire Department.



Philip Dukes '91 (CLAS), '99 M.B.A. is the counsel for policy for Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell.

Kim (Fine) Jackson '91 (CLAS) and **Jeremy Jackson '88 (CLAS)** and their daughter, Leah, moved from Atlanta to West Hartford, Conn., where Kim is a fifth-grade teacher at Morley Elementary School. Jeremy has started a career in financial services at ING Financial in Hartford.

James Kaiser '91 (CLAS) completed the Ironman Triathlon in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Jonathan Kaplan '91 (CLAS) and his wife, Sharon, announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Noa, on May 22, 2004. She joins her brother, Jonah. Jonathan has been the president of the UConn Alumni Association Arizona Chapter since March 2002. The family lives in Surprise, Ariz.

Michele (Marchetti) Kennedy '91 (CLAS) married John Kennedy in 2002. The couple announce the birth of a son, Gavin Thomas Kennedy, on Dec. 4, 2003. The family lives in Simsbury, Conn.

Jack Lynch '91 (CLAS) and his wife, **Nell-Ayn (Aloi) Lynch '91 (ED)** announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Patricia, on July 14, 2004. Mary joins her brother, Jack, 5, and sister, Brady-Ayn, 4. The family lives in Trumbull, Conn.

Kristin (Curry) Malavenda '91 (CLAS) is the news host/producer at WBAA, the National Public Radio station at Purdue University. She lives in West Lafayette, Ind., with her husband, **Pablo Malavenda '84 (CLAS), '92 M.A.**, and their two children Max, 6, and Zoe, 4.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

For as long as brothers **Philip Wrinn '85 (ENG)**, right, and **Jonathan Wrinn '83 (CLAS), '83 (CANR)** served as officers in the U.S. Air Force, they had never shared an official assignment together on the same day, until Oct. 29, 2004. On that day, they were both honored during a joint promotion and retirement ceremony at Moody Air Force Base, near Valdosta, Ga. Lt. Col. Jonathan Wrinn retired to take a management position with Raytheon Aircraft, following a distinguished career as a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours

of flight time, including 223 missions during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Maj. Philip Wrinn was promoted to lieutenant colonel as a senior pilot with more than 4,000 hours of flight time, including 20 combat sorties and 200 combat hours in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.



Mary (Madden) Rinaldi '91 (CLAS) and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of identical twin girls, Amelia and Jillian, in June 2004.

Heather (Brumfield) Spottiswoode '91 (CLAS) and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their son, Dylan, born June 5, 2004. He joins his big sister, Caitrin, 4. Heather is a program manager for the Neag Center for Gifted Education & Talent Development at UConn. The family lives in Mansfield Center, Conn.

Julie (Zembrzusi) Wilkins '91 (SFS) and her husband, David, announce the birth of a son, Ryan Eric, on Sept. 21, 2004. Ryan Eric joins his brother, Zachary.

Karl Wurst '91 M.S., '04 Ph.D. received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of computer science at Worcester State College and has been appointed chair of the computer science department.

Bob Banning '92 (ENG) and **Barbara Poole Banning '94 (PHR)** announce the birth of a son, Maxwell Orrin, on Aug. 1, 2004.

Cornelius Benton '92 (CLAS) is the owner of Benton Development, Inc., a real estate land developer/building contractor. He and his wife, Mari, have three children, Jasmine, Cody and Tyler.

Katherine Capshaw Smith '92 M.A., '00 Ph.D. published the book *Children's Literature of the Harlem Renaissance* (Indiana University Press). She is an assistant professor of English at UConn, where she teaches children's and African American literature.

John Congiu '92 (CLAS) and **Susan (Duttweiler) Congiu '92 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their son, Mario Congiu, on Aug. 5, 2004. Mario joins big sister, Laura Veronica, 2. The family lives in Oxford, Conn.

Benjamin Doto III '92 (ENG) and **Cynthia (Wemmer) Doto '92 (ENG)** announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Doto IV, on Sept. 15, 2003. The family lives in Danbury, Conn. He owns a civil engineering practice.

