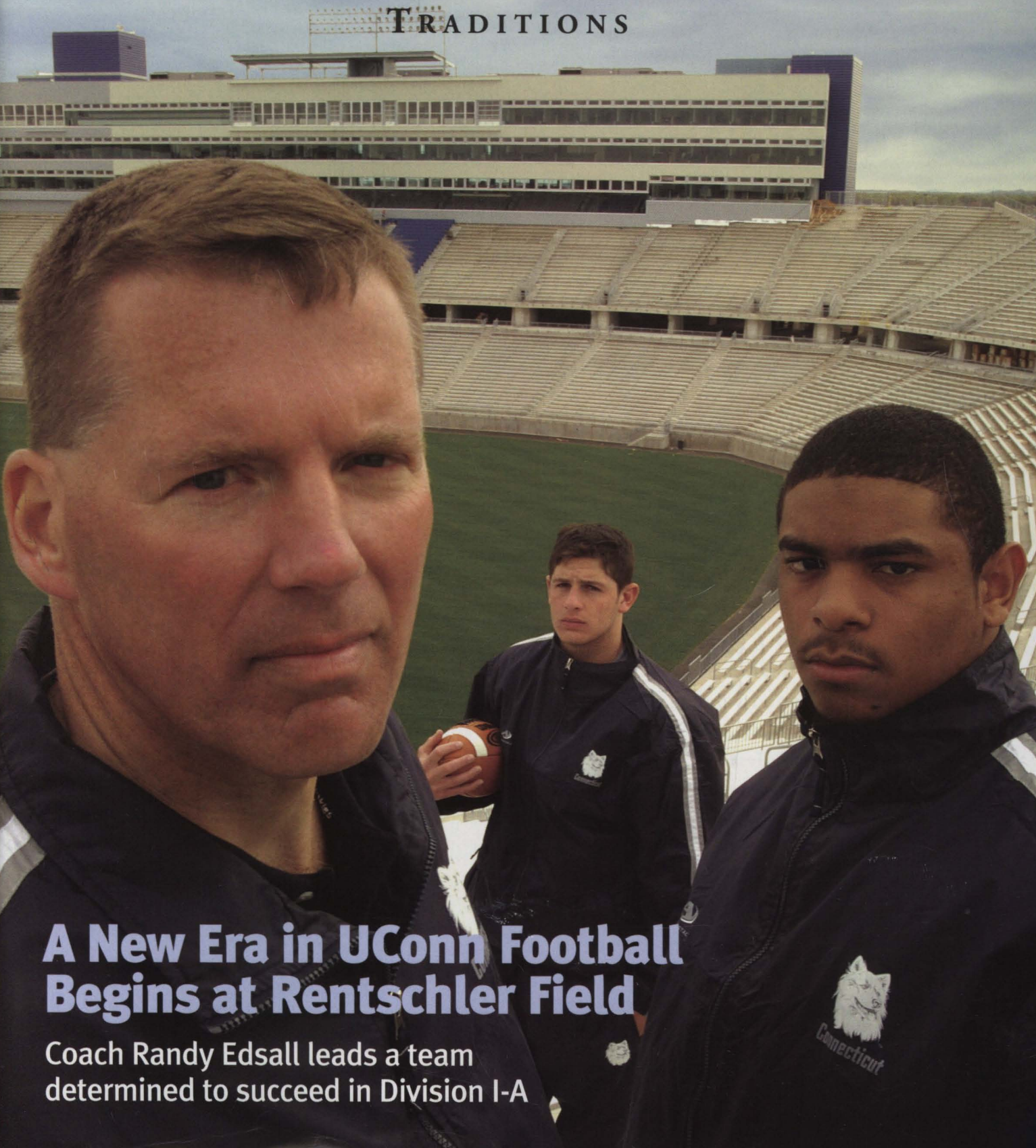


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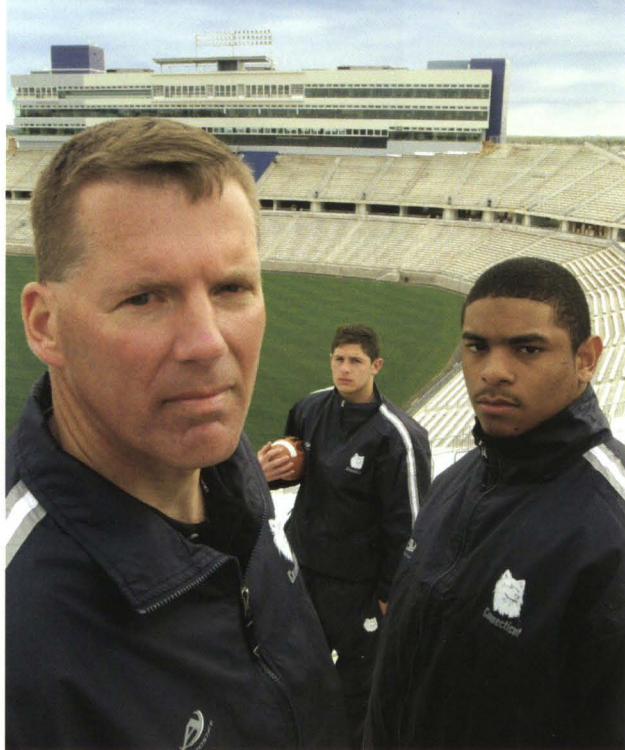
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A Message from the Editor

SURVEY: ALUMNI ENJOY TRADITIONS

For a magazine like *UConn Traditions*, there are dual challenges. The first is to offer an interesting and high-quality package of stories and images that appeals to a diverse cross-section of UConn alumni and friends. The second is to capture a busy reader's attention amid today's media saturation. One way to measure how well these challenges are being met is with readership research.

That process began last summer with a mail-in readership survey and was complemented this past spring with focus group discussions held with alumni representing a cross-section of schools, colleges, campuses and graduating classes.

Overall, UConn alumni express very positive impressions of *Traditions*, saying they regularly review or read each edition. The amount of time spent reading *Traditions* varies, but is comparable to national averages for general newspaper and magazine readership.

Traditions is meeting alumni needs in an important way: Alumni report they receive most of their information about UConn from the magazine, and our stories provide them with insight into the important and interesting things that are going on at the University. Stories about the changing face of UConn's campuses are of highest interest to alumni, followed by coverage about famous or interesting graduates who directly benefited from their UConn experience.

Not surprisingly, the Alumni News & Notes section of *Traditions* has a high readership, with alumni wanting to read about their classmates and those who attended UConn at about the same time.

The design and photography in *Traditions* scored extraordinarily well. Readers found the creative use of photos, color boxes and shorter articles to be helpful in identifying stories of interest.

Finally, some general views about UConn were discussed during the focus group sessions. The overwhelming conclusion from these comments is that alumni voice a great deal of pride in their alma mater: Alumni report that UConn provides its students with a very high-quality education, that UConn's reputation is on the rise and that it is widely recognized as the "best public university" in New England.

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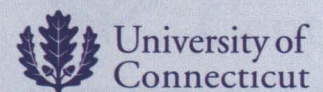
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President Philip E. Austin introduces new Athletic Director Jeffrey Hathaway at a University news conference.

UConn athletics gives us much cause to celebrate

Like you, we at the University take great pride in our athletics program. Even in the exhilaration of a national championship season, however, our essential mission remains clear. The University of Connecticut is, first and foremost, committed to the excellence of its academic programs. Over the past decade, our athletics program has generated enormous student interest, enhanced our national visibility, help create the climate that made possible our landmark building program, and set a standard for excellence in achievement that is a metaphor for the entire University.

The record of success is nothing short of extraordinary, and it goes far beyond the playing field. Since 1990, about 800 UConn student-athletes have been named to Big East Academic All-Star teams. Last year 40 percent earned a 3.0 grade point average or better,

while 12 earned a perfect 4.0 GPA. In the competitive arena, the numbers speak for themselves: Since 1990, UConn's teams have won 37 Big East regular season championships and 33 Big East tournament championships, appeared in 60 NCAA tournaments and 15 Final Fours, and won six national championships. The success of our women's programs, coupled with our nationally recognized performance in Title IX implementation, has given UConn a justly-deserved reputation as a leader in gender equity in athletics.

As director of athletics for the past 13 years, Lew Perkins was instrumental in bringing UConn athletics to the front ranks of intercollegiate competition. Working with one of the most talented groups of coaches and staff in the country, Lew laid the foundation for continuing strength in the years to come. As he departs this summer for the University

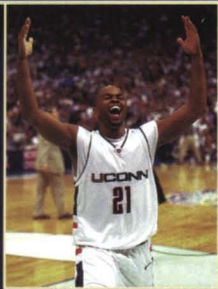
of Kansas, he goes with our profound thanks for a job well done.

To our great good fortune, we were able to bring Jeff Hathaway back to UConn to serve as athletics director as we embark on a new era. As our senior associate athletics director from 1990 to 2001, Jeff played a vital role in all aspects of our progress, including the transition to Division I-A football. For the past two years he served as director of athletics at Colorado State University, where he achieved notable success.

Jeff shares UConn's values, including a commitment to academic excellence and adherence to the highest standards of integrity.

UConn athletics gives us much cause to celebrate. A program grounded in good ideals and a commitment to scholar-athletes as students above all; a record of success; students of whom we can be proud; and an outstanding new leader—all this and more contributes to the University's overall strength, and serves as a point of pride for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of UConn here at home, across the country and around the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip E. Austin".



The sights and sounds of more than 100 years of UConn athletic competition come alive during a visit to the new Husky Heritage Sports Museum. Surround yourself with the compelling images and remarkable stories of UConn's winning teams, determined coaches and gifted student-athletes. Experience the phenomenal growth and thrilling athletic achievements that have made UConn fans the home team for Huskymania.

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Husky Heritage Sports Museum



Located in the UConn Alumni Center in the heart of the main campus in Storrs, the Husky Heritage Sports Museum is the ultimate multi-media experience for reliving the triumphs of UConn athletics.



Pulitzer Prize-winning alumnus offers challenge to graduates

Payne: Avoid apathy and indifference

Alumnus and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Les Payne '64 (CLAS) cautioned over 3,400 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate and professional students about the dangers of apathy and indifference, and challenged them to strive for success in their professional lives.

"The scourge of apathy must be ridden down and driven away," said Payne during May commencement ceremonies. "To accept it is to welcome defeat and tyranny."

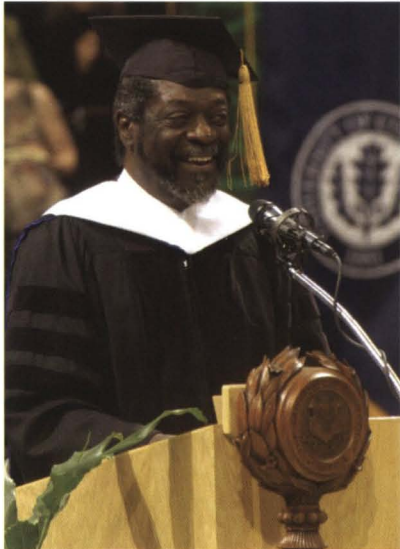
Arthur Levitt, Jr., former chairman of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, offered a similar message to graduate and professional students, challenging them to embrace change in their professional lives and to take risks. "Search out new opportunities and then seize them," urged Levitt, "even at the cost of so-called job security."

One hundred seventy-two juris doctorates and 30 master of law degrees were awarded at the UConn School of Law. Albie Sachs, appointed by Nelson Mandela to the Constitutional Court in South Africa, addressed School of Law graduates. In light of recent international events, Sachs stressed the need for a cohesive global community.

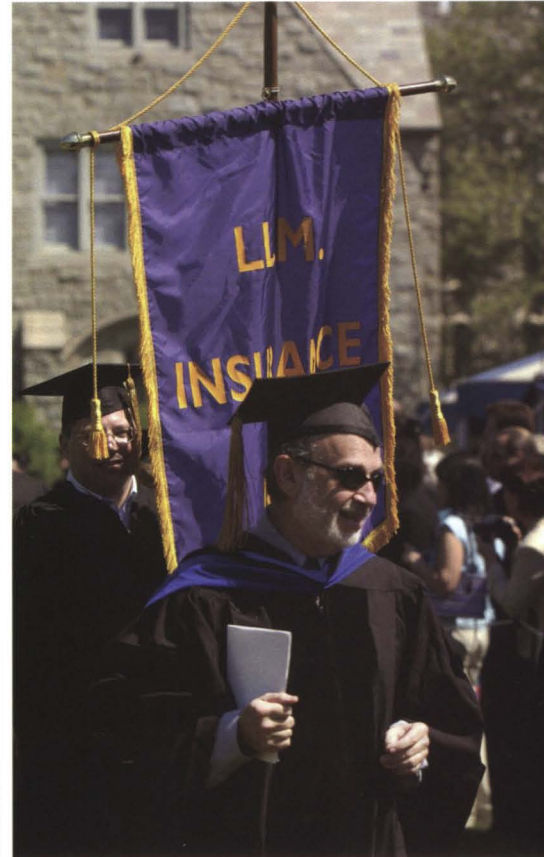
Dushanka Kleinman, deputy director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the National Institute of Health, addressed the graduates of the Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine, which awarded degrees to 78 physicians and 32 dentists.

During the undergraduate commencement, Payne received an honorary doctor of letters degree; at the graduate ceremony, Levitt was awarded an honorary doctorate in law. Other honorary degree recipients include Frederick Fennell, a recent inductee into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame; John Kluge, chairman and president of Metromedia, Co.; Daniel Dennett, director of the Center for Cognitive Studies at Tufts University; Henry Lee, chief emeritus of the Connecticut Department of Public Safety; Gordon Parks, award-winning photographer, film-maker, musician and writer; and Philip Lederer, director of the Harvard Institute of Human Genetics.

The University Medal, one of the University's highest honors, was awarded to Harold Loe, dean emeritus of the UConn Dental School, for his work in the field of dental medicine. — Bilal Khan '05 (CLAS)

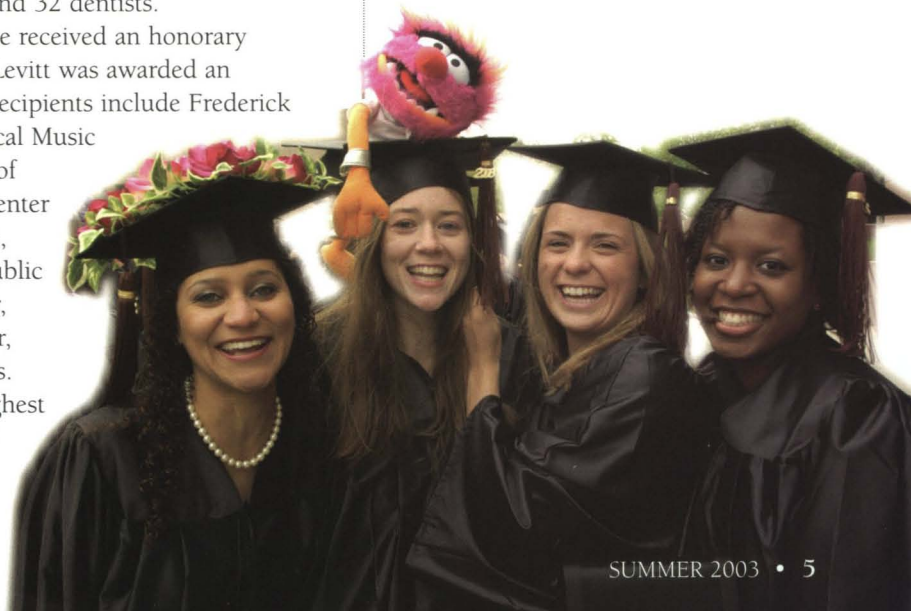


Les Payne '64 (CLAS), one of the nation's most honored journalists, addresses the class of 2003.

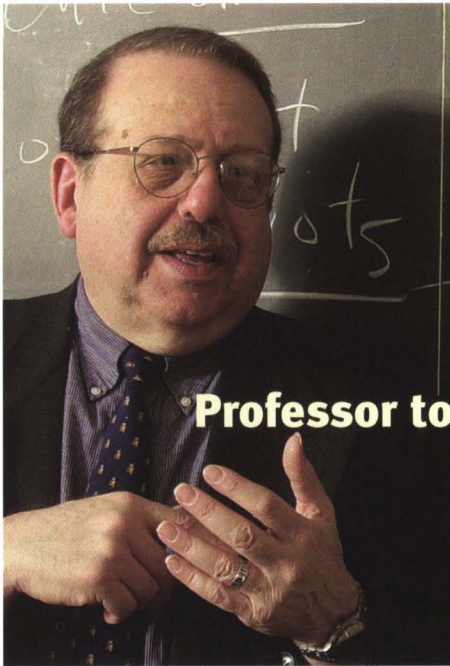


School of Law professor Thomas Morawetz in the procession at the School of Law during commencement exercises.

Undergraduate commencement in Storrs featured some additional touches to caps and gowns. From left, Talia Thiesfield, Lindsay Benner, Ryan Burhart and Addie Friend-Gray, all School of Fine Arts graduates.



Peter Morenus



Professor to write comprehensive UConn history

A comprehensive history of the University of Connecticut is being prepared for publication to celebrate the 125th anniversary of UConn in 2006. The history is being researched and written by Bruce M. Stave, distinguished professor of history emeritus and director of the Center for Oral History, and will be based upon material from the University Archives in the Dodd Research Center.

The last full history of UConn was published in 1931 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Connecticut Agricultural College. A more recent history was the 2001 book of historic photos researched and written by Mark J. Roy '74 (CLAS), a member of the editorial committee of faculty and staff that is advising Stave and his group of student research assistants. The editorial committee is led by Richard D. Brown, Board of Trustees distinguished professor of history and director of the UConn Humanities Institute, who conceived the project.