Andy Gere '92 (ENG) and his wife, **Nancy (Rubelmann) Gere '88 (BUS)**, announce the birth of their son, Robert Andrew, on March 30, 2004, who joins his sister, Jillian. Andy is the director of water quality and operations for San Jose Water Company. Nancy is the director of communication and marketing for Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. The family lives in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Greg Hatzis '92 (CLAS), '97 M.A., '98 M.A. married Susan Lepore in 2003. He is the housemaster (assistant principal) at Fairfield Ludlowe High School in Fairfield, Conn.

Robert Horton '92 M.B.A. is on the financial news analysis team of the real-time audio news network Trade The News.

Christopher Long '92 (CLAS) and Jennifer Ludlow were married in July 2004. He is an assistant professor at the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. The couple lives in St. Louis, Mo.



Marlo Marrero '92 (SFA) exhibited a series of self-portraits in photography, *The Other Side of Time*, at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn.

Donna (Germano) Phillips '92 (SFS) and her husband, Mark Phillips, announce the birth of a daughter, Gabriella Noelle Phillips, on Sept. 18, 2004. Gabriella joins sisters, Alexandra Marie, 6, and Samantha Rose, 3. The family lives in Norwalk, Conn.

Sharon (Rosenberg) Rosenberg-Scholl '92 (ED) and Tina Rosenberg-Scholl

announce the birth of their son, Ian Joseph, on Oct. 15, 2004. They are both teachers and live in Minnesota.

Jason Russell '92 (CLAS) and **Jennifer (Bidwell) Russell '92 (CLAS)** recently returned from China where they adopted their daughter, Allyson Jill Jain Juan Russell, 1, who joins her big brother, Tommy, 2, and sister, Sara, 4. The family lives in Westfield, Mass.

Tara (Gregoloff) Sokol '92 (BUS) and her husband, Max, announce the birth of a daughter, Morgan Christine, on Oct. 13, 2003. Morgan joins big sister, Carlyn.

Roger Spear '92 (BGS) is the risk manager for the city of Bristol, Conn.

Ronald Steben '92 (SFS) and his wife, Ayumi, announce the birth of a son, Raymond Yuji Steben, on Nov. 11, 2004. The family lives in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii.

Cheryl Wajdowicz Kelly '92 (BUS) and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on April 5, 2004. The family lives in Stamford, Conn.

Ellen Barrett '93 (CLAS) and **Steve Inglese '93 (BUS)** eloped to Pony, Mont., in July 2004. The couple lives in New Haven, Conn.

Alison (Fine) Berks '93 (CLAS) and her husband, Lance, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Ethan, on Sept. 17, 2004.



Carrie (West) Bloomer '93 (BUS) is a partner at Deloitte Touche in accounting research in the firm's national office in Wilton, Conn.

Beth (Lindsay) Chapman '93 (BUS) opened The White Dress By The Shore, a bridal boutique in Clinton, Conn.

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Bethany (Samuelson) Olson '93 (CLAS) and **Michael Olson '92 (RHSA)** announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on Aug. 10, 2004. The family lives in New Braintree, Mass.

Frank Pace '93 (CLAS) and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Jean, on Sept. 22, 2004. The family lives in West Warwick, R.I.

Bryan Place '93 (CLAS) was selected by *Medical Economics* magazine as one of the 150 best financial advisors for doctors. His office, Place Financial Advisors, is in Manlius, N.Y.

Lisa Riolo '93 Ph.D. is department chair and Frances Ekstam Professor of Physical Therapy at Indiana University in Indianapolis. She and her husband,



Mark, enjoy traveling and have completed mountain treks throughout the world.

Megan (Moeller) Schumann '93 (SFS) and **Robert Schumann '91 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their son, Ryan Graham, on April 5, 2004. Ryan joins his brother, Evan Thomas, 2. The family lives in Orange, Conn.

Allie (Shemain) Springer '93 (CLAS) married David Springer on Sept. 4, 2004. The couple lives in New York, N.Y., and Charlotte, N.C.

Gloria (Olszewski) Tardif '93 (SFS), '01 M.S.W. resigned from the State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families after 10 years of service. She is currently a school social worker in the Bloomfield, Conn., public schools.

Alonzo Virgil '93 (CLAS) is the president and founder of ACHIEVE LLC.

Katie Wagemaker Baker '93 (CLAS) and **Kevin Baker '93 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan Elizabeth, on Nov. 23, 2004.

Shawn Gomer '94 M.A. received her Ph.D. in sports psychology from Temple University in May 2004.

Desarae Latino '94 (ED) and her husband, Ian Davis, announce the birth of Aiden Edward, on Dec. 12, 2003. Desarae is an athletic trainer for the men's basketball and men's baseball teams at UConn's Avery Point campus and is a special education teacher for a middle school in Groton, Conn. The family lives in Groton.

Sandra Philipson '94 (6th year) published her fifth Max and Annie children's book, *Max's Rules*. The dogs are also the stars of the family film *Miracle Dogs*, for which she served as executive producer.

John Pratt '94 (CLAS) announces the birth of Connor Thomas Pratt, on May 16, 2004. Connor joins brother, Navarre, and sister, Jessica. John is a senior software developer at Mystic Logistics in Glastonbury, Conn. The family lives in Wethersfield, Conn.

Brian Shames '94 M.D., a transplant surgeon, is the assistant professor of surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin and on the medical staff of Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis.



Carey Beyor '95 (CLAS) is a clinician at a residential program for teenage girls at CREC- Polaris Center in East Hartford, Conn. She is also a clinical associate at a group practice in Tolland, Conn.

Paula Fahy Ostrop '95 (ED), '97 M.A. announces the launch of pfo Consulting LLC. Services include sponsorship development, custom publishing, advertising sales training, design and media buying.

Luis Gabriel Villaronga '95 M.A., '00 Ph.D. published *Toward a Discourse of Consent*, a book about mass mobilization in Puerto Rico during the New Deal era (Greenwood Publishing Group).

Kimberly (Corini) Goodman '95 (CLAS) and **Steven Goodman '94 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Nicole, on Sept. 10, 2004. Emily joins her brother, Matthew.

Becky (Ardwin) Homiski '95 (SFA) and **Scott Homiski '96 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their daughter, Claudia Renée, on July 16, 2004. The family lives in Milford, Conn.

Randall Jarvis '95 (CLAS) and **Kelly (Langdon) Jarvis '95 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their son, Reilly Kevin Langdon Jarvis, on Aug. 14, 2004. Reilly joins brother, Keegan, 4. Randall is a management and reporting analyst at CIGNA HealthCare in Bloomfield, Conn., and a tax advisor and financial planner at Langdon & Langdon Financial Services in Southington, Conn. Kelly is an English teacher at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. The family lives in Southington.

Colleen O'Loughlin '95 (CLAS) was honored for her commitment to pro bono work by inMotion, a New York City-based non-profit organization. She is a lawyer in the New York office of King & Spalding LLP.

Agnes Roginski '95 (CLAS) has joined U.S. Trust in their Greenwich, Conn., office as an assistant vice president and manager in the Private Banking Group.

Tracey (Caulfield) Scraba '95 (BUS), '04 J.D. joined the law firm of Robinson & Cole LLP of Hartford, Conn., as an associate.

Kathryn Talty Maxwell '95 (CANR) and her husband, Jon Talty, announce the birth of their daughter, Jane Maxwell Talty, on Feb. 21, 2004. The family lives in Winnetka, Ill.

Michael McGlynn '95 (BUS) and **Janice (Banche) McGlynn '93 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their son, Sean Russell, on Nov. 12, 2004. Sean joins his sister, Julia, 3. Michael is the director of professional services for BTS Partners in Boston, Mass.

Jim Nichols '95 M.S. is the public works director for the city of Surprise, Ariz. He would like to hear from old friends at JRN1966@cox.net.

Doug Watson '95 (CLAS) and **Rebekah (Lippman) Watson '94 (PHR)** announce the birth of their son, Alexander, in July 2004. He joins brother, Matthew, 2. Doug is a case manager at Aetna. Rebekah is working in the drug information center at AstraZeneca. The family lives in West Chester, Pa.

Jessica (Heeney) Bender '96 (CLAS) and her husband, J. C. Bender, announce the opening of their new outpatient physical therapy clinic in Ballston Lake, N.Y., called Bender Rehab. The couple lives in Matta, N.Y.

Patricia Brauer '96 (ED) married Chris Reilly in April 2004. She is a pediatric oncology nurse at Columbia Presbyterian. The couple lives in Pearl River, N.Y.