Stave says he has uncovered "treasure troves" of material as he reviews papers and files written by historic University figures.

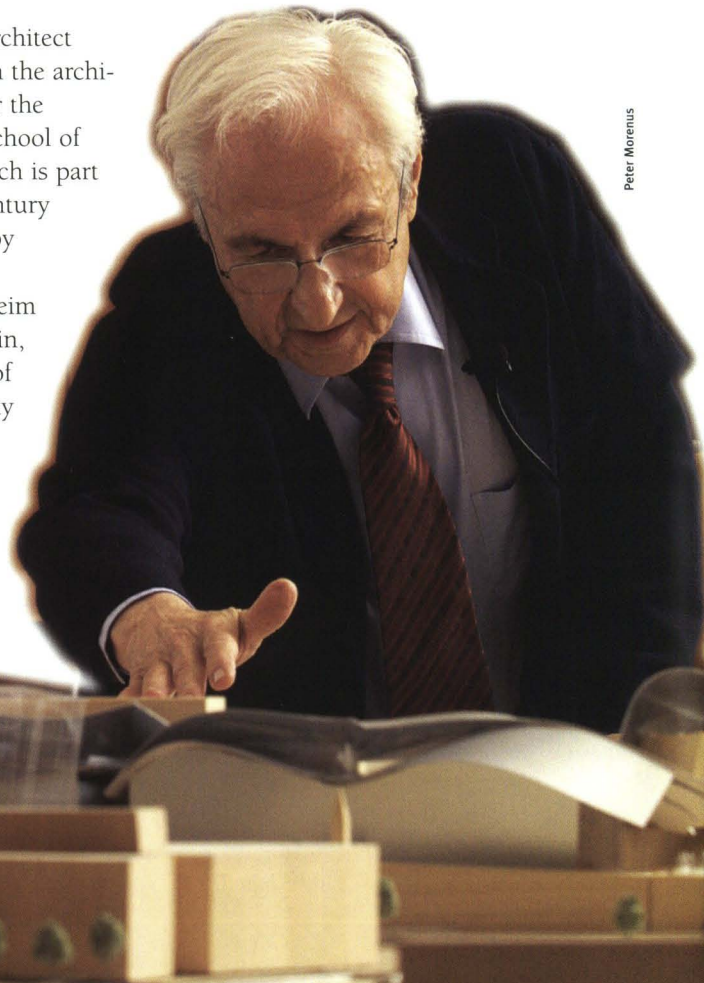
"The presidential papers, along with other collections and sources, including oral histories, illuminate numerous topics, such as undergraduate life, the role of women and minorities, academic freedom controversies, the development of research at Storrs and the establishment of regional campuses," he says.

The UConn history to be written by Bruce M. Stave, distinguished professor of history emeritus, is supported by contributions from several sources, including the UConn Alumni Association, the UConn chapter of the American Association of University Professors and the University of Connecticut Foundation.

Guggenheim architect selected for School of Fine Arts design

World-renowned architect Frank Gehry won the architectural competition for the design of the UConn School of Fine Arts building, which is part of the plan for 21st Century UConn. The proposal by Gehry, best known for designing the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, was selected by a jury of architects and University representatives at the culmination of a competition that attracted top names from the architectural world.

Prominent architect Frank Gehry presenting his concept for the School of Fine Arts building during the architectural design competition.



Peter Morenus

A downtown for Storrs, complete with stores

Early next year, plans will be in place to transform downtown Storrs into a vibrant town center with stores, restaurants, offices and apartments. The new downtown area will attract visitors and shoppers from around the region, while enhancing the campus experience for UConn students, faculty, alumni and staff.

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, an independent nonprofit organization, was established three years ago to create plans for the town center, as well as to coordinate improvements for Mansfield's other commercial areas. The Partnership is an 18-member board led by Philip Lodewick '66 (BUS), '67 M.B.A. that includes representation from the town of Mansfield, UConn, local residents and businesses as well as alumni.

The town center identified for development includes 45 acres of land adjacent to the main campus near the intersection of Route 195 and South Eagleville Road.

Residents, businesses and members of the UConn community, including students, have provided ideas and suggestions for the downtown area. A developer is expected to be selected later this year, says Cynthia van Zelm, executive director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

"It's a natural fit to what is going on at UConn with all of the improvements to the campus," Lodewick says. "We hope to make the downtown area a destination offering food, shopping and other activities."



Mansfield Downtown Partnership

An early architectural concept for the future development of downtown Storrs.

FIVE FACULTY SELECTED FOR UNIVERSITY'S HIGHEST HONOR

Five faculty who have achieved exceptional distinction in scholarship, teaching, and service have been named Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, the highest academic title for a member of the UConn faculty.

They are: **Gary English**, professor of dramatic arts; **Deborah Fein**, professor of psychology; **Debra Kendall**, professor of molecular and cell biology; **Philip Marcus**, professor of molecular and cell biology and **Robert Weiss**, professor of chemical engineering.

English, a stage designer with creative work in regional theater, Broadway, off-Broadway, television, and University theater has achieved national and international recognition in his field.

Fein is considered a pioneer in the study of autistic disorders and one of the leading pediatric neuropsychologists in the nation. She has been conducting research on autism for about 25 years and has obtained more than \$7.5 million in grant support during her career.

Kendall studies the structural properties of membrane proteins, which are integral to their biological function. Her research has received external funding totaling about \$3 million.

Marcus, a distinguished virologist, is considered a pioneering leader in the field of interferon, commonly used in treatment of various illnesses, including certain cancers. He is interim director of the Biotechnology Center.

Weiss' research has centered on ionomers—ion-containing polymers, liquid crystalline polymers, and polymer blends. A leader known for his important breakthrough in characterization of ionomer structure, he is the author of 15 patents and more than 300 research papers, book chapters and conference papers.

Stephen Slade



Will Thomas '04 (ED) finished second in the decathlon at the NCAA Track & Field Championships.

Diver Melissa Kull '03 (CLAS) qualified for the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships.



Stephen Slade

Championships, individual honors for winter and spring teams

All-America recognition during both seasons

The winter and spring seasons for the UConn Huskies were highlighted by head coach Geno Auriemma and the women's basketball team winning their second consecutive national championship. See the opposite page for the story.

The men's basketball team, led by head coach Jim Calhoun, won the East Division title in the Big East, advanced to the championship game of the league tournament and then made a run to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championship for the ninth time since 1990, finishing the season at 23-10. Sophomore center Emeka Okafor '05 (BUS) was named to the Verizon Academic All-America Team and was honored as the Big East-Aeropostale Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

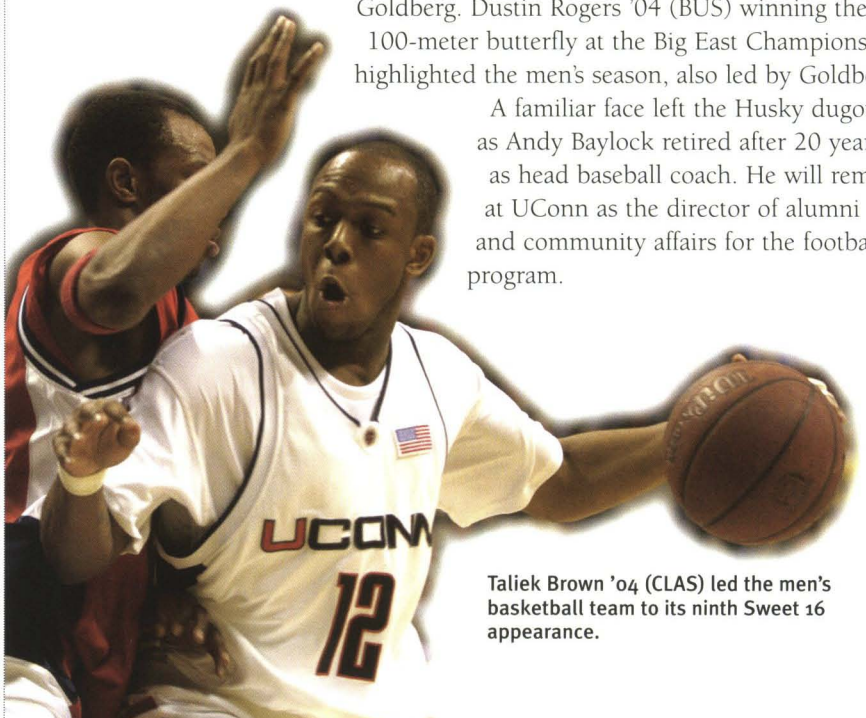
The women's ice hockey program, under head coach Heather Linstead, qualified for the first-ever Hockey East Women's Tournament, playing to the semifinals.

Head coach Greg Roy and the UConn men's indoor track and field team finished second at the Big East Championship and also won the school's 10th-consecutive New England indoor championship. Will Thomas '04 (ED) (pentathlon), Joe Mendel '03 (CLAS) (400 meters), Mike Deibler '03 (ED) (high jump) and Chris Mazza '04 (CLAS) (pole vault) won Big East event titles. During the outdoor season, the men's track team also finished second at the Big East Championships as Thomas won the decathlon and was named the championships' Most Outstanding Performer. Paul Pisano '04 (SAH) won for the javelin throw. Thomas, Pisano, Deibler and Mendel earned All-America rankings. Diebler was also named to the Verizon Academic All-America Team.

High jumper Deirdre Mullen '04 (SFS) was the winter's star performer for head coach Jackie Adams and the women's indoor track and field team. Mullen earned All-America honors at the NCAA Championship in the high jump and also won the event at the Big East Championship.

Diver Melissa Kull '03 (CLAS) qualified for the NCAA Championship to lead the women's swimming and diving season for head coach Bob Goldberg. Dustin Rogers '04 (BUS) winning the 100-meter butterfly at the Big East Championship highlighted the men's season, also led by Goldberg.

A familiar face left the Husky dugout as Andy Baylock retired after 20 years as head baseball coach. He will remain at UConn as the director of alumni and community affairs for the football program.



Peter Morenus

Taliek Brown '04 (CLAS) led the men's basketball team to its ninth Sweet 16 appearance.

'It's one of the greatest stories in NCAA history'

By *Jamelle Elliott '96 (ED), '97 M.A.*

When I first arrived in Storrs in 1992, UConn basketball was not what it is today. I remember playing in games with football players walking through Gampel Pavilion on their way to study hall, sitting wherever they wanted and watching for few minutes. It went from being able to take any seat to playing in front of a packed house. I feel blessed to have witnessed the growth of this program firsthand, having spent the last 10 years as part of the best women's basketball program in the country.

Heading into the 2002-03 season, I sensed that it would be the most fun I've had as a coach. The coaching staff expected to work hard, to squeeze every ounce of talent out of a young, inexperienced team that did not really know how good they were.



Naismith Player of the Year Diana Taurasi '04 (CLAS) holding the NCAA championship trophy.

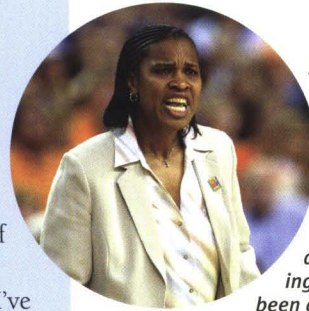
When the 55-game winning streak took on a life of its own, it got to the players. No one really talked about it, but you could feel the pressure hanging over them. As Coach Geno Auriemma has said, the loss to Villanova in the Big East Tournament was probably the best thing that could have happened to us. Afterward we were a different team; we were focused.

Coaching the post players, I had a running joke with our freshmen forwards Willnett Crockett and Barbara Turner, teasing them that they never played well together on the same night. But it is amazing how players evolve within just one season. Their efforts really paid off. Barbara and Willnett were totally different players by the time we reached the Final Four than they were in October. It was a real joy to see them grow and mature.

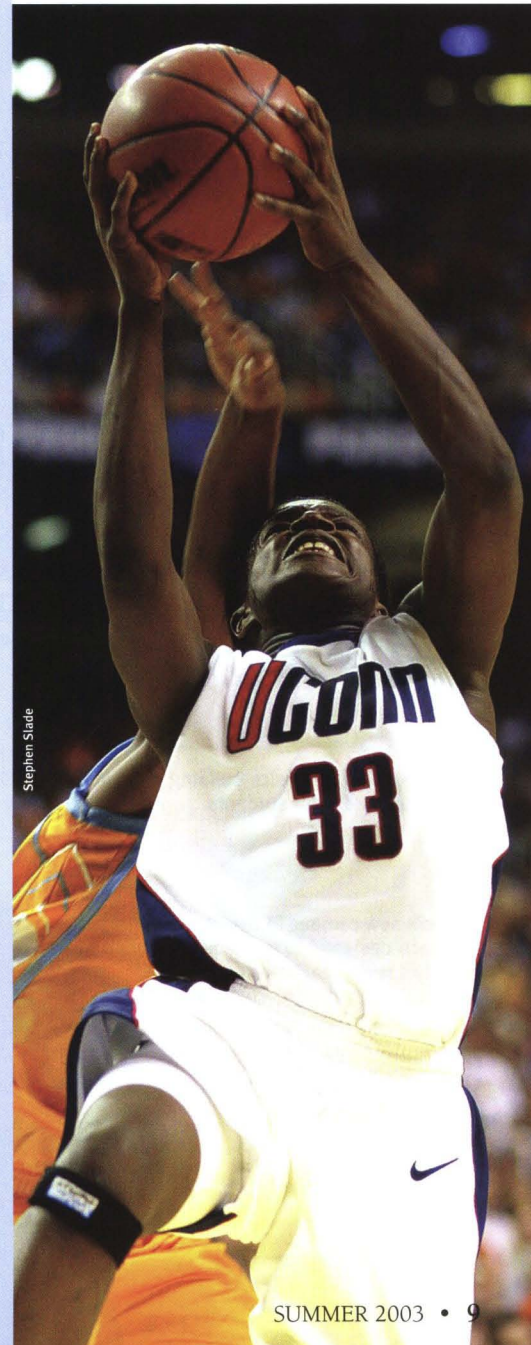
Maria was our unsung hero, getting the ball to the right people, making big shots, getting to the free throw line. She plays with the same expression on her face, in command and control, whether we are up 10 or down 10. That's poise.

As the nets were being cut down in Atlanta after defeating Tennessee for the NCAA championship, I was awed by what this team was able to achieve. To see such a young group win the national title is one of the greatest stories in the history of the NCAA. I still don't think it's really set in yet.

Freshman Barbara Turner '06 grabs a rebound during the national championship game.



Jamelle Elliott was a key member of UConn's undefeated 1995 championship team and was only the second player in UConn history to surpass both the 1,000 career point and 1,000 career rebounding milestones. She has been an assistant coach for the Huskies for the past six years.



Renovations to the Student Union will expand space for student activities and services, including a new 500-seat film theater.



The new Biology/Physics Building provides quiet study areas for students.

UConn's new campus in downtown Waterbury has been designed to enhance and invigorate the city's revitalization efforts.



Peter Morenus

UConn's transformation continues

Classrooms, residence halls and cultural centers underway

UConn's nationally unprecedented building program—UConn 2000/21st Century UConn—continues to transform the University dramatically. Among the renovation or new building projects underway or nearing completion are the Student Union, School of Pharmacy, Undergraduate Center, William Benton Museum of Art, Husky Village (fraternity and sorority residences), Charter Oak Apartments and Suites, Towers Central Dining Facility, Gentry Building, Nafe Katter Theater and the UConn campus in Waterbury.



Campaign UConn: one year remaining

Private support for scholarships and endowed faculty chairs

The \$300 million *Campaign UConn*, the largest private fund-raising campaign ever undertaken by a public university in New England, is on track for a successful conclusion on June 30, 2004.

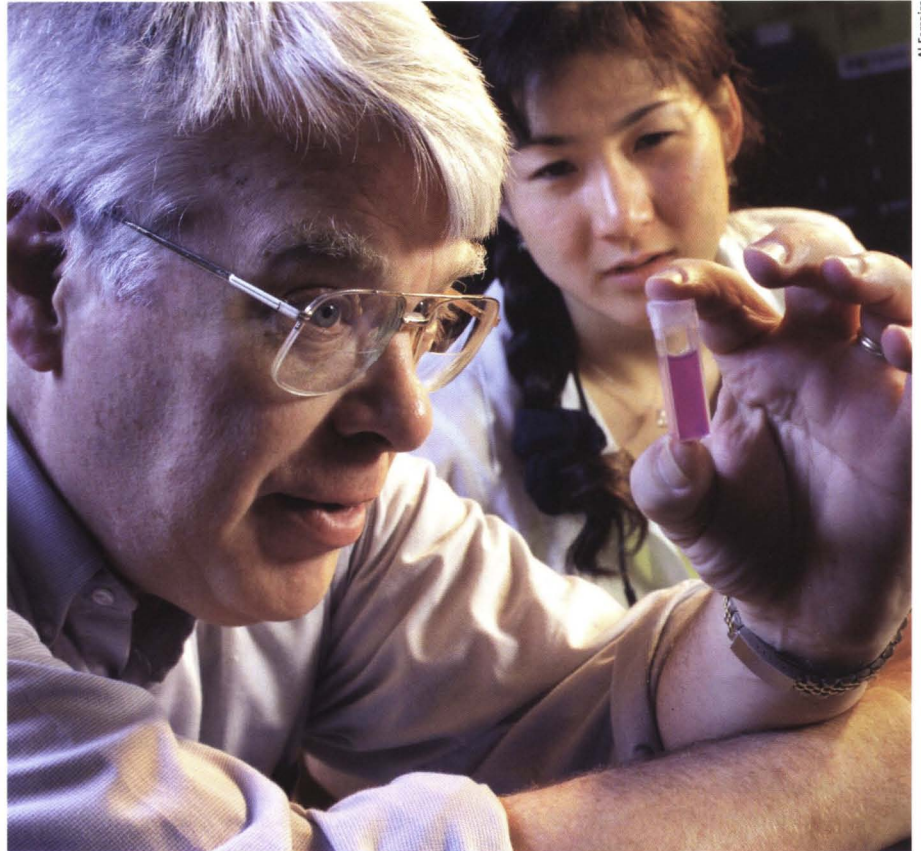
This is a tribute to the loyal supporters and volunteers who value Connecticut's flagship university and recognize its impact on the state's economy and quality of life. Since the campaign began in 1998, more than 190 individual scholarships and over 30 endowed faculty positions have been established through private support.