Mark Milewski '96 M.A. is a student in the teacher preparation program at Yale University.

Airen Miller '96 (SFA) is a professional photographer and has recently photographed in England and Ireland. He and his wife, Patricia, have a son, Bourdi Mohawk Miller.

Stephen Van Horn '96 Ph.D., assistant professor of geology at Muskingham College in Ohio, received the Key to the City of Cambridge, Ohio, in recognition of his role in the work he did on behalf of Muskingham College with Cambridge to complete a wide range of important projects in city planning.



Stephen Varga '96 (CLAS) and **Sara Tapke '00 (ED), '01 M.A.** were married in July 2004. He works for Boardwalk Auto Sales and she is an elementary school teacher for Ellington (Conn.) Public Schools. They live in Ellington.

Michael Ances '97 (ED) and his wife, Leigh, announce the birth of their son, Spencer Metcalf, on May 14, 2004. Spencer joins brother, Hunter, 2. Michael teaches middle school in Monroe, Conn. The family lives in Southbury, Conn.

Robert Butler '97 (BGS) is a captain in the 1st Company Governor's Foot Guard State Militia. He served with the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division and has completed 12 years with the Connecticut National Guard.

Adam Cormier '97 (CLAS) and his wife, Pamela, announce the birth of their daughter, Kaya Elizabeth Cormier, on March 30, 2004.



Robert Fluskey, Jr. '97 (CLAS) is in the business litigation practice group for Hodgson Russ LLP in Buffalo, N.Y.

Amelia Hinchliffe '97 (CLAS) and **Carl "Tim" Mercier '95 (ENG)** announce the birth of their son, Carl John Mercier, on July 20, 2004. He is a project engineer with Pratt & Whitney Hollow Fan Blade Business Center. She is the manager of Computer & Copy Services

for the UConn Libraries. The family lives in Willington, Conn.

Richard Inzitari '97 (CLAS) and his wife, **Jody (Mastropetre) Inzitari '98 (NUR)**, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Kathryn, on May 10, 2004.

Felicia (Piscitelli) Liebler '97 (CLAS), '99 M.A. married **William Liebler '97 (CLAS)**, '00 M.B.A. in July 2003. She is a social studies teacher at Brookfield High School, and he is a fixed income trader at ING in Hartford, Conn. The couple lives in Southington, Conn.

Susan Mangiero '97 Ph.D. published the book *Risk Management for Pensions, Endowments, and Foundations* (John Wiley & Sons).

Brian Schulz '97 (CLAS) is an associate producer and cinematographer for Major League Baseball Productions, the in-house television and film unit of Major League Baseball.

Matthew Silberberg '97 (SAH) and **Melissa (Ross) Silberberg '98 (ED)**, '99 M.A. announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Rose, on Aug. 12, 2004. The family lives in Manchester, Conn.

Kristin Tierney '97 (SAH) received her M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in May 2003.

Kristin Volpe '97 M.A. married **Bryan Lentini '01 Pharm.D.** in July 2004. She teaches first grade in Wallingford, Conn. He is a pharmacist in Portland, Conn.

Nicole (Perras) Fuller '98 (SAH) married **Greg Fuller '97 (ED)** in May 2003.

Marit Knollmueller '98 (CLAS) completed her M.A. in cinema studies and certificate in museum studies at New York University in 2002. She began a Ph.D. program in film studies at the University of Kent, Canterbury, England, in 2004.

Tara (Richards) Linton '98 (CLAS) married Joshua Linton in June 2004. She is a sales manager with All Star Incentive Marketing in Sturbridge, Mass. The couple lives in Millis, Mass.

Sara Lovering Anderson '98 (CLAS) announces her engagement to Stan Piaseczynski. She is a media producer at Addison-Wesley in Boston, Mass.

Kenneth Buck '98 (CLAS) completed his Ph.D. in cell biology/neuroscience at Rutgers University/UMDNJ. He is a postdoctoral associate at Yale University.

John Nitz '98 (BUS) and his wife, Linda, announce the birth of a son, Colby Joseph Nitz, on June 30, 2004. Colby joins his brothers James, 13, and Kyle, 11. John is a real estate appraiser with an MAI designation, operating his own business. His business and family reside in Southington, Conn.

Catherine Wall '98 (BUS) graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law in May 2004. She is working in the legal department of Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc., in Southport, Conn.

Heidi Winsor Darling '98 (CLAS) is an associate in Evans & Dixon, LLC's Workers' Compensation Practice. She lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Rajesh Asok '99 M.B.A. married Suneetha Selvam in May 2004. The couple lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

Neal Broverman '99 (CLAS) joined the editorial staff at LPI Media, publishers of *The Advocate*, *OUT*, and *OUT Traveler* magazines. He lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Daniel Edwards (BUS) '99 married **Monica Fortier '98 (ED)**, M.A. '99 in August 2004.

He works for Chubb Insurance and she is a teacher for the Glastonbury Board of Education. The couple lives in South Windsor, Conn.

George Neyarapally '99 (BUS) graduated with a Pharm.D. from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in May 2004.

Everett P'an '99 (CLAS) married Kyla Reynolds in June 2004. He is a business development manager for Piper Rudnick LLP. The couple lives in Alexandria, Va.

Ryan Roth '99 (CLAS), '02 J.D. married **Elizabeth Peterson '00 (CANR)** in June 2004. She is a graduate student studying pathobiology at Brown University, and he is an associate at Bingham McCutchen LLP in Hartford. The couple lives in Norwich, Conn.

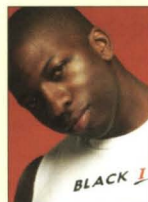
2000s

Rosario Diaz '00 (BGS) is the payroll counselor for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Stephanie Foran '00 (ED), '01 M.A. and **Eric Barrett '00 (CLAS)** were married in May 2004 at UConn's South Campus, where they first met. He is pursuing a doctorate in chemistry at Penn State University and she is an English as a second language teacher and community college instructor. They live in State College, Pa.

Lisa Henry '00 (CLAS) married Edward Smith III in October 2004. She is completing her master's degree in counseling at Seton Hall University. The couple lives in Stamford, Conn.

Collin Spencer '00 (BUS) owns and operates a Web and graphic media firm called SCOER Media and founded a company called MINORITEES, which designs and markets T-shirts.



Sherry (Brody) Copperthite '01 (ED), '02 M.A. married **Jeff Copperthite '03 (BGS)** in July 2004. The couple lives in Fairfield, Conn. She teaches third grade at the Unquowa School in Fairfield, Conn., and he teaches math at Fairfield/Westchester Hebrew Academy in Greenwich, Conn.

Michael Curi '01 M.D. married **Jessica Magda '01 M.D.** The couple has a joint practice in pediatrics and adolescent medicine in Torrington, Conn.

Anthony Santella '01 (SAH) received his M.P.H. in health policy and management from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health in December 2004.

Michael Swezey '01 (CLAS) is engaged to **Kara Coniglio '02 (CLAS)**.

Jyh An Lin '02 M.B.A. is product manager of Rohm and Haas Electronic Materials, Inc. He and his wife, Connie, announce the birth of their son, Brandon, on July 12, 2004. The family lives in Great Neck, N.Y.

Cyril Cassan-De-Valry '02 (BGS) is a recruiting manager with Robert Half International in the White Plains, N.Y.–Stamford, Conn., area. He is also organizing a UConn College of Continuing Studies Alumni Society as its co-president.



Summer Hartford '02 (ED), '03 M.A. and **Christopher Cookson '01 (CLAS)** were married in October 2004. The couple lives in Wethersfield, Conn.

David Christiana '04 (BGS) retired as a detective from the city of Middletown, Conn., and is now a special investigator with the Liberty Mutual Group in Wallingford, Conn.

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Women's Basketball *Continued from page 40*

- Participation in basketball by females age 6 and older was 11 million in 1987, growing to 13.3 million in 1995. The following year, it jumped more than 28 percent to 14.1 million. Today, basketball is the most popular high school girl's sport.
- UConn led all Division I women's basketball teams in all game attendance (home, road and neutral sites) during the 2003-04 season with 392,692 fans. All NCAA women's basketball attendance has more than doubled since 1995, when attendance was 4.9 million. In 1996, attendance moved to 5.2 million and in 2003 it passed the 10 million mark for the first time.