Both the number of annual donors (35,462) and the amount of funding the UConn Foundation directs to the University have grown annually. In 2002, the Foundation provided \$22.3 million to support UConn programs.

New gifts and commitments are on pace to top the \$40 million mark for the third consecutive year.

The effort to bring the campaign to a successful conclusion will be led by John K. Martin, former vice chancellor for advancement at the University of Maryland, who was named president of the Foundation in March.

"Our first order of business is to bring *Campaign UConn* in successfully, while we prepare for what is to come

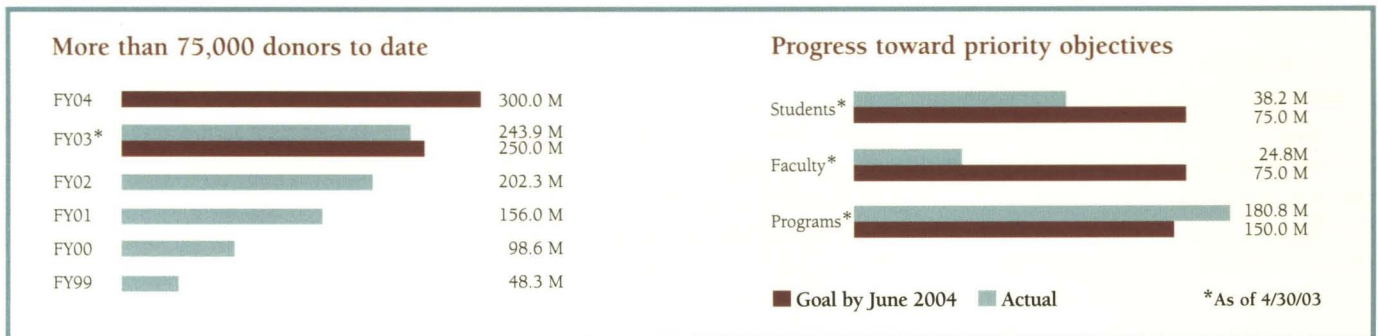


Robert Birge, one of the world's most original scientific thinkers, holds the Harold S. Schwenk Distinguished Professorship, an endowed chair established during *Campaign UConn*.

next," says Martin, who has more than 30 years' experience managing academic fund-raising and development programs. "The Foundation has done

an incredible job in recent years, and I look forward to working with my new friends and colleagues to build on that tradition of excellence."

Campaign UConn Progress



Alumni scholarship to benefit students

Publisher honors father's memory

Bernard C. Harris, founder of Harris Publishing, had an interest in education that went beyond the fact that it was good for business.

"My father had a tremendous respect for the value of education," says William Harris '80, M.B.A. chairman

of Harris Publishing, one of the nation's largest directory and data companies, in explaining his reason for establishing a scholarship honoring his father's memory through the UConn Alumni Association. "Our business has been so important in serving the education field,

that I felt it would be a fitting way to remember my father and afford an opportunity to students who need financial help with their schooling."

The first recipient of the Bernard C. Harris Alumni Scholarship is Geraldine Napoleone '06 (SAH) of

Norwalk, Conn., a pre-Allied Health major with plans to focus on dietetics. Interested in nutrition and health since she began running in high school, Napoleone joined the UConn cross-country team as a walk-on.

In applying for the scholarship, Napoleone described herself as naturally reticent, "but since coming to the University I have learned how to be more involved. There are so many opportunities available to join clubs and participate in activities."

The Alumni Association instituted undergraduate scholarships nearly 30 years ago, supported by generous alumni contributions. This year, the Association will award more than 50 scholarships to deserving, full-time UConn students for the 2003-04 academic year.

Bernard C. Harris Alumni Scholarship recipient Geraldine Napoleone '06 (SAH).



Peter Morenus

A Different Kind of Political Contribution

Alan Bennett '69 (CLAS), an avid student of history and politics, earned his UConn degree in political science. After law school, he launched his career working for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Today, Bennett is a partner in the firm of Ropes & Gray, which specializes in pharmaceutical and medical device law.

Bennett originally endowed a fellowship award with a gift that provides financial support for research and teaching in political science. He recently made an additional \$150,000 contribution to the fund. Benefitting from Bennett's generosity, two faculty members were recently awarded Alan R. Bennett Faculty Fellowships.

Professor Virginia Hettinger conducts research into the U.S. Supreme Court and rulings by the federal courts of appeals.

She encourages students to grasp the political ramifications of judges' decisions. Hettinger, who is in the process of converting her dissertation into a book project, plans to use the fellowship to help fund her research efforts.

Professor Peter Kingstone was drawn to UConn by its strong tradition of research in Latin American politics. His investigation of the Brazilian pension system and privatization of its telecommunications industry enables him to broaden students' understanding of the basic human motivations that underlie politics around the globe. He plans to use the fellowship to partially fund travel costs and data acquisition efforts.

"One of the main things I remember is that the faculty and administration always went out of their way to make a personal connection with students," says Bennett, who recalls the influences of professors like I. Ridgeway Davis and Everett Carll Ladd, adding that this sense of rapport fueled his desire to give back to UConn.



In the post-World War II period, the UConn bookstore was located in a former women's gymnasium, in what is now the Publications Building at the corner of Storrs Road and Dog Lane.

Student Union expanded in the early 1960s, the bookstore moved into the basement there and was known as the Commons until the 1990s.

The University-run bookstore came to an end in the 1970s when a private company took over operations briefly. The UConn Co-op was established in 1975 under a governing board of elected students, faculty and staff. In its formative years, the Co-op ran business operations out of various campus locations. In November 1977, the Co-op opened its doors in the build-

ing near Hawley Armory that would be its home for 25 years.

The newest Co-op opened last November, constructed through the UCONN 2000 building program, at the intersection of Hillside and Stadium Roads. An additional 20,000 square feet of retail space provides for a cyber café, complete with outdoor seating, greater Husky merchandise selections, and on-site storage. The store includes its computer repair operations and a branch of People's Bank. It also has moved online with the "e-Co-op." With a membership of 25,000, the UConn Co-op is the largest collegiate bookstore in Connecticut and one of the top bookstores in the nation.

— Mark J. Roy '74 (CLAS)

From pencils and paper to cyberspace

The UConn bookstore has changed with the times

With the move to its newest location last fall, the UConn Co-op is carrying on a tradition of service to students that began over 100 years ago.

The earliest students of Storrs Agricultural School bought their books, pencils and paper directly from faculty members who ordered the materials and sold them at cost. The first bookstore opened in 1900 in the Old Main Building, which also housed classrooms, laboratories, administrative offices, faculty apartments, a natural history museum, and the library.

The early bookstore was operated by the library, where librarian Edwina Whitney sold textbooks, stationery and school supplies. Later it moved to a small room next to the library and in 1920 relocated to the basement of Old Main, when a soda fountain was installed.

The college catalogue described the store as "a cooperative student store," saying profits from sales were devoted "to defraying expenses for coaching and training student athletic teams." By 1929 the store moved, soda fountain and all, to the replacement for Old Main, new Beach Hall.

Soon after, in 1933, a committee appointed by President Albert N. Jorgensen reviewed bookstore operations and recommended that a permanent manager be hired, that the store operate as a non-profit organization, and that no rent or utilities be charged by the college.

In 1947, the bookstore moved out of Beach Hall into a building at the corner of Storrs Road and Dog Lane. As the campus expanded to match the growing student population, the fountain and snack bar were eliminated. When the

School of Allied Health

Researcher finds bones adversely affected by smoking, caffeine

Caffeine, alcohol, and smoking may influence how likely it is that a person will develop osteoporosis or break a bone in their later years, says a study by Jasminka Ilich-Ernst, a registered dietician and associate professor of allied health at UConn. The study was recently published in the *Journal of the American College of Nutrition*.

“While doing our preliminary calculations, it was immediately obvious some factors such as smoking are detrimental to bone health, while others, if kept to a moderate level, could actually be beneficial,” says Ilich-Ernst, who has been researching the effects of calcium and other vital nutrients on bones in animals and humans for 20 years.

For the UConn study, 136 healthy women aged from 60 to 80 were recruited. Each participant completed a series of questionnaires for determining the source, amount, and frequency of calcium, alcohol, and caffeine in their diets, as well as their smoking history and level of physical activity over their life span. Their bone mineral density also was measured.



The findings indicate that no matter how long ago former cigarette smokers had given up the habit or how much they smoked, their bone health was compromised. In the study, caffeine also showed adverse effects on bone mineral density, especially in women who had lower calcium intake.

To ensure strong, healthy bones, Ilich-Ernst advocates a balanced diet consisting of natural foods and plenty of low-fat dairy products as a source of calcium. “If possible, people should take all their nutrients from real food,” she says. “Forget the processed and ready-made products.”

But for those who smoke, have recently kicked the habit, or consume large quantities of coffee or caffeine, and who can’t get enough calcium from food, Ilich-Ernst believes a calcium supplement on top of a healthy diet is needed.

New figures just released by the National Osteoporosis Foundation indicate that osteoporosis and low bone mass are a major public health threat for 55 percent of the U.S. population aged 50 and older.

School of Social Work

A resource for helping families cope with death

As advances in medicine and technology have made it possible to live longer, healthier lives, the benefits of modern healthcare have complicated many decisions about end-of-life care. Social workers who provide essential psychosocial support, as well as counseling, case management and advocacy services for terminally ill patients and their families have found their jobs increasingly more complex as well.

Despite additional research focusing on end-of-life issues, practitioners and educators continue to report the need for more effective ways to get new information to social workers in the field. In response, the UConn School of Social Work has established the Resource Enrichment Center with funding from The Project on Death in America, which fosters innovations in helping to understand the culture and experience of dying and bereavement.

“Many field professionals are not necessarily picking up journals,” says Karen Bullock, assistant professor of social

work and coordinator of REC. “There’s a disconnect between research and the practitioners. What we’re looking to do is establish a mechanism to bring together the professional practitioners so they can get information.”

The School’s extensive continuing education options will be enhanced by making the REC accessible through the Internet, with periodic online seminars and classes, workshops and presentations led by experts in end-of-life care. This will provide a comprehensive resource to students, practitioners and researchers. A course offered by UConn to gauge the interest and need for such information was filled to capacity, Bullock says.

The REC will include an interactive website with links to information related to the terminally ill, dying and bereaved, including an electronic library, a message center and a question and answer forum.

This project will also help families of patients. “There is a public demand, as well as professional standards that dictate the preparation of practitioners to offer what is appropriate support for the dying and the bereaved,” says Bullock.

School of Dental Medicine

Dental School wears top crown again

The UConn School of Dental Medicine is ranked the Number One dental school in the nation for the second time in three years. The ranking is based on Class of 2003 student test scores on the National Board Dental Examinations.

"This is a phenomenal achievement for this hard working, bright group of students," says Peter J. Robinson, dean of the School of Dental Medicine. "To achieve this ranking twice in three years—the Class of 2001 had exactly the same ranking—is a great tribute to our faculty, who take great pride in providing these students the education and mentoring that enabled them to achieve this level of greatness."

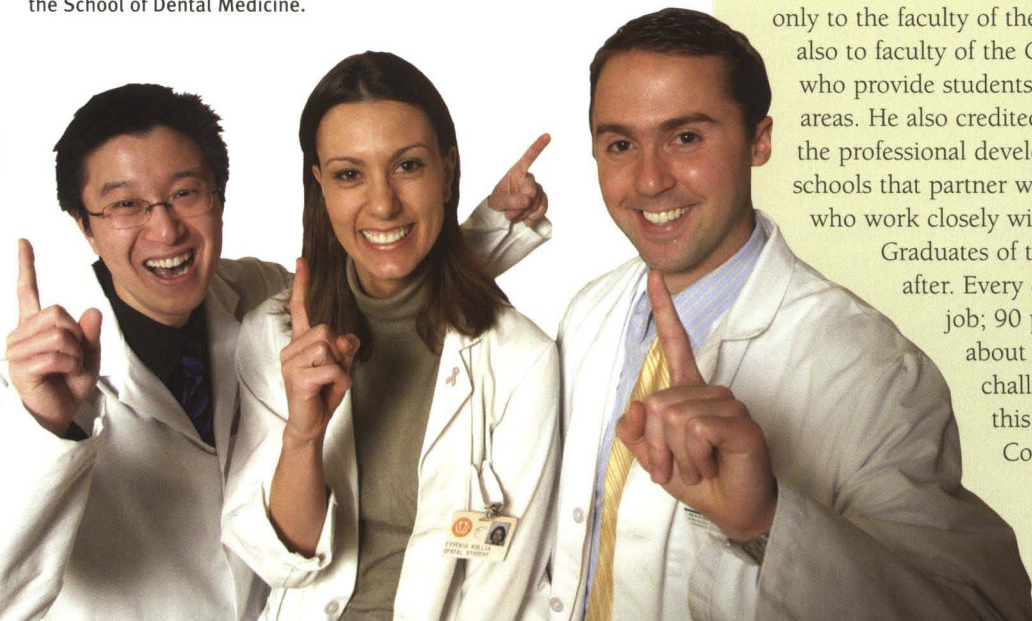
Monty MacNeil, associate dean for academic affairs for the school, says the accomplishment speaks highly of both the students and the program: "It starts right from the admissions process. The reputation of the school attracts a certain kind of student; our admissions committee does a stellar job recruiting top-notch students; and then we deliver a very strong four-year program," he says.

The National Boards are administered by the American Dental Association and used to determine the qualifications of students who seek to practice dentistry. The tests are valid nationwide and are an accepted assessment of the ability of practitioners to recall important biomedical and dental sciences information and to apply that information in a problem-solving context.

The UConn dental school consistently ranks in the top four on the National Boards.

Students Holman Yu, Evyenia Kollia, Mark Tromblay show their pride in the School of Dental Medicine.

Peter Morenus



Neag School of Education

National acclaim for education program

The Neag School of Education has earned national recognition for producing high-quality teachers who stay in the field far longer than many of their colleagues.

In its report, "No Dream Denied," the National Commission for Teaching and America's Future points to UConn's five-year integrated Bachelor's/ Master's program as an example of a teacher preparation program that "well prepares graduates

who are more likely to stick with teaching and contribute to the development of a strong professional learning community in the schools they serve."

The commission—a nonpartisan group of the country's leaders in education, government, and business—has determined that it is not a teacher shortage crisis that is

Graduates of the Neag School of Education, such as Jaime Columbia '97 (ED), '98 M.A., are highly sought after by Connecticut schools. Ninety percent remain in the state and a third take jobs in the most challenging school districts.

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James R. Tourtelotte

U.S. Customs agent inspecting a car at a border crossing.

College of Continuing Studies

Homeland Security decision-makers turn to UConn to manage change

When the Department of Homeland Security was created earlier this year by President Bush, one of the major organizational challenges was the integration of several federal agencies into one agency, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), entrusted with preventing terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States.

CBP combines into one agency the functions of the U.S. Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and U.S. Border Patrol. The agency turned to UConn's College of Continuing Studies (CCS) to develop a Management Development Institute program to assist CBP decision-makers in learning how to manage the reorganization.

"All participating agencies will be experiencing radical changes in their hierarchical structures, work assignments, and agency processes and procedures," says Roy Pietro '77 (BUS), CCS associate director. "Managers will learn how to better manage change, work through the restructuring, and think more strategically."

UConn will train annually 30 to 90 managers from across the U.S. and abroad, under a three-year contract with CBP. The initial training session held in Storrs during March included participants from Texas, Florida, New Mexico, Alaska, Colorado, Virginia, California, and Puerto Rico.

The 11-day immersion program, a partnership between the College of Continuing Studies and the U.S. Customs Leadership Center, addresses the common barriers and obstacles to change and how managers can help employees adjust to and support workplace change. The program includes components on managing resources and management-in-crisis situations, and provides three months of follow-up leadership mentoring and coaching on WebCT, an interactive website resource where participants communicate with instructors and fellow managers.

School of Pharmacy

Developing new equipment for drug discovery

As pharmaceutical companies can attest, discovering new drugs takes time and resources. Sometimes there is also the need to develop new technology or processes in order to further advance such discoveries, which is the purpose of the Center for Pharmaceutical Processing Research (CPPR), a cooperative national effort between UConn, other major research universities and the pharmaceutical industry.

The Center stands apart from efforts at other universities as the only one focusing on pharmaceutical processing—how drugs are manufactured, says Michael J. Pikal, director of CPPR at UConn.

"What we're trying to do is improve the reliability, efficiency and the quality of the products in the processes," he says. "We're improving existing technology. We're inventing new technology. A lot of it is how the process is designed initially, tested or monitored."

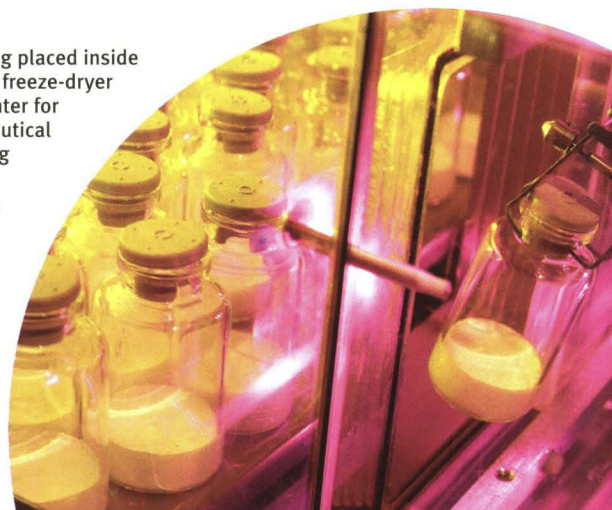
Established in 1995 by the National Science Foundation, the UConn center brings together university-based research and industrial scientists in a collaborative effort to speed the development of new drugs and bring them to the marketplace. UConn is partnering with 25 major pharmaceutical firms, including two Connecticut companies, Pfizer and Boehringer Ingelheim.

Most often the ideas for projects originate from faculty or industry scientists, but graduate students sometimes present their ideas. In all cases, UConn graduate students play a major role in developing the projects, attending meetings with faculty and industry scientists and making presentations about their work.

"One of the things industry wants out of this as well is to identify talent early," Pikal says. "UConn students commonly go and work for consortium companies."

A project that is nearing completion is the development of a "smart" freeze-dryer, which "self-optimizes" a freeze drying process. This research breakthrough would speed the process of freeze-drying materials in the making of new drugs.

Vials being placed inside a vacuum freeze-dryer at the Center for Pharmaceutical Processing Research at UConn.



School of Fine Arts

Access to new media arts

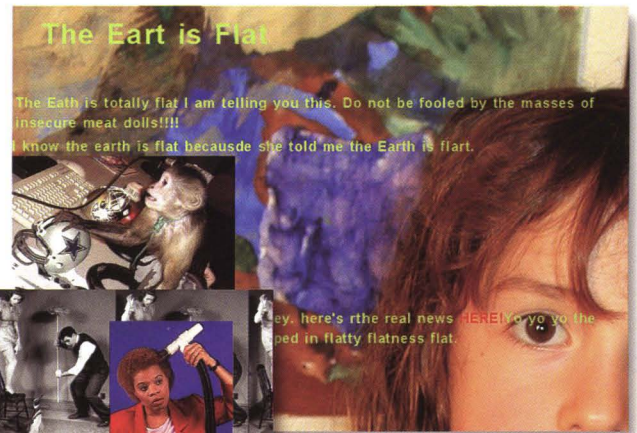
UConn students are at the forefront of new media arts thanks to a recently announced partnership with Eyebeam, a leading arts and technology center in New York City.

Eyebeam is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting critical discussion about new media arts. It also provides access, education, and support for students, artists, and the general public in the field of art and technology.

“Our access to this sort of creative outlet is just not something that most institutions of higher learning can offer their students,” says Judith Thorpe, department head of art and art history at UConn.

New media arts is a broad term given to contemporary art using new technologies in production or presentation. Examples range from Nam June Paik’s pioneering use of closed-circuit television as part of his work in the 1960s to Alba, the genetically engineered bioluminescent rabbit created by artist Eduardo Kac.

The partnership was initiated earlier this year when two Eyebeam instructors offered UConn a new media arts course for five graduate students and five undergraduates. The students traveled to New York every other week to meet with their instructors. They also toured the studios of prominent new media artists, galleries, and museums; and learned about new media arts. The Eyebeam instructors also visited UConn for classroom critiques and exams.



Pages from a “dirt style” website created by Stewart Smith '03 (SFA) from the UConn School of Fine Arts/Eyebeam new media arts collaborative project.

“Overall, I’ve found the student body to be incredibly responsive and mature in their discussions,” says Liz Slagus, Eyebeam’s director of education. “This group is well informed.”

The partnership came about because of discussions between Eyebeam faculty and Saul Ostrow, associate professor of art at UConn, according to Thorpe. “Eyebeam has a lot of trust in Professor Ostrow and his insights,” she says. “We came forward immediately with something that would benefit both Eyebeam and UConn. Thinking of media as art, and dealing with media and culture, fits in with our program.”

School of Law

Law students counsel nonprofit groups

The UConn School of Law is helping to provide legal counsel for nonprofit groups in the Hartford region, thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to the Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative (CULI), a nonprofit organization located on the law school campus.

CULI provides services for legal transactions to Connecticut-area nonprofit organizations that address issues of urban blight in Hartford, Waterbury and other communities. CULI offers UConn law students the opportunity to learn legal transaction procedures while providing actual legal services to clients under the supervision of CULI’s attorneys.

The one-year grant helps to implement CULI’s Nonprofit Pro Bono Initiative, a partnership with several corporate legal departments and law firms that have committed both funds and volunteer

lawyers for the program. The initiative will complement CULI’s existing resources and help to better meet the demands of a growing number of nonprofit organizations. The initiative will match nonprofit groups with volunteers who specialize in the fields of law most suited to the client organizations’ needs.

Nell Newton, dean of the School of Law and chair of CULI’s board of directors, noted that the grant allows the law school to expand significantly on the amount of community service the law school provides in Connecticut.

“This grant from such a broad collaboration of the business community and the Hartford Foundation will enable the law school to substantially increase the number of non-governmental organizations the school serves in the Capitol Region,” Newton says. “This is consistent with the best traditions of the School of Law, the Connecticut Bar and the entire University.”

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Analyzing competition, monopoly in food industry

The next time you pick up a gallon of milk at your local supermarket, think of Ron Cotterill.

In a 25-year career as a professor of agricultural economics, the director of UConn's Food Marketing Policy Center has studied food industry pricing extensively. Several

times, Cotterill has released findings that have led to appearances before Congress and enactment or revision of legislation related to food pricing.

Most recently his research has concluded that supermarkets are making excessive profits on milk, gouging consumers while farmers are struggling for profitability.

In one study Cotterill sought to evaluate the impact of a four-year federal program—the Northeast Dairy Compact—that guaranteed New England farmers a minimum price for milk.

He says the supermarkets not only raised the price of milk

by 3 cents a gallon to cover the cost of the program, they also raised the retail price by another 14 cents for their own profit, and attributed the entire increase to the Compact.

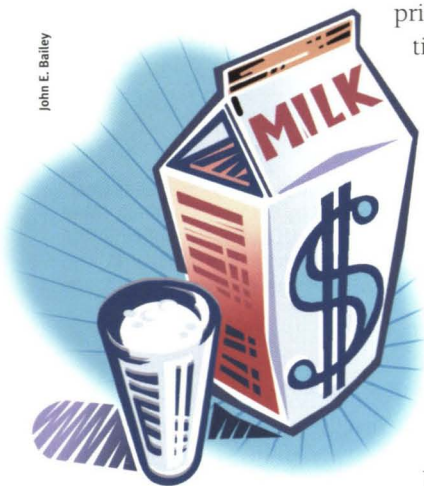
After the program expired, farm prices plummeted 50 cents a gallon to an average \$1 per gallon of milk, while consumers continued to pay about \$3 per gallon. The differential between average consumer costs and farming left immense margins of profit for retailers and processors, he concluded.

Cotterill's study has garnered him extensive publicity and placed him in the political spotlight, too. But he takes it in stride. "I've spent my whole career at the interface of politics and academia," he says.

Cotterill does not shy away from challenging vested interests, but picks the issues carefully and conducts meticulous research so that it can withstand the scrutiny he has come to expect.

Although he recognizes that his research often generates controversy, Cotterill relishes debate.

"Most of the economists in my subject area of industrial organization and anti-trust economics work for the big guys," he says. "Only a very small fraction work for the little guy and the public interest. As the trend continues toward greater economic concentration, our research becomes all the more important."



John E. Bailey

School of Nursing

Fast-track students enjoy challenge

The first group of students in the fast-track nursing program aimed at easing the state's nursing shortage is finding the program "intense and challenging." The Master's Entry into Nursing Program is a 12-month curriculum that prepares students to sit for the nursing licensure exam prior to completing a master's degree in nursing.

The 24 students are a diverse group of individuals with bachelor's degrees in fields like education, social work, and healthcare. The students have an average age of 30 years old, says Laura Dzurec, dean of the School of Nursing.

"They're all a little older, with more life experience and more certainty about what they want to do," she says. "They bring a maturity to the practice of nursing."

Admission to the program requires students to have a bachelor's degree with a grade point average of 3.0 or better and completed course work in a variety of specific sciences,

such as genetics and microbiology. Many of the students already have advanced degrees.

Denise Travers, who spent 22 years as an Air Force officer and has a master's degree in speech pathology, says the program is helping to fulfill a life-long wish.

"I have always wanted to be a nurse, but life just took me down some other paths first," she says. "I attempted a nursing program one other time but couldn't complete the clinical portion because of my work schedule. This program is a dream come true."

The response to the program by hospitals and agencies is also encouraging. "There is incredible enthusiasm. The agencies are thrilled. Several want to provide scholarship dollars for these students in exchange for a commitment of employment at the completion of the program," Dzurec says.

Interest in the program is high, with more than 70 applications for the next class of at least 24 students who will begin studies in the fall, she adds.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Feathered dinosaurs are not ordinary birds

Birds and feathers originally did not flock together, says a scientific study co-authored by UConn emeritus professor Alan Brush.

The recent finding of fossils from flightless feather-bearing dinosaurs in northern China has spurred scientists to take a fresh look at the evolutionary link between birds and dinosaurs.

Writing in *Scientific American*, Brush and a colleague propose a developmental theory that feathers evolved through a series of transitional stages, each marked by an evolutionary novelty that was essential for the next stage of development.

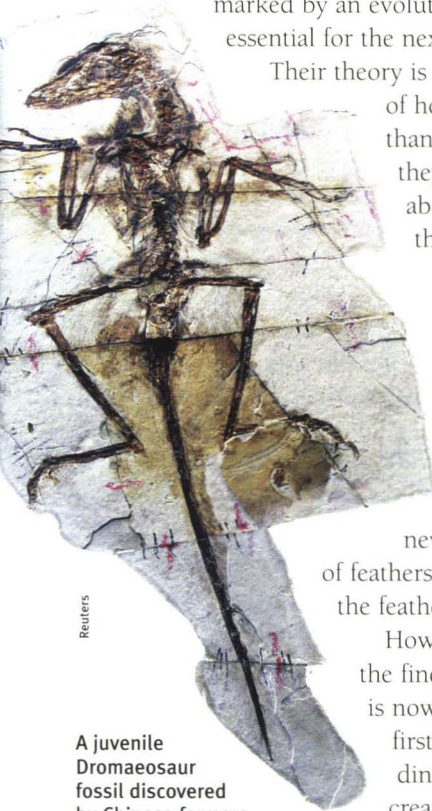
Their theory is based on the understanding of how feathers develop, rather than on assumptions about how they might have been used, or about the animals from which they may have evolved.

For many years, the first known prehistoric bird, the Archaeopteryx, was considered to be the missing link between reptiles and birds, Brush says. "These fossils didn't offer any new insights on the evolution of feathers, because they look like the feathers of modern birds."

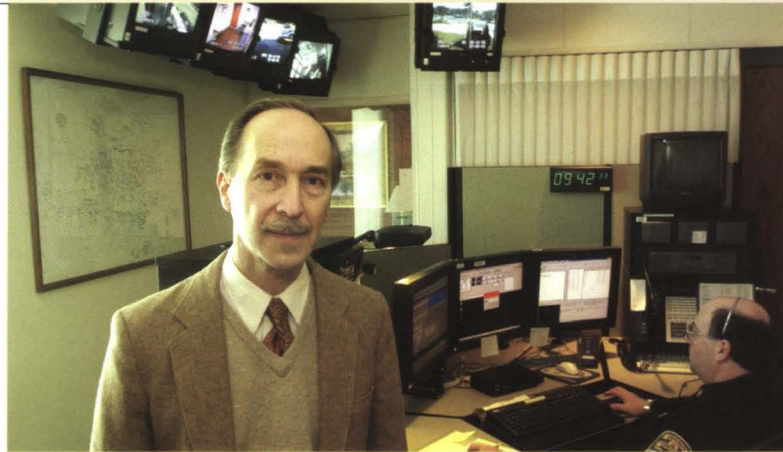
However, Brush says with the findings from China, it is now known that feathers first appeared in theropod dinosaurs, carnivorous creatures that walked on two legs and had small forelimbs. These dinosaurs evolved before the origin of birds.

"The consequence of these amazing fossil finds has been a simultaneous redefinition of what it means to be a bird and a reconsideration of the biology and life history of the theropod dinosaurs," the authors write. "Now we must acknowledge that birds are a group of the feathered theropod dinosaurs that evolved the capacity of powered flight."

The new evidence also "puts to rest the popular and enduring theory that feathers evolved primarily or originally for flight."



A juvenile Dromaeosaur fossil discovered by Chinese farmers provides the best evidence yet that animals developed feathers for warmth before they could fly.



Stephen Sacks, professor of economics, at the UConn Police Department 911 Center.

Professor tailors software to help police track crime

Computer software developed by a veteran economics professor at UConn is helping police in Connecticut determine how and when to deploy their officers.

"Police departments can spend months, years, refining their beats," says Professor Stephen Sacks, who specializes in operations research. "With this system, they can redraw beats in minutes."

Sacks' software application gives police officers and public safety planners a snapshot of recent crimes in a given district: what types of crimes have occurred; what time of day they occurred; and where the crime was concentrated.

"It's very illustrative," says James Donnelly, director of public safety and telecommunications in the New Britain police department. "It shows you a pattern, and that can help you introduce a countermeasure—whether it's surveillance, flooding the area with officers, or maybe an undercover operation."

Sacks has crafted or improved three basic programs: WinPCAM (a Windows version of a patrol car allocation model), which calculates the minimum number of patrol cars needed to meet various criteria; PoliceDat, which allows flexible and rapid display of police data, including where crimes have been committed by date, time of day, neighborhood, or distance from a local landmark; and the Desktop Hypercube, which allows planners to design patrol districts and evaluate them by displaying various performance measures.

Sacks is working with a variety of police departments in Connecticut, including New Britain, Bloomfield, and the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

"There's a vast range of sophistication in police departments," he says. "Some are still using paper; some are pretty high tech but use only part of what's available; still others are using a lot of technology."

Donnelly says Sacks is one of just a handful of people in the country doing analysis of police operations. "He's one of the few people who will roll up his sleeves and see how many officers to assign, where, and during what time of day," he says. "It's a neglected art."

School of Medicine

Physician honored by New England Board of Higher Education

Marja Hurley, associate professor of medicine at the UConn Health Center, is one of the first recipients of the New England Higher Education Excellence Award from the New England Board of Higher Education. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have shown exceptional leadership on behalf of higher education and the advancement of educational opportunity.



Hurley received the award for her work as the founding director of the Health Professions Partnership Initiative, which provides enrichment and support for students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the health professions. The program has sent 206 students on to medical or dental school in the past 15 years.

The Partnership Initiative is a collaboration between UConn, Central Connecticut State University, Wesleyan University, and the Hartford school district. Through established learning academies, groups of Hartford high school students can take part in enrichment programs throughout the school year and during the summer to help them improve their academic performance and broaden their interest in health care.

“Achieving diversity in the health professions is essential to improving the health status of the minority population in Connecticut,” says Hurley. “Our program aims to show these young people the long-term benefits and satisfaction of a career in health care and then provide them with the tools and resources they need to achieve it,” she says.

Recently, the initiative has used grants from local foundations to expand its support to students in middle school. “We are building a pipeline that draws students from underrepresented groups into successful and rewarding health careers. The earlier we can reach these students, the more chance they have for success,” says Hurley.

School of Engineering

Anonymous gift to benefit undergraduate engineers

An anonymous donation of \$500,000 from an engineering alumnus will be used by the School of Engineering to launch a new learning mentorship program, recruit and retain minority students, and to augment undergraduate scholarships in engineering.

The gift, made through *Campaign UConn*, will be submitted under terms of the state matching endowment program for a total of \$750,000.

The learning mentorship program, which will receive \$300,000 under terms of the gift, is designed to address attrition among undergraduate engineering students at UConn. The problem of attrition is common in engineering programs across the country and is particularly high among members of underrepresented populations.

A sum of \$200,000 will support the BRIDGE program, a five-week, intensive residential summer readiness program for entering undergraduate engineering students from traditionally underrepresented populations. After successfully completing the BRIDGE program, each student may receive a renewable scholarship of up to \$3,000 per year through the School.

The remaining \$250,000 of the endowment will support additional scholarships for engineering students not affiliated with the BRIDGE program.

The mentoring program will comprise a corps of senior engineering students who will provide academic mentoring in basic coursework to targeted freshmen and sophomores. The program will also involve peer advisors and graduate students who will help guide participating students in sequencing their coursework, scheduling, developing good study skills, and managing their time.

“This generous gift is a seed that will yield incalculable long-term harvests for the School of Engineering, as we seek to both attract and retain a greater number of undergraduate students,” says Amir Faghri, dean of engineering. “Not only can we acquaint more

prospective students with the engineering disciplines, we can create a nurturing environment and provide scholarship incentives that will foster higher retention rates.”



Bridget Gorman

School of Business

UConn helps family businesses gain a competitive edge

Forget the storied “Mom and Pop” image of family businesses. In Connecticut they are the backbone of the economy. According to economic surveys, 69,000 firms, more than 80 percent of state businesses, are family-owned and employ more than 60 percent of the state’s workforce, generating 50 percent of the gross state product.

Since 1995, UConn’s Family Business Program has offered a distinctive opportunity to explore strategies for overcoming the unique challenges faced by family-owned firms.

The program, staffed by seasoned family business owners, is a “think tank” for members to gain exposure to new ideas and review best practices that may be incorporated into their own family operations through the use of focus groups, workshops, and retreats. The program’s first retreat was held this past June to address succession in the family business.