Chris Dailey and Geno Auriemma greet Jen Rizzotti '96 (CLAS), head coach of the University of Hartford women's basketball team, at the Hartford Civic Center on Dec. 7, 2004. It was the first time a former Husky player led another team against Auriemma and UConn.

- The 2004 NCAA championship game between UConn and Tennessee was the most-watched basketball game ever on ESPN as fans anticipated seeing the unprecedented achievement of UConn's winning two NCAA championships on consecutive nights.

"The women's basketball championship in 1995 coincided with the beginning of UCONN 2000 and the transformation of the entire University," says Hathaway. "Our athletic programs provide the University with another national forum for visibility regarding everything that's happening throughout the entire institution. The student-athletes who were the essence of that 1995 team can take pride in knowing that what they achieved touched so many lives and provided so many opportunities for other young women that it will always stand as a key moment in the history of their sport."

'We have a chance to go into the history books'



Early in August of 1994, three months before the start of the 1994-95 season, the sophomores, juniors and seniors who would anchor the UConn women's basketball team were summoned back to Storrs. There was an air of urgency at Gampel Pavilion. Head coach Geno Auriemma was introducing a new offense.

Built around his twin towers, Kara Wolters '97 (CLAS) and Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS), the new system offered tremendous

flexibility for UConn's talented point guard, Jen Rizzotti '96 (CLAS). And it was hard to defend. But it hinged on precise coordination, and the team had only seven days to learn it, before they would board a plane for Paris and games in France, Italy and Belgium to test themselves against seasoned teams made up of proven players. The Huskies returned home both victorious and battle-tested.

"That trip was really important," says Carla Berube '97 (CLAS), now head women's basketball coach at Tufts University. "In Europe we soon found out that, player for player, we were stronger than we'd been the year before. That trip helped us to bond quickly. We played really hard over there. When we came back to Storrs, the chemistry was good. We were ready."

With methodical, unanswerable dominance of the competition in November and December, the Huskies set the tone for the 1994-95 season. With each game they got incrementally better, but no one was taking anything for granted.

On Jan. 16, 1995, the first nationally televised Martin Luther King Jr. Day women's basketball broadcast, the No. 2 ranked Huskies played No. 1 ranked Tennessee for the first time ever at Gampel Pavilion. In an unprecedented move, the Associated Press Top 25 Poll was delayed by one day to await the outcome of a game.

Led by Wolters' 18 points and five blocked shots and Rizzotti's 17 points and five steals, the Huskies beat Tennessee to capture the number one spot and launched a rivalry that simmers to this day.

"That's when we realized we might be able to run the table, at least in the regular season," says Rizzotti, now head women's basketball coach at the University of Hartford.

The trail that began in Europe ended on April 2 at the Target Center in Minneapolis. Poetically, it came down to a rematch with Tennessee. During the pre-game stretching, the Tennessee players spread over the mid-court line into UConn's space. Rizzotti, mindful of the Tennessee players' intimidation tactics, told them to move out of UConn's side of the court.

In the locker room before the national championship game, Auriemma's pep talk was eloquently simple. "To Tennessee it would be another 'W,'" he recalls telling the players. "If we win, we have a chance to go into the history books as an undefeated team."

The rest became history. For 40 minutes the two best teams in the country battled. Tennessee led 38-32 at halftime and Lobo, in foul trouble, had scored only six points. But in the second half, she put 11 on the scoreboard. Rizzotti finished with 15, and Jamelle Elliott '96 (ED), '97 M.A. added 13 more.

When it was over, the score was UConn 70, Tennessee 64. And nothing in women's basketball would ever be the same.