The discussions were designed for all family members, even those not currently involved in the business. By involving the entire family participants can begin to create a unified vision of the firm, develop consensus and then work to set individual goals, identify career objectives for family



Darren Thompson

members and develop a strategic plan, says Priscilla Cale, director of the Family Business Program.

“The baby boomers are starting to retire, so we’re going to see a huge management turnover in the next five years. The goal of the retreat was

to help all family members

who are not working in the business develop a better understanding of the core business, as well as for spouses to understand the implications of estate and succession plans on their children,” says Cale.

Every month, members of the UConn Family Business Program come together to discuss issues affecting their business and having an impact on their profitability. The program offers “a distinctive opportunity” for family business owners to learn from professionals and peers, Cale says.

School of Family Studies

Graduate students to provide therapy to DCF clients

UConn’s Frederick G. Humphrey Center for Marital and Family Therapy and the state Department of Children and Families (DCF) have formed a partnership agreement that meets the agency’s growing need for therapists and allows UConn graduate students to gain valuable training and experience.

The DCF eastern regional office, which represents Windham and New London counties, will refer adult clients to the Humphrey Center, part of the School of Family Studies. DCF clients—many of whom have had their children taken away for safety reasons—will receive counseling in areas such as anger management, communication or family therapy relationships by graduate students in the marriage and family therapy program. The students work under the supervision of experienced senior professionals.

“The agreement fulfills DCF’s need to find treatment for

adults, while it allows our graduate students to get the necessary experience with clients,” says Leslie Strong, the Center’s associate director. “It will create a caring, integrated, and goal-oriented framework for a partnership between the Humphrey Center, DCF, and families.”

The partnership will help address the shortage of adult mental health services facing DCF. “It’s going to provide a service we seriously need,” says Eugene Marchand, manager of the DCF eastern regional office’s community services unit.

It also aids graduate students enrolled in the marriage and family therapy program. Working with DCF clients will count toward the 500 supervised hours of time with clients they need to accumulate.

Graduate students will begin seeing DCF clients during their second year in the two-year master’s degree program. First-year students will do a practicum at DCF in preparation. Each graduate student will work with a case load of up to three DCF clients at a time.

Peter Morenus



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Gifted and talented students, redefined

A revolutionary thinker in education at UConn

Education pioneer Joseph Renzulli has revolutionized the thinking about the concept of giftedness. Before his breakthrough paper in 1978, “What Makes Giftedness: Reexamining a Definition,” scholars thought a child should be considered gifted if his or her IQ score was above the 130 mark. But Renzulli argued that giftedness is better defined by three factors: above

average ability, task commitment and creativity. He also postulated that giftedness may appear in many areas of endeavor, suggesting that he considers a student as a “gifted writer” or “gifted mathematician” rather than a gifted child.

“When you just look at IQ scores, you’re closing the door on a lot of really bright kids with a broad range

of talents,” says Renzulli.

Initially scholars in the field scoffed at Renzulli’s theory, but today, supported by 25 years of corroborative research, his paper is the most widely cited in the field. He, together with his wife and colleague, Sally Reis, are national leaders in gifted education research.

UConn’s Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development

fulfills so many roles in teaching, research and service, it is difficult to say which is the most important or influential. Founded in 1990, the Center offers teacher education including Confratute, a summer teacher-training institute drawing participants from around the world, and conducts research with other leading universities. The National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented is a collaborative program based at UConn as well and operates under a federal grant provided by the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act.

The Neag Center has myriad services for gifted students including the UConn Mentor Connection, a summer program which pairs high school students with UConn professors to work in labs and studios. A recent student in the program was a finalist in the prestigious Intel science talent search.

“Our mission here is to make schools more enjoyable for all kids by putting gifted education pedagogy into every classroom in the country,” says Reis, who heads the department of educational psychology and is the principal investigator for the Neag Center.

Renzulli’s latest passion is Operation Houndstooth, in which he applies theories about students with high potential who use their ability to help others.

The three-ring theory of giftedness (ability, task commitment and creativity) is represented in a houndstooth pattern that helps to illustrate the interactions between personality and environment. As our society becomes more self-centered and materialistic, it is important to give children the opportunity to help others and to let them know that their school values altruism.

An example of altruism in giftedness that the researchers cite is a fifth-grader named Melanie, who noticed a first-grader named Tony crying on the bus. She found out that he was being teased

and tripped by some older boys because he is partially sighted. And, although he had large type schoolbooks, there were no such library books for him to read. Melanie used her talents to create books for Tony and devised a way for older kids to accompany him on the bus and at lunch to reduce the teasing.

Why would a student like Melanie use her talents to help improve the life of one little boy? What are the circumstances that create an altruistic person who could lead a life such as that of Mother Theresa or Nelson Mandela?

Operation Houndstooth is just beginning to study how six non-acade-

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mic factors contribute to the development of giftedness: a sense of vision, a sense of destiny, physical/mental energy, romance with a topic or discipline, courage and optimism.

Reis’ most recent study is a method of reading instruction that aims to raise reading levels by allowing children to choose their own books based on their interests, but above their reading level.

Before Reis and her research team arrived in a Hartford, Conn., elementary school, many third graders were reading only five minutes or less before becoming distracted. But just 10 weeks after Reis’ pilot reading instruction program called the Schoolwide Enrichment Model Reading Framework, the children were reading for 35 to 40 minutes uninterrupted. The program encourages children to read books slightly above their reading level on topics that they are passionate about under teacher supervision. Eventually students work independently

with reading activities on the Internet or in literature circles.

“These results are startling. This may be the most important work I’ve done in my career,” says Reis, who also used the program with students in a suburban school.

Together, Renzulli and Reis are rewriting the definition of giftedness and providing the basis to improve education for all children.

“The studies we carry out have a potential to provide evidence-based data that if we make learning more enjoyable and enable young people to follow their interests, we

can increase academic achievement,” Reis says.

— *Alix Boyle*



Students



Rituparna Pati seeks a career as both a medical practitioner and policymaker.

Medical mission

Where policy and practice intersect

In her free time, Rituparna Pati '04, M.P.H., M.D., enjoys salsa dancing. An admitted novice, she has taken some lessons and occasionally ventures into Manhattan to strut her stuff. But the demanding schedule of a third-year student in UConn's School of Medicine renders these excursions few and far between.

Perhaps it is only natural that Pati would be drawn to salsa, a rich blend of Afro-Cuban and Puerto-Rican rock and jazz that bridges cultures and peoples. With an interest in developing health programs and policies abroad, she plans to work for an international organization whose cross-cultural aims will improve medical practice throughout the world.

It is a calling that enticed Pati to enroll in a UConn dual degree program leading to advanced degrees in public health and medicine. A Simsbury, Conn., native, she feels fortunate to have found her program of choice here in Connecticut.

"UConn was clearly the best decision," Pati says. "It offered

everything I was looking for—a distinctive program, progressive curriculum, and a faculty that takes a real interest in its students."

Few students attempt such an ambitious combination. In seeking to become both a medical practitioner and policymaker, Pati will draw upon her varied experiences that have touched on both fields. With an undergraduate degree in anthropology, she spent more than six months in Singapore as a public relations executive for the National Kidney Foundation. What followed were stints as an investigator for the Civilian Complaint Review Board of New York and as a news desk assistant for ABC News.

"I'm really enjoying the patient contact, and I haven't yet decided on my specific field of focus," she admits. "What I do know is that I'm passionate about writing and working internationally. UConn's program will provide me with an opportunity to be a hands-on practitioner and help shape medical policy."

Pati's concern for the lives of those overseas is, however, not exclusive to medical care of people. For the last three years, she's been the proud parent of a bouncing, baby elephant.

Habsatue, an African pachyderm, was adopted for her as a birthday present.

"Some people prefer dogs. I've

always had a soft spot in my heart for elephants," she says.

Pati hopes her travels will one day unite her with Habsatue, but in the meantime, she can follow her movements online within the African game preserve that Habsatue calls home.

"I'd love to see her in person. Maybe that's my incentive to practice in Africa after graduation," she jokes.

— John B. Williams

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Student grinds in the America's Cup

Back on course after pursuit of a unique opportunity

Brian Sharp's flight connections were horrid. It took him 37 hours to get from the warm New Zealand summer to the chill of a cold New England winter. After arriving in Storrs this past January, he had a day to register for classes, rent an apartment, find some furniture, and square away his finances. And get a little sleep.

But Sharp was not complaining. A mechanical engineering major from Norwalk, Conn., he had just completed a year doing "the best job I can imagine," crewing for Oracle BMW Racing in the America's Cup, the world's premier sailboat race. His team won eight sets of trials before falling to the eventual winner, the Swiss boat, *Alinghi*.

At 6'5", Sharp presents an imposing figure, as befits his job as a "grinder," one of the four crew members who may be standing still only to suddenly burst into action, cranking their wheel like madmen to pull the boat's huge sails up, to catch the wind.

Sharp began sailing with his father and grandfather when he was about 6 years old. While he enjoyed sailing, it wasn't something he did with great regularity. Then in the summer of 2000, he joined some friends in Miami and began crewing on a boat in the Baccardi Cup, a competitive racing series.

It was a good place to make contacts, and Sharp discovered you could earn a good living racing America's Cup boats. Friends of his father suggested he was big and strong enough to join a crew, so Sharp sent out a few inquiries. His efforts were rewarded when he was asked to come to California for training and, if there was an opening, possibly a contract.

"They started in April, early May. I finished classes on a Thursday, bought my plane ticket on Friday, and I was on a plane to California on Monday," Sharp says. The next day he began the grueling training, including running miles in sand dunes, sometimes carrying 100-pound bags.

When training ended, his hard work was rewarded with a contract to join Oracle BMW Racing.

These days Sharp is back on course with his studies and he expects to graduate in December 2004. After that, he says, he isn't sure what he'll do. "I thank my lucky stars I had this chance, even if I don't get back to the next America's Cup," he says. The next race is scheduled for 2007.

He says the crew worked a lot of hours during the past couple of years— as much as 22 months with little time off. "But how many people do you talk to about working that can say 'I really like this job?'"

Perhaps not many. But Brian Sharp counts himself among them. — *Richard Veilleux*

Brian Sharp '04 (ENG) served as member of the Oracle BMW crew during the America's Cup.



Peter Morenus

It's no longer

UConn football prepares for a new era By Kenneth Best

The tri-captains of the 2003 UConn football team were sitting in the top row of Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Conn., waiting patiently to be posed for a photograph. Defensive tackle Sean Mulcahy '04 (BUS), defensive end Uyi Osunde '04 (CLAS) and wide receiver Shaun Feldeisen '04 (BUS) surveyed the new home for Husky football with approving nods.

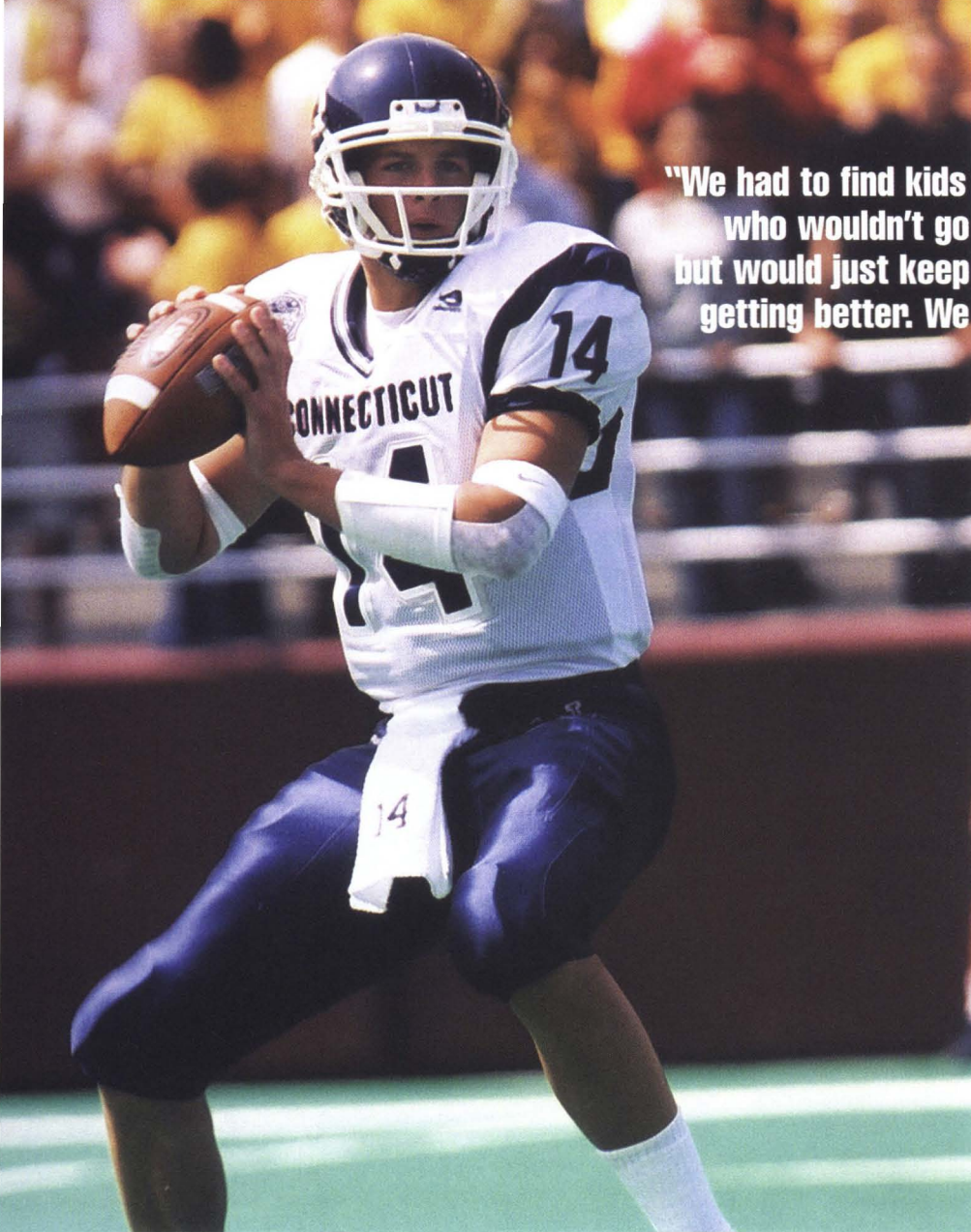
“We started this dream as freshmen four years ago,” Osunde says, describing UConn’s move into Division I-A football competition. “Look how far we’ve come. We’re sitting in a stadium that’s one of the top facilities in the nation. Hopefully we can back it up on the field.”



a dream

A photograph of three young men, identified as senior tri-captains, standing in front of a large stadium. They are wearing dark blue tracksuits with white stripes on the sleeves. The man on the right is holding a white football helmet. The stadium in the background has multiple tiers of seating and a large scoreboard or light tower on top.

Senior Tri-captains
Shaun Feldeisen,
Uyi Osunde
and **Sean Mulcahy**



**"We had to find kids who have great character, who wouldn't go out and wave the white flag, but would just keep coming, keep working and getting better. We had to find the overachievers."
—Randy Edsall**

For head coach Randy Edsall, all of the planning he and his coaches started four years ago has resulted in reaching the goal they set then—to have as strong a team as possible for the opening of Rentschler Field. That meant recruiting players who understood the challenge of building a competitive Division I-A program. "We had to find kids who have great character, who wouldn't go out and wave the white flag, but would just keep coming, keep working and getting better," he says. "We had to find the overachievers."

One such player is Terry Caulley '06 (CANR), the 5-foot-7-inch tailback who gained 1,247 yards and led all NCAA Division I-A freshmen in rushing yards last season while setting a UConn record averaging 124.7 yards per game. He was named a Freshman All-America by *The Sporting News* and selected as Independent Rookie of the Year by ESPN.com.

"We also decided that to build a successful football program at the

After only two years, Dan Orlovsky '05 ranks in the top five of most UConn career passing categories.

If the end of UConn's 2002 season is any indication, the football team's four straight wins, including a 37-20 victory over bowl-bound Iowa State, have raised the expectations of fans to a level reaching as high as the top of the new 40,000-seat stadium, which opens a new era in UConn football on Aug. 30, 2003.

"Students are really starting to get excited about it," says Mike Nichols, a junior political science major who is the student representative to the UConn board of trustees. "There's a lot

of discussion about how the team will do. The Iowa State game really created a buzz."

Jim Marchiony, associate director of athletics, sees interest building for UConn football in a more tangible way. "We had a spring football game and 2,500 people showed up," he says. "We used to average three or four hundred. We have 28,000 season tickets committed as we speak. We're much further along than we anticipated."



University of Connecticut, we would recruit student-athletes who were committed to graduating,” Edsall says. That commitment was recognized earlier this year when UConn was presented with the Academic Achievement Award from the American Football Coaches Association. The award honors Division I-A schools that graduate 90 percent or better of its football players. UConn was one of just seven institutions in the nation to earn such recognition, and it was the only public university so honored.

While Edsall and his team have worked toward preparing for success on the field, there also have been efforts off the field to prepare the University for the move to a larger football presence. A Football Traditions Task Force was formed with representation from students, faculty and administrators to look at how Division I-A football traditions can develop at UConn. Task force members visited other campuses, including Iowa State, Vanderbilt and Penn State, to observe the various traditions and activities built around football.

“Literally it’s been a team approach,” says John Saddlemire, UConn’s dean

2003 UConn Football Schedule

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| August 30 | INDIANA |
| September 6 | at Army |
| September 13 | BOSTON COLLEGE |
| September 20 | at Buffalo |
| September 27 | at Virginia Tech |
| October 4 | LEHIGH (Family Weekend) |
| October 11 | at North Carolina State |
| October 18 | at Kent State |
| October 25 | AKRON (Homecoming) |
| November 1 | WESTERN MICHIGAN |
| November 8 | RUTGERS |
| November 15 | at Wake Forest |

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

All home games will be played at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Conn.

Alumni can obtain information about UConn tailgating, special events and other alumni activities by calling 888-UC-ALUM-1 or online at the UConn Alumni Association website: www.uconnalumni.com.

Ticket information for all home and away games is available by calling 888-AT-UCONN.

of students. “For this to be successful it’s going to require an institutional commitment. We have a really good track record of solid athletic programs that work in partnership with the rest of the institution. That’s where the

football traditions committee came from. As a group we came together with the intention of maximizing this opportunity and creating a meaningful UConn experience for the entire community.”

When UConn played at Iowa State, a group of task force members traveled with the team, spoke with fans and gathered ideas. Among the activities they saw were a parade path for the players to enter into the stadium, a car show in the parking lot, games and activities for children, “team spirit buses” fashioned from old school buses, and a roller-skating mascot.

“Students are involved, alumni are involved. There was a huge community presence,” says Alisa Autuori ’03 (CLAS), one of the students who traveled to Iowa. “It was an impressive event.”

Other campuses have school spirit and decoration competitions among residence halls that help to build enthusiasm prior to game days, and dining halls have theme meals built around a team’s upcoming opponents.

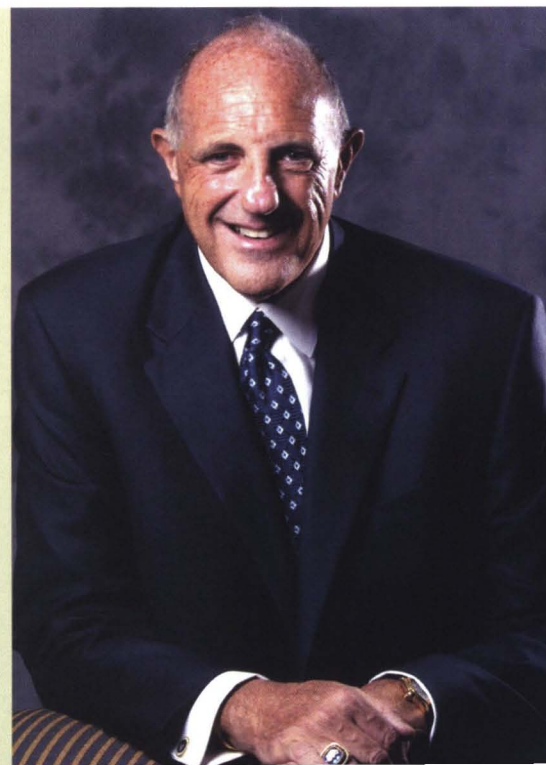
One of the challenges to developing new Husky football tradition is the *continued on page 50*

Perkins leaves a winning legacy

The University of Connecticut Huskies athletics program grew to unprecedented national prominence under the 13-year tenure of Lew Perkins, who left UConn in June to become director of athletics at the University of Kansas.

Since 1990, UConn’s teams have won six national championships, 37 Big East regular season championships and 33 Big East tournament championships, appeared in 60 NCAA tournaments and 15 final Fours. Perkins led UConn’s initiative to be recognized as a leader in gender equity in athletics. He was the prime advocate for the successful upgrade of Husky football to NCAA Division I-A status. Perkins also emphasized classroom success for student athletes, and since 1990 more than 800 athletes have been named to academic all-star teams.

“Things have gone stunningly well in athletics over the past 13 years and it has to be attributed to Lew Perkins, who brought it all together,” says UConn President Philip E. Austin. “It’s with sadness and gratitude that I extend to Lew, and his wife Gwen, our best wishes and our great appreciation for a job well done.”



Escaping

For George Fukui,



George M. Fukui '45
(CLAS), '48 M.S.
returns often to
the Storrs campus.

Peter Morenus photo

Internment

UConn was a way out

By George M. Fukui '45 (CLAS), '48 M.S.
as told to Howard V. Sann

George Masaaki Fukui '45. (CLAS), '48 M.S, forged a distinguished 34-year career as a research scientist in microbiology, virology and immunology. He worked as a researcher for the U.S. government and in senior positions directing microbiological research at both Wallace Laboratories and Abbott Laboratories. He retired from Abbott's automated instruments division in 1986. Soon after, he was recruited by American Airlines, which was preparing to open flights to Tokyo, as a consultant and teacher. Now 82 years old, he lives in Irving, Texas, and vigorously pursues what he enjoys most: Visiting with friends, traveling, golf, fishing, gardening, playing the piano and working with students.



George and Yuri Fukui
on campus in 1946.

Each time I return to the University of Connecticut it feels like coming home. This October marks the 60th anniversary of what I thought was going to be a one-year stay in Storrs—to finish my senior year, graduate and move on. Even now, it feels like I never left. Lifetime friendships can do that.

Back then, the war was still on in Europe and Japan and we lived in uncertain times. There were strong feelings against Japanese Americans—even those of us who were *Nisei* like myself, second-generation and American-born. Most universities did not want Japanese Americans on their campuses. UConn was the only university that accepted me. As I would come to learn, UConn was pioneering in other remarkable ways, as well.

These recollections are being stirred by the upcoming reunion of Japanese-American students who first attended UConn during World War II. The anniversary is being marked by events being

held October 16-18 in Storrs.

At the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, I was attending the University of California-Davis, studying dairy sciences, and living in a Japanese community in San Francisco with my parents, who had been born in Hiroshima, and my five sisters and two brothers, all of whom were born in America and U.S. citizens. My oldest brother was in Japan. In March 1942, when Japanese Americans were first rounded up on the west coast, my family was sent to Tanforan, a racetrack enclosed by barbed wire. We lived in horse stables until we were transferred to a permanent camp in remote and dusty Topaz, Utah. As a youth, my intuition told me that education and pursuit of knowledge would be my path to the future. Now, going back to college would be my way out of the internment camp.

I arrived in Storrs on a cold, overcast fall day in 1944. I knew only Kazuo Yamaguchi '49 (CANR)

and Tetsuo Fuchigama. There were 10 Japanese Americans in the first group to arrive at UConn; eventually there would be 18 and, of those, eight completed their education there. The draft had decimated the UConn campus, leaving about 300 men and 500 coeds.

My time at UConn was life changing. The second weekend on campus I married Yuri Kenmotsu, whom I met in internment and would be my life partner for more than a half century. I crammed as many courses into my schedule as possible so I could finish in a hurry—before I'd be drafted with other Japanese-Americans.

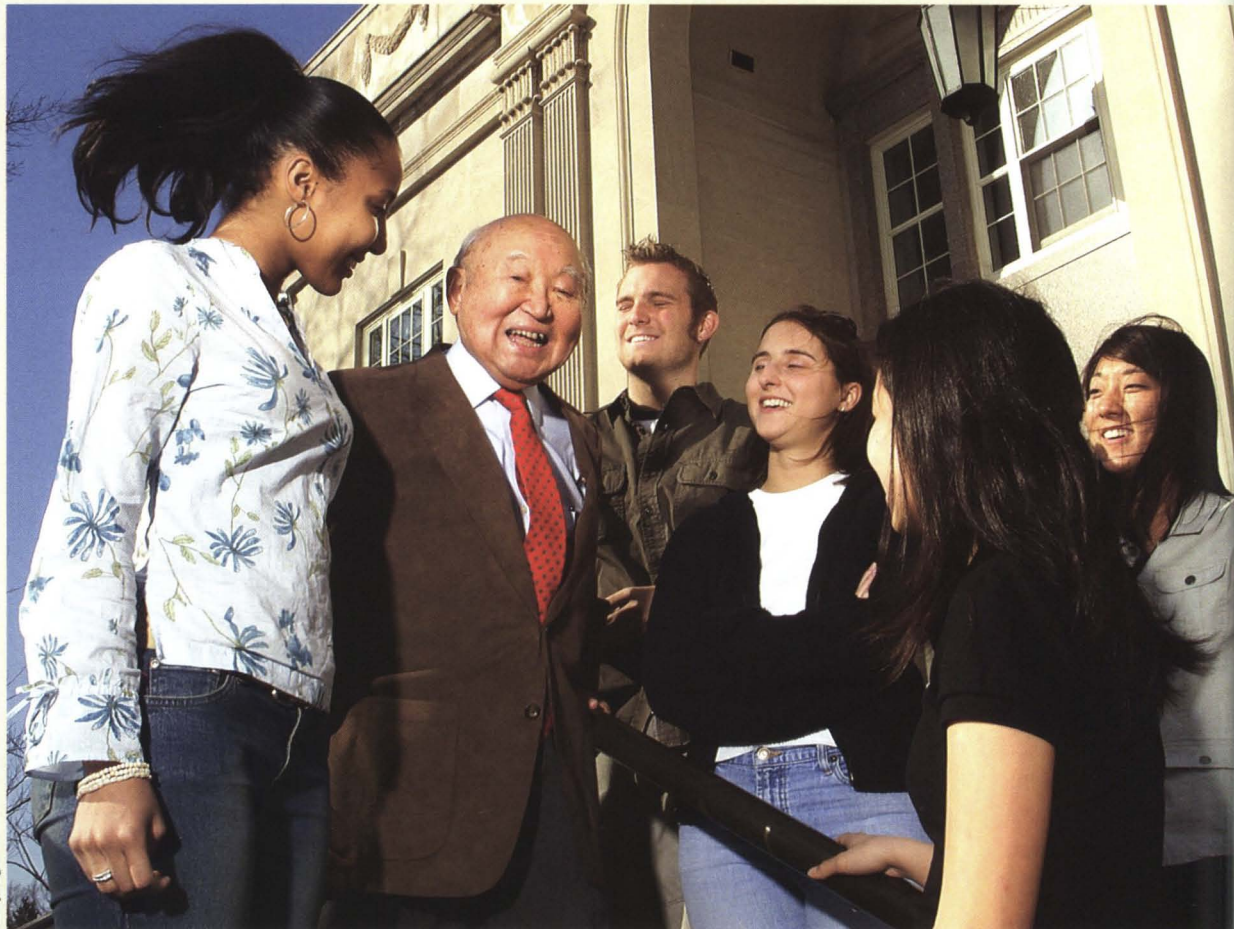
My classes started in dairy sciences and Professor Elmer O. Anderson, head of the department, and his wife offered Yuri and me a place to live in their new farmhouse, on Route 44 above Four Corners, in exchange for helping around the house. Between work and classes, the days were long. I wasn't sleeping much and realized I needed more time to study. So after the first semester,

Yuri and I moved into a small apartment that had, of all things, bunk beds.

I also changed my major to bacteriology, surrendering to my growing interest in the mystery of life under the microscope. The head of the bacteriology department was Walter L. Kulp, who was a different kind of guy. He did not hesitate to take me on as a major knowing I would only be in his department for a short time. And for some reason too complex for me to comprehend, he took me in like his own son. He not only inspired me in class, but also soundly guided me in my career and became my greatest influence in the field of microbiology. In 1944, microbiology was an emerging scientific discipline, and immunology was not yet recognized as a separate area of study. Yet by hiring young, talented professors—such as biochemistry professor Albert Kline—UConn was teaching modern biosciences, on the cutting edge even back then.

Other professors were also especially kind to

George Fukui meeting with students outside the Wilbur Cross Building on a recent visit to UConn for the 10th anniversary of the Asian American Cultural Center.



Lanny Nagler

me, including Vinton Esten White, an instructor in bacteriology who ran the labs. Professor White taught me many of the fundamentals of bacteriology, immunology and infectious diseases.

Other Japanese American students also found many friends among the faculty and administrators. Paul Pfuetze, assistant professor of philosophy who taught religion, and his wife, Louise, gave Shiro Aisawa '47 (ENG) and Bill Hayakawa places to stay. There was also a young assistant professor of mathematics, Erben Cook, Jr., whom they also got to know quite well. I remember one night when Shiro and Bill hitchhiked back from a movie in Willimantic, a car stopped to pick them up: The driver was UConn President Albert Jorgensen.

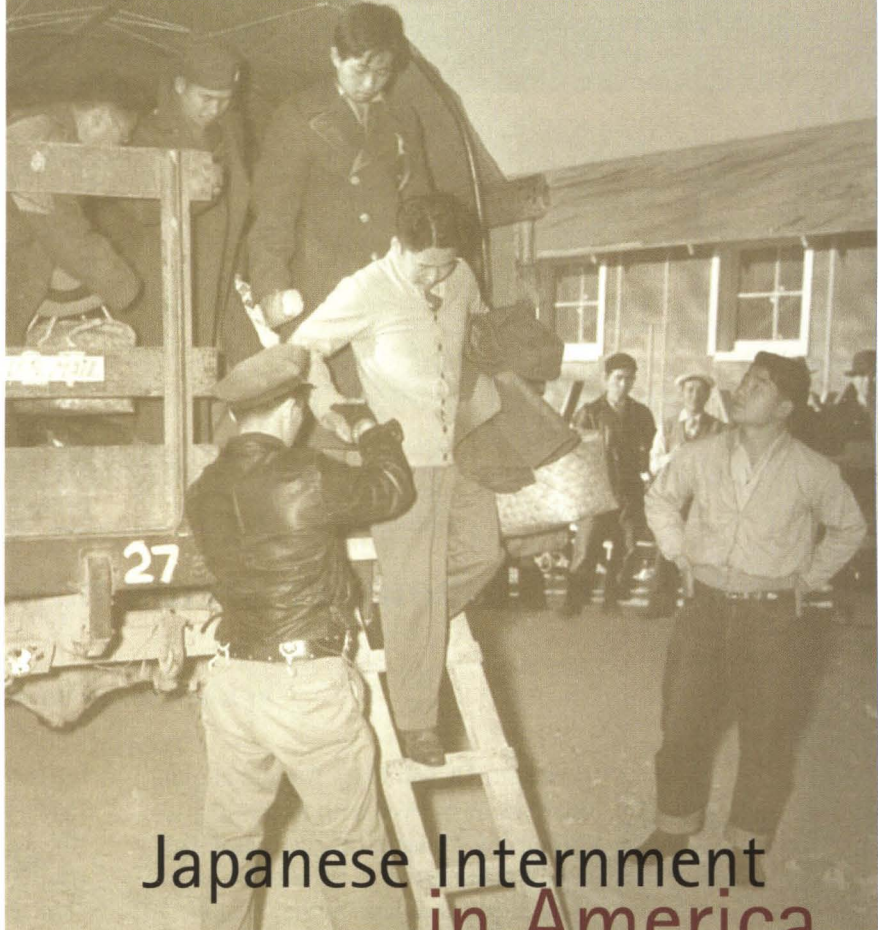
Eventually I was drafted, but by then the war was over in Europe and Asia. I spent my time in the Medical Corps and after my discharge in 1947, I returned to UConn to get my master's degree. After that, Professor Kulp asked me to join the faculty and teach microbiology to returning GIs. I stayed on for another year before leaving to pursue my Ph.D. at Cornell.

I went from barbed wire confinement to a college campus in Connecticut without barriers. I can't explain it, but there was no feeling of segregation at UConn. Japanese-American students were accepted on and off campus. We made friends and were invited to homes of faculty members for dinners, parties and holidays. My wife and I—it never occurred to us at the time—were being accepted into the American society as a result of our association with the University of Connecticut. The *Issei*, our parents and their generation of poor Japanese immigrants, all died hoping to be accepted into mainstream American society. They wanted this for their children.

So, the one year I expected to be at Storrs lasted from 1944 to 1949. I always had this special feeling for the professors at UConn, an appreciation for their helping me to attain my goals in life. Out of that respect, I've routinely come back to thank them. UConn is more than a second family to me, because it has also given me an extended family. I am quite fortunate because it was really by chance that I came to the University of Connecticut.

My fondest UConn memory is that first Thanksgiving in 1944, when it snowed the night before and was extremely cold. Most
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Japanese Internment in America

In the months following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, war hysteria gripped Pacific coast residents in California, Oregon and Washington, who feared more attacks on their cities. On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, directing virtually all Japanese Americans—nearly 70 percent of them U.S. citizens—"evacuated to concentration camps." More than 120,000 men, women and children were first shipped to 16 "Assembly Centers" in California (racetracks and large fairgrounds), then later transferred to 10 permanent "Relocation Centers," mostly in isolated areas of America's interior West: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and North Dakota as well as Texas and Arkansas.

After the Supreme Court ruled that "loyal" citizens could not be lawfully detained, the order was rescinded on Jan. 2, 1945. By the end of February 1945, many of the camps had been emptied. The last camp closed in March 1946.

After incarceration, of the 120,313 Japanese Americans interned, 54,127 returned to the West Coast, 52,798 relocated to the U.S. interior and 4,724 moved (some voluntarily, some not) to Japan; another 3,121 were sent to INS internment camps, 2,355 joined the U.S. Armed Forces, 1,322 were sent to institutions, 1,862 died during imprisonment and four others were classified as "unauthorized departures."

Over the course of the war, 10 people were convicted of spying for Japan—none of them Japanese Americans. — Howard V. Sann

Dairy Bar Delivered

UConn's famous ice cream now in stores

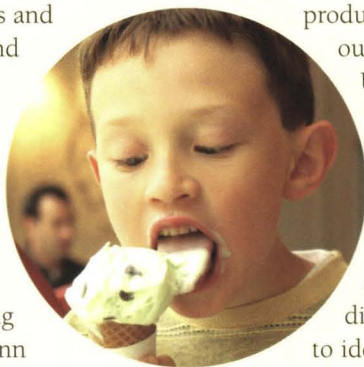
BY KAREN SINGER '73 (CLAS)

Mention the UConn Dairy Bar and alumni often get misty-eyed with memories. Production manager Charlie Hatton has seen it many times, in the dreamy looks on the faces of returning graduates as they recount stories of meeting girlfriends, boyfriends and future spouses over milkshakes, cups and cones piled high with freshly made ice cream that made an indelible impression on the taste buds. Visiting parents and area residents also appear regularly with coolers to cart off a few half gallons, says Hatton, who is UConn's ice cream-making master.