—Jim H. Smith



Scotland

The South of France

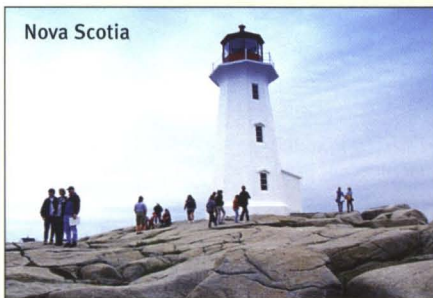
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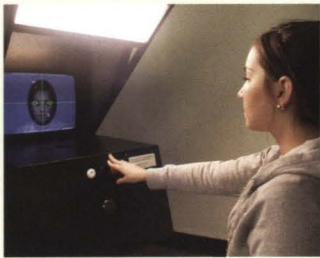
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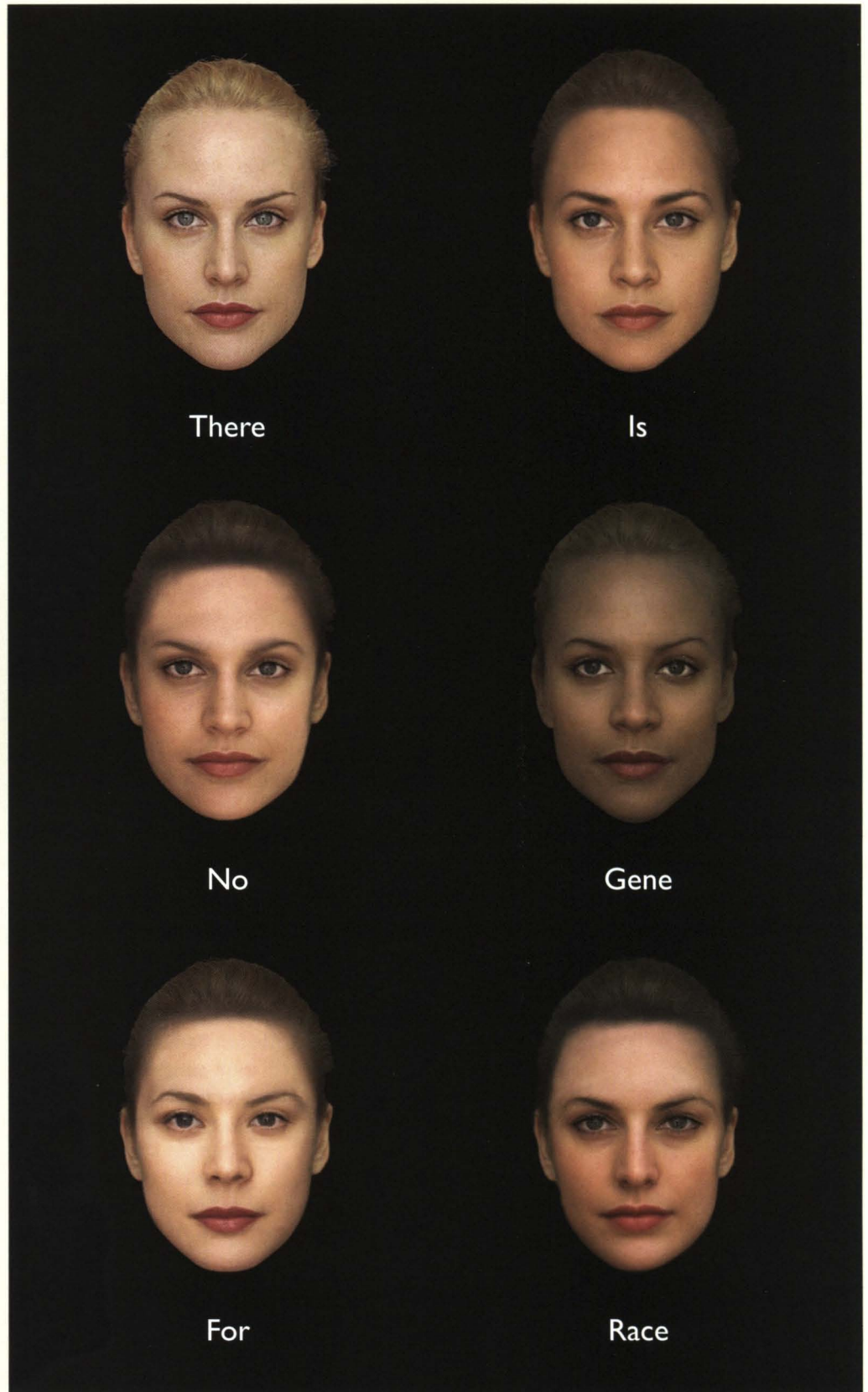
Human Race Machine

Human Race Machine by Nancy Burson is the first exhibit to be featured in the new Human Rights Gallery of the William Benton Museum at UConn. This one-of-a-kind machine uses a highly interactive technology that challenges one's perception of race by making it possible to view one's face with the characteristics of six different races—White, Black, Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern and Indian. The exhibit continues through Aug. 7.