Now the rest of Connecticut is joining the ranks of the converted. In July UConn Huskies Dairy Bar ice cream made its debut in supermarkets and other retail outlets throughout the state and region. Sold in half-gallon oval tubs, it comes in eight flavors with names such as Midnight Madness, Scholar Chip and 4.0 Chocolate. Royalties stemming from its sales will directly benefit academic programs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"With the exception of our graduates, UConn ice cream is probably the most well-known product that emanates from Storrs," says Chancellor John Petersen. "It makes perfect sense to offer another quality UConn product to residents statewide."

It was sampling two hot fudge sundaes that got Hatton hooked as a high school student on a field trip to the Dairy Bar. He began working there part-time in 1972, while studying in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. "I expected to stay six months and never left," he says.



Dale Dreyfuss, UConn's vice chancellor for business and administration, was instrumental in transforming the ice cream idea from concept to conveyor belt. In late 2000, he began discussing UConn ice cream with University President Philip E. Austin. A premium product with a wider distribution, he pointed out, could provide two direct benefits to the University: added resources for academic programs and increased visibility.

Cameron Faustman, chair of the department of animal science, realized help would be needed for such an expanded venture because the Dairy Bar didn't have adequate production and distribution capabilities. The key would be to identify a partner to work with the Dairy Bar to produce ice cream that matched the quality found in Storrs.

Royal Ice Cream in Manchester, Conn., seemed a logical choice. Its production facility is close to the Storrs campus and it has a long history of working with Guida Dairy, a New Britain-based manufacturer and distributor of dairy products.

The proposal interested Guida. Bernie Guida '55 (CANR), chairman of the board also was "ecstatic about the idea."





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DAIRY BAR ICE CREAM
ChampionChip

Vanilla Flavored Ice Cream
loaded with Chocolate Chips.

Guida's sales manager, Dan Tegolini vividly remembers weekend excursions to the Dairy Bar in his parents' station wagon during the 1960s, and was equally enthusiastic. Last summer, Faustman and Hatton visited the Guida and Royal facilities to begin discussions about quality control and other details aimed at replication of the exact Dairy Bar formula. What emerged was a plan to use UConn's recipe and specifications to produce a premium ice cream that could be distributed statewide.

The first taste test was in February 2003. "It was basically a group of adults sitting around a table stuffing themselves silly with ice cream," Dreyfuss says.

The group mulled over production information and packing design options before choosing and naming the eight flavors. They include original Dairy Bar favorites, such as Jonathan's Supreme, a best-selling blend of chocolate covered peanuts in a vanilla base with peanut butter swirl, and new ones like Midnight Madness, a chocolate ice cream with black cherries, chocolate chips and malted milk balls colored orange, like basketballs.

Those flavors now are on sale at the UConn Dairy Bar, where Hatton is still producing another two dozen or so flavors that are only available on the campus. Coffee and black raspberry are among the current crowd pleasers, Hatton says, adding he currently has around three dozen active ice cream recipes to work with, but he's always experimenting with new ones.

Packaging for the ice cream reflects its quality. The generic, rectangular cartons that have held UConn ice cream for decades have been updated to a four-color, oval carton that depicts a view of the campus from Horesbarn Hill and the Jacobson Barn.

The Dairy Bar has been in the same building for decades, however a renovation four years ago replaced its horseshoe-shaped counter, surrounded by stools, with a large bright space containing glass windows and tables. There still are lines on weekends, but there also are some enhancements, including a window where visitors can observe how ice cream is made and an interactive computer display with information about ice cream making. Meanwhile, the wider availability of Dairy Bar ice cream has alumni salivating.

"The Dairy Bar was just a short walk from our dorm," recalls Lois Henrickson '72 (SFA), who visited frequently with classmates during the early 1970s. "With an ice cream cone in hand, we'd walk toward the barns to visit the baby piglets or gaze at the stars from a nearby field. The hard part was picking which flavor to try; they were all so delicious."

So, for those who still recall their first visit to the Dairy Bar, the stroll down memory lane can be rekindled by a visit to the supermarket to pick up a container of UConn ice cream to evoke sweet memories.



Also in a store near you...



Huskies Dairy Bar ice cream joins a variety of high quality consumable products that have been in stores throughout Connecticut since the early-1990s.

Starting with Huskies Tortilla Chips and Huskies Salsa, the line of food products continues to grow with help from Connecticut-based companies, including Munson's Chocolates, Omar Coffee Co., local Coca-Cola bottlers who provide UConn Huskies Water, Guida Dairy, which makes Huskies Pups flavored milk and Shelfspace Marketing, which makes Huskies potato chips.

"The Huskies brand food has been a great way to satisfy the enthusiasm that fans and alumni have for the University and its student athletes," says Tim Tolokan, associate director of athletics for licensing.



Proceeds from Huskies food product sales are used for scholarships and other University programs.

Many Huskies food products are also sold at Gampel Pavilion and the Hartford Civic Center during UConn basketball games. They will also be sold at Rentschler Field, the new home for UConn football.



Chazdon sees forest through trees

Tropical ecologist studies how rainforests regrow



Peter Morenus

Professor Robin Chazdon has been studying the tropical rainforests in Costa Rica for nearly 30 years.

The destruction of tropical rainforest has for years been a concern of environmentalists. But the forest can regenerate itself if the conditions are right, and UConn's Robin Chazdon is studying how it happens.

Chazdon, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, has been working in Costa Rica for nearly 30 years. Since 1997, she has been documenting the regrowth of tropical forest sites near the field station of La Selva.

Chazdon was selected earlier this year to receive the President's Award from the British Ecological Society, an award given once every two years "for high achievement in the field of ecology." Her work has been supported by the National Science Foundation and the Andrew Mellon Foundation.

In January 1997, Chazdon identified four 2.5 acre sites for long-term study. Today, she has six years of data on how these forests are regrowing, combined with aerial photos, satellite imagery, and accounts from people who have worked there for many years.

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forest areas grow extremely rapidly.

The long-term effect appears to be that allowing forests to re-grow on land that would otherwise not be forested will enhance the removal of carbon in tropical regions, she says.

Chazdon says she would like eventually to hand over all the sites to Costa Rican researchers, but currently the government doesn't have the funds to sustain the studies.

"I view the project as a collaborative effort," she says. "It's very important to me to contribute to the development of scientific knowledge in Costa Rica."

Chazdon travels to Costa Rica twice a year. Both UConn graduate and undergraduate students participate in her work. — Elizabeth Omara-Otunnu

"There is a tremendous need to have good measurements of processes in the forest," she says, "and my work is focused on providing some of that detail." One type of data she collects has to do with the availability of light, one of the most important determinants of growth.

Chazdon has studied both the canopy, a forest's uppermost branchy region, and the understory—the part of the forest below the canopy—to discover how a newly established forest, or secondary forest, is different from a mature forest. Her research has documented some important distinctions.

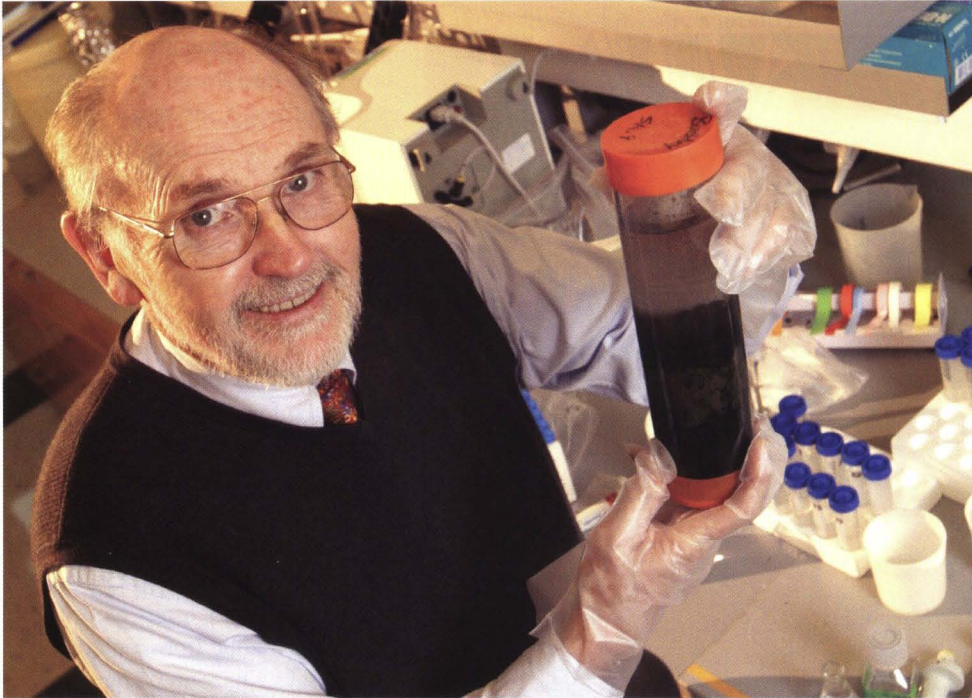
"The secondary forest has a different dynamic from a mature forest," says Chazdon. "There's a lot of turnover in the canopy. The early trees grow fast and are initially dominant, but they won't remain that way in the future."

Using a laser rangefinder to provide highly accurate measurements of tree height, Chazdon has discovered that many of the trees in the naturally regenerated

The father of mercury research

A life-long journey to make a contribution to society

Peter Morenus



William F. Fitzgerald will be honored by the Geochemical Society for his highly distinguished career.

William F. Fitzgerald first became interested in mercury as a graduate student in the mid-1960s after learning of the horrors of Minamata, the Japanese fishing village whose people were devastated by mercury poisoning that was discovered in 1956.

“At that time, it was the worst industrial poisoning in history and I thought to myself: Here’s a chance to make a contribution to society. To prevent poisonings, we need to understand how mercury cycles in the environment,” says Fitzgerald, a professor of marine sciences and founder of the Mercury Laboratory at UConn’s Avery Point campus.

His lifelong work has earned him a reputation as “the father of mercury research.” His distinguished list of accomplishments will be honored in September by the Geochemical Society during its conference in Japan, when Fitzgerald will receive the scientific organization’s highest award, the Patterson Medal, which recognizes innovation in environmental geochemistry. The medal memorializes Fitzgerald’s scientific mentor, Clair C. Patterson, who first reported the accurate age of the earth and is the scientist who

“To prevent poisonings, we need to understand how mercury cycles in the environment.”

whether accumulated mercury in the Sound and in New York Harbor is having more of an effect on fish contamination than other sources of pollution in these regions.

Fitzgerald’s research recently took him and his students to arctic Alaska, where they flew by helicopter to crystalline lakes to measure the amount of mercury in the lakes’ sediment.

UConn’s Mercury Laboratory is recognized internationally and Fitzgerald, his colleagues and graduate students have developed many of the collection and analytical procedures used to study mercury. His scholarly work is supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, among others. In recognition of his many accomplishments, Fitzgerald was among the first group of UConn faculty in 1998 to receive the Chancellor’s Award for Research Excellence. — *Alix Boyle*

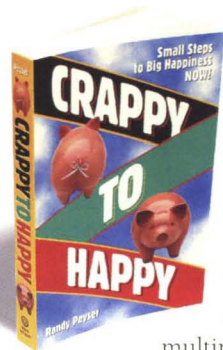
pioneered lead-free gasoline.

“When I looked at the e-mail saying that I was selected for the medal, I couldn’t breathe. It’s an extraordinary honor,” recalls Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald’s research at UConn centers on the environmental impact of mercury on both a global and local scale. He is interested in how mercury migrates from air emissions during the burning of coal and waste incineration into rivers and streams, where bacteria can convert it to the highly toxic methylmercury which winds up in the fish that humans eat. Atmospheric mercury from China or Europe, for example, can reach Long Island Sound or its watershed, adding to local sources of mercury from wastewater treatment plants.



Recent works by alumni and faculty



Big happiness through small steps

Her publisher labels it “spunky self-help.” Randy Peyser ’77 (CLAS) calls it “comic intervention.”

What it is, is Peyser’s light-hearted view of how to “make it through the day when the crises in your life are multiplying faster than rabbits,” as presented in her whimsically titled book, *Crappy to Happy: Small Steps to Big Happiness NOW!* (Red Wheel/Weiser 2002).

“I teach people how to practice random acts of chutzpah,” says Peyser, a UConn psychology major, turned writer and editor. “In my mind it’s the willingness to take the kind of risk that others are not willing to take that often leads to the greatest happiness. When we’re doing these kinds of acts, there’s an inner urge that propels us to do so. We’re being true to ourselves. If you’re willing to risk being true to yourself, you’ll never look back and say, “ ‘I wonder what would’ve happened if...?’ ”

The story of writing the book is a testament to that philosophy. Peyser was writing short stories about humorous incidents in her life purely for her own enjoyment. Soon she had about 100 pages of material. Her contacts in the publishing industry suggested that the stories would fit into a book if she listed some advice learned from the stories. Part of her editing job at a new-age magazine included writing one-line quotes which, when expanded, turned into more than 150 pearls of sage wisdom. An example:

“Abundance begins in your underwear drawer: One way to affirm abundance is to buy yourself all the socks and underwear you need. Any opportunity to replace lack of abundance in one aspect of your life sets the intention that you are open to receive greater abundance in all aspects of your life.”

Says Peyser, “I like to write the kind of one-liners that give you mental or emotional ‘whiplash.’”

Writing has always provided enjoyment for Peyser, who spent her first two years at UConn’s Torrington campus, where she learned a writer’s secret in a class.

“The question was about getting stuck at the beginning of writing. The professor said, ‘Don’t begin at the beginning.’ That’s something I still use over 20 years later,” she says.

Peyser has also created a one-woman show called, “Crappy to Happy: Comic Intervention for Closet Visionaries and Almost-Manifesters,” in which she incorporates material from her book.

ALSO OF INTEREST



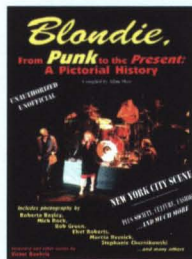
Murders at Brent Institute

Jerry Labriola
(Strong Books)

Doctors are in the business of life and death, but not murder. Unless the doctor is David Brooks, Jerry Labriola’s modern day Doctor Watson who does not play second fiddle to a Sherlock Holmes. *Murders at Brent Institute* finds Brooks tracking clues in the fourth installment of this series.

Labriola, a retired doctor and assistant professor in the UConn School of Medicine, has the bow-tied Brooks again working with his detective-girlfriend and his lock-picking cab driver. A box of chocolates is the only clue left at the home of a murdered scientist working for the Brent Institute of Biotechnology. Another murder, along with a kidnapping, and Brooks finds himself as the killer’s next potential victim.

With a fluid writing style, Labriola takes the reader through plot twists and turns with a quick pace that keeps the pages turning. His 30 years as a physician and a book collaboration with the renowned real-life forensic scientist Henry Lee lends credibility and accuracy to his writing.



Blondie, From Punk to Present: A Pictorial History

Allan Metz ’91 M.A.
(Musical Legacy Publications)

A university reference librarian in Springfield, Mo., Allan Metz has used his considerable professional skills to compile biographical materials on female rock and pop singers for several years. Having previously written about Madonna, Go-Gos, Bananarama, B-52s and others, his latest collection is a comprehensive look at Blondie, the influential 1970s Punk/New Wave group led by Deborah Harry.

Blondie was the first punk/new wave band to cross over into pop, owing to Harry’s sex appeal and energetic stage performance. She provided one of the critical links between the 1960s Girl Group vocalists like The Supremes and the female-driven rock groups like The Runaways, Bangles, and Pretenders. Harry and Blondie helped set the stage for rock’s visual requirements when MTV began in 1980.

Metz has assembled a comprehensive text that includes a wide range of feature articles and essays as well as extensive appendices and bibliographies that turn the book into a valuable reference resource on a 1970s rock ‘n’ roll icon.

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■ UConn Health Center Alumni Reunion Weekend

UConn Health Center Alumni Reunion will be held on October 24-25, 2003. Festivities will include a reception with faculty and friends, pre-game tailgating prior to the UConn vs. Akron football game at Rentschler Field, followed by an evening dinner dance. All alumni are invited and the classes of 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, and 1998 will be honored. A Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented at the Alumni Reunion Dinner Dance.

For more information, or if you would like to submit a nomination for the award, please contact Nancy Kotchko at 860-679-4119 or by e-mail at kotchko@uchc.edu. Please check the alumni website for additional information at <http://alumni.uchc.edu>.

■ Special Interest Reunions

Interested in reconnecting with that special group of friends? Let the UConn Alumni Association help. If you have a specific group (i.e., dorm, student organization, fraternity, sorority, athletic or intramural team, etc.) that you would like to get together, contact Kim Lachut '90 at 860-486-2240 or toll-free at 888-UC-ALUM-1 and she can help you. She also can be contacted by e-mail at kimberly.lachut@uconn.edu.

1920s

Louise Michels '28 (SFS), '32 M.S. will celebrate her 94th birthday in 2003. She says she "can't remember names anymore," but she still "knows the score!"

Martin F. Fagan Sr. '44 (ED), '49 M.A., '63 6th year was recently inducted into the Rockville (Conn.) High School Wall of Fame.

Alfred L. Marder '48 (CLAS), president of The Amistad Committee, Inc., and chairman of the City of New Haven Peace Commission, was awarded the Order of the Rokal, the government of Sierra Leone's highest honor, in a ceremony attended by President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah. It is the first time the medal and designation of honor was awarded to a non-Sierra Leonean.