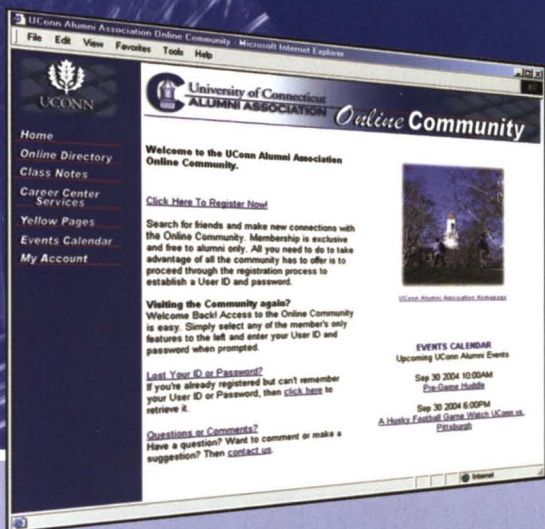
Artist Statement

The *Human Race Machine* is an excellent opportunity to explore how we perceive ourselves as well as each other. The more we can recognize ourselves within each other, the more we can connect with the human race. There is only one race, the human one. The concept of race is not genetic, but social. There is no gene for race. The *Human Race Machine* allows us to move beyond difference and arrive at sameness. We are all one.



There Is No Gene For Race, Nancy Burson, digital composite

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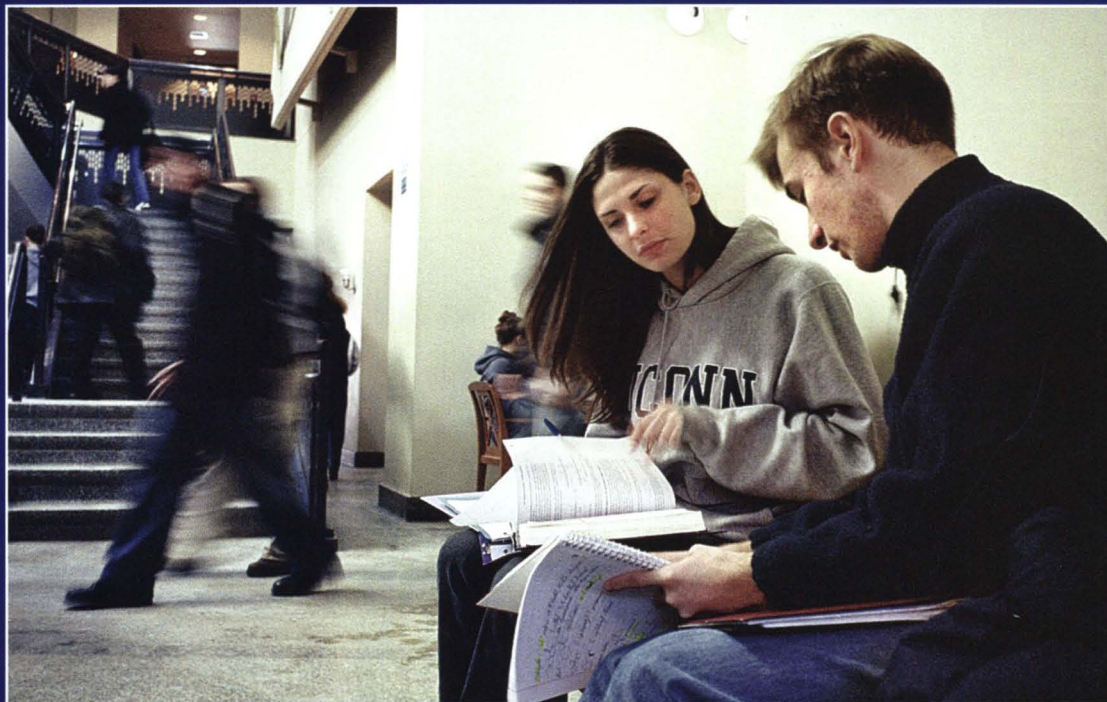
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Kristen Donato '06 (CANR) and William Kopcha '08 (CLAS) review their notes before attending a lecture at the Chemistry Building in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



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