1940s

Charles F. Rohde '42 (CLAS) is retired from United Aircraft, United Technologies, engineering department, where he worked for 35 years. He and his wife, Evelyn (Field) Rohde '75 (CLAS), live in Glastonbury, Conn. Their three sons are also UConn graduates: Charles E. Rohde '71 (CLAS), Thomas W. Rohde '74 (CLAS) and James F. Rohde '79 (CLAS).

1950s

Edmund F. Button '50 (CANR), M.S. '59 retired in 1988 as a transportation research engineer. He is publishing a collection of short stories, fiction, fact and fantasy entitled, *Images & Fantasies - An Anthology*.

C. B. Schmidt '50 (CANR) has been participating in community activities, golf, and travel since retiring with his wife of 47 years.

Charles G. Gold '51 (BUS) is president of Tire Consulting Company, living in Dallas, Texas since 1981.

Elmer W. Eriksson '52 (RHSA) had his book *Backyard Birding in the Northeast United States* published March 2002.

Richard (Dick) Marsh '55 (BUS) recently married Audrey Angle Tierney. They live in Hillsboro, N.H.

Robert M. Guinessey '56 (BUS) former president of LE Smith Glass and retired corporate officer of Libbey Inc., lives with his wife, Sallie T. Guinessey '57 (SFS), on the Intercoastal Waterway in Wilmington, N.C. They are joined there each summer by their five daughters and 20 grandchildren.

Hannah (Riesefeld) Korobkin '56 (SAH) retired from Physical Therapy Homebase in 1994. Hannah has been living in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past 30 years and has one grandchild from three children. Hannah is very active as a volunteer at the YMCA, theater, and local hospitals.

Kolman Brand '57 M.S. is professor emeritus for math and computer science at Nassau Community College. His wife, Judith (Gold) '58 M.A., is a retired social studies teacher for the New York City school system. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Richard R. Paulhus '57 (PHR) retired after a 45-year career in pharmacy.

Barry E. Herman '58 M.A., '61 6th year, '67 Ph.D., a professor



of education at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., was elected president of the Ethnic Heritage Center of New Haven, Conn. He is also the chairperson of the Human Services Commission for the town of Hamden, Conn., and is a retired administrator from the New Haven public school system.

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

Stan Kokoska '58 (CLAS) was recently named the president of the Polish National Youth Baseball Foundation.

William D. Pardus '58 (CLAS), '60 M.A., a professor emeritus of music at Keene State College, composed a new work for symphonic band which had its premier performance on March 7, 2003 in Providence, R.I.

Ruby Vance Edelstein '59 (NUR) retired 10 years ago and has taken up watercolor painting and quilting.

Florence (Wagman) Roisman '59 (CLAS) is the Michael McCormick Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, where she has taught since 1997.

Elizabeth (Ledger) Ryan '59 (PHR) married John Ryan in May 1999.

1960s

Diann Osgood '60 (NUR) retired in June 2002 after 40 years of teaching and administration in a wide variety of nursing education programs at University of Texas, Boston University, Simmons College, Boston public schools, Northern Essex Community College, and Bunker Hill Community College.

Jerold Wanosky '64 (CLAS) was recently elected to the Milford (Conn.) Board of Aldermen. A retired school administrator, he previously served as the chairman of the Milford Board of Education. He is an adjunct professor of education at Quinnipiac University.

Jacki Marshak '65 (ED) retired from teaching after 38 years at Laurel Ledge School in Beacon Falls, Conn. She plans to travel and make candy in her retirement.

Joel Pasternak '65 (BUS) was promoted to the position of legal/state compliance group manager for Republic Mortgage Insurance Company. He lives

with his wife of 36 years, Ginny, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Joel H. Wilensky '65 (CLAS) is president of Joel H. Wilensky



Associates, Inc., a national company specializing in placing information systems, accounting and finance, and logistics professionals. The company was named the 2002 top producer in NPA—the Worldwide Recruiting Network.

Tom Bowler '66 (ED), '81 6th year retired from the Vernon, Conn., public school system in 1999. He has his own consulting firm and is an adjunct faculty member in physical education at Eastern and Central Connecticut State Universities.

Patricia (Moore) Marquardt '66 (NUR) is president of Journey Home, Inc., a non-profit organization developing residential homes in the Dallas area to provide comfort care at the end of life.

John Surowiecki '66 (CLAS), '78 M.A. has published his first collection of poetry, *Watching Cartoons before Attending a Funeral* (White Pine Press). He lives in Hebron, Conn., and works as a freelance writer.

Barry Altman '67 (ENG) and his wife, Rita, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Dec. 16, 2002 after relocating to Vienna, Va., following 22 years in California. He is vice president of Technical Change Associates.

Carol Milardo Floriani '68 (NUR), is the director of professional services at Heartland Hospice in West Covina, Calif. She traveled to Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia for her 30th wedding anniversary.

Barbara D. O'Hearn '68 M.A. lives in Washington state with family following the death of her husband in October 2001. She is currently involved with the "Fathoms O' Fun" pageant

PROFILE

A career captivated by communication

In 1959, when he was 16, **Myles Martel '65 (CLAS)** wrote a letter to Harry S. Truman and asked the plain-spoken Missourian if he would sign an excerpt from his inaugural speech. The former president was characteristically blunt, responding in one sentence: "Here is your autograph. Harry S. Truman."

It wasn't what Martel had asked for, but it was Truman's autograph and the first in what would eventually become Martel's comprehensive collection of authenticated presidential autographs, which was displayed recently at UConn's Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.

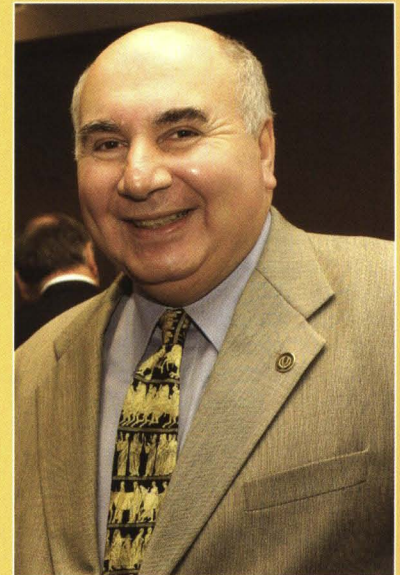
The collection says a great deal about Martel, who grew up in the historic town of Gardiner, Maine, just down the Kennebec River from the state capital, Augusta. The son of a political reporter, Martel took an interest in the political process early on. When other kids were reading Hardy Boys mysteries, he could often be found in the gallery of the Maine House of Representatives, studying the legislative process and cultivating the interest that would eventually propel his career.

Speeches and speech-making captivated young Martel and by the time he enrolled at UConn—where he was profoundly influenced by Professor John Vlandis, founder of the University's debate team in 1961—he knew his future would be in the field of public communication.

In 1969, Martel started his own consulting company, Martel & Associates, and also pursued an interest in researching and writing about presidential debates. While interviewing advisors to Presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Ford, and Carter and former presidential candidate Robert Kennedy, he met advisors to California Gov. Ronald Reagan, who was then considering running for president. Reagan needed a debate advisor. Martel was selected for the post, and guided Reagan successfully through the 1980 Presidential debates.

In the more than 20 years since Reagan was first elected, Martel has consulted with leaders in some 50 nations. His clients have included political leaders worldwide and senior executives in major corporations.

His fascination with political speeches continues, as does his commitment to UConn. Last year he established the Myles Martel Lecture in Leadership and Public Opinion, with an inaugural lecture by Richard Wirthlin, President Reagan's former chief strategist and pollster. — *Jim H. Smith*



Peter Morenus

in Port Orchard, Wash., doing seamstress work on their costumes and parade monitoring.

Doug Alexander '69 (BUS) is senior vice president of business financial services at FleetBoston Financial.

Barbara Clemens '69 (CLAS) authored two texts for Course Technology Publishers in Boston. She has managed, edited, and written business and technology books since 1984, after receiving her M.B.A. from Boston University. She also teaches computer applications, both privately and for a training company in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she lives with her husband, William Wiley.

Glenn Goldberg '69 (CLAS) is the founder and director of GUTS, a nonprofit agency that helps at-risk and other teenagers improve their self-esteem, choices and relationships.

1970s

Sherwood J. Anderson '70 (CLAS) received a merit award



from the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference for distinguished coverage of high school athletics.

A former sports editor of *The Daily Campus*, he has been a sports writer at *The Hartford Courant* for 33 years and has won more than three dozen awards, including a Pulitzer nomination for co-authoring a series on substance abuse in high school athletics in 1989.

Thomas J. Haas '70 (CLAS) is the new president of the State University of New York at Cobleskill. He previously was the dean of academics at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Linda Clark Nasser '70 (CLAS), '02 M.S.W. was awarded a master's degree in social work from the UConn School of Social Work in May 2002. She and her husband, **Ferris Nasser '70 (CLAS)**, live in Danbury, Conn. They have three sons.

Jack O. Robinson '71 J.D. celebrated his 82nd birthday March 28, 2003. He contributes over 200 hours pro bono time for Boulder (Colo.) Legal Services each year and participates in volunteer work as president of Boulder Services Foundation, while also serving on the Boulder Mental Health Board.

David B. Cavanaugh '72 (BUS) announces the creation of Cavanaugh Insurance Consultants, Inc., which provides consulting and expert witness testimony in conjunction with litigation involving casualty insurance premium and rating plan disputes. He is located in Hernando, Fla.

Wendy (Kenyon Brush) Edson '72 (CLAS) received the 2003



President's Medal from Hilbert College (Hamburg, N.Y.) in recognition of her "outstanding loyalty to the mission of

Hilbert College and service to its students and graduates," during May commencement ceremonies. She is assistant chairperson and associate professor of paralegal studies and has taught at Hilbert for 25 years. She helped to develop the college's American Bar Association-approved bachelor degree program in paralegal studies.

Joanne Michaels '72 (CLAS) will publish *Hudson River*



Journey (W.W. Norton) in October 2003. She also hosts and produces a syndicated regional TV talk show.

PROFILE

Another UConn-CPTV connection

Nearly everyone in the Nutmeg State knows about the partnership between UConn women's basketball and Connecticut Public Television, which has broadcast UConn games since 1994.

But there is another UConn-CPTV connection, and her name is **Meg Sakellarides '86 (BUS)**.

Sakellarides, who graduated magna cum laude from UConn's accounting program, has been the chief operating officer at CPTV/Connecticut Public Radio since 1997 and is responsible for most of the organization's financial, administrative and broadcast operations.

She believes that CPTV and UConn have had a symbiotic relationship: It has been good for UConn athletics, good for CPTV and very good for Connecticut's passionate fans.

"Public television people around the country know us for our UConn connection," Sakellarides says. "That's because our UConn ratings are explosive. This past year, they averaged 10.4. Just to put it into perspective: PBS programming averages 2.5 and our local documentaries average about 1.8."

Sakellarides' credits her father, George, who is also an accountant and UConn alum ('50 BUS), for her interest in finance and her love of sports.



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Growing up in Norwich, Conn., she says, "the Red Sox and UConn basketball were very big in our house. My father took me to Fenway and to UConn games. And one of our good family friends was Walt Drogo '48 (CLAS), the Red Sox and UConn star. So it was a natural for me to work at CPTV with its connection to UConn athletics."

While at UConn, Sakellarides was "focused to do well" and work for one of the then Big 8 accounting firms. When she graduated, she did just that, taking a position with Deloitte Haskins & Sells (now Deloitte & Touche). She credits the School of Business' internship program with getting her foot in the door. The program, she

says, made a tremendous difference in her career, and is still helping UConn students today.

Sakellarides is active in the Hartford community and serves on the board of directors for BankNorth Connecticut, the Learning Corridor, the Wheeler Clinic and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

"I know that with my background I'm supposed to be a numbers-cruncher," she explains. "But I'm not like that at all. For me, it's all about relationships and understanding what's important. It's also about diligence, hard work and integrity, which I learned from my parents and at UConn as well." — *John Surowiecki '66 (CLAS)*, '78 M.A.

Attention Husky Fans!

Cheer for your UConn Huskies around the country and celebrate another historic season of UConn football with the UConn Alumni Association. Join us at pre-game tailgates at the following locations:

September 6 at Army
September 27 at Virginia Tech
October 11 at N.C. State
November 15 at Wake Forest

For more information, call the UConn Alumni Association at 888-UC-ALUM-1, or check out our website at www.uconnalumni.com

Lois (Holtzman) Rivard '72 (SFA) has retired after 24 years as a graphic designer with the University of Connecticut. Lois and her husband, **Tom Rivard '67 (BUS)** reside in Coventry, Conn.

Wes Slate '72 (CLAS) recently returned to AT&T in its government solutions organization, continuing over 22 years in telecommunications sales. His wife, **Georgia Bills '79 M.A.** is director of fine arts at Glen Urquhart School, in Beverly Farms, Mass., her 28th year in teaching.

Richard Altschuler '73 J.D. was named one of New Haven County's top six litigators by *Business New Haven* magazine.



Mark Hicks '75 (CLAS) is a software developer and business consultant in Austin, Texas.

Steve Kemper's '75 M.A., '80 Ph.D. new book, *Code Name Ginger*, was published in June by Harvard Business School Press. The book chronicles the development of the Segway Human Transporter, inventor Dean Kamen's highly-touted "people mover."

Vladimir Wozniuk '75 (CLAS) published a book he translated and edited, *The Heart of Reality: Essays on Beauty, Love, and Ethics* by V.S. Soloviev, with University of Notre Dame Press. He is professor of government at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass.

Richard T. Minoff '75 (CLAS) has joined Dorland Global Health Communications as president of its Pharma Group, responsible for the firm's pharmaceutical and biotechnology practice.

Robert F. Ravelo '76 (CLAS) was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Air Force on March 1, 2003. He is assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate—Crisis Action Team of the Joint Operations Center of the Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command Camp H.M. Smith in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Jacqueline F. Strayer '76 (CLAS) has been elected to a one-year term as chair of the board of trustees of Connecticut Public Television, the parent corporation of Connecticut Public Television and Connecticut Public Radio. She is director of corporate communications for United Technologies Corporation. She and her husband, Dr. Robert Carlson, live in Glastonbury, Conn., with their son, Robert Jordan, 9.



Stanley Geidel '77 (SFA) was appointed associate dean of the College of Fine Arts at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.

David P. Edwards '78 (ED) has a licensing agreement with Lifebank, USA, for the use of his song, "A Baby's Lullaby." Lifebank will be marketing a CD-ROM for expectant parents, and will use the song as background music for their presentation.

Geryl Rose '78 (CLAS), director of marketing at Konover Construction Corporation in Farmington, Conn., has been elected to the board of directors of the Society for Marketing Professional Services, Southern New England Chapter.

Aleta Ventre '78 (BUS), '82 M.B.A. married John Manning on Sept. 23, 2000. She received a M.A. in counseling psychology from Lesley University and has a private practice in psychotherapy in North Haven, Conn.

Ginny Rehberg '79 (CLAS)



is president of Rehberg Management Group, a full-service outplacement, career consulting and executive coaching firm based in Newton, Mass. She is known as TV's "Career Doctor" on Boston's CBS affiliate, WBZ-TV.

1980s

David DeLucia '80 (CLAS), '81 M.A., '83 6th year works as a school psychologist for two elementary schools in Portland, Conn. David also teaches piano part time and released a CD, "Music for Quiet Listening," which features over an hour of classical piano music.

Dale J. Fiore '80 (RHSA), general manager of the Evergreen Cemetery Association and Crematory in New Haven, Conn., has been awarded the designation of "Certified Cemetery Executive" (CCE) from the International Cemetery and Funeral Association. He is also the president of the Connecticut Cemetery Association.

Michael Panciera '80 (BUS), '82 M.A. of Manchester, Conn., has been named senior vice president of business financial services at FleetBoston Financial.

Cynthia (Booth) Lord '81 (CLAS), '82 (BUS) was elected to a two-year term as director at large for the board of directors of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. She is the program director and assistant professor at the physician assistant program at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. She also has received numerous awards, including the Connecticut Kidney Foundation Award, ConnAPA's President's Award, and the Quinnipiac University PA Program Academic Teaching Award.

Diane (Scholan) Brett '82 (BUS), '91 M.B.A. and Tom Brett announce the birth of Alexander Matthew on July 11, 2002. Alex joins his sister, Kristen, 9, and brother Tyler, 6. Diane and her husband are both associate vice presidents at Advest in Glastonbury, Conn.

Josephine Tarzia Demarco '82 (BUS) is director of marketing and business development for Data Square, LLC in Stamford, Conn. Josephine and her husband, Brian, live in Weston, Conn., with their twin 8-year-old boys, Bradley and Charlie.

Mary Dixey '83 (CLAS) is director of the Cole Library, Rensselaer at Hartford. The Cole Library provides users with information resources and services that focus on the areas of management, business, computer science, and engineering.



Kimberly Manning '83 (CLAS) has been promoted to senior vice president/director of strategic planning at Cronin and Company, Inc., in Glastonbury, Conn. She is responsible for strategic planning and brand planning for current clients and new business at the full-service marketing/communications agency. She lives in Cheshire, Conn.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

Rhoda Smith Buntz '59
 Edith (Wollenberg) Diesel '43, '49
 Anne Williamee Fisher '84
 Ruth Y. Franklin '73
 George Hill '63, '71 J.D.
 Dorothy Seger Hutchinson '27
 Ellis A. Jacobson '50
 George C. James '53
 Henry Katzenstein '52,
 '52 M.A., '54 Ph.D.
 Lisa J. Mallozzi '85
 Naomi Novack '51
 Stephen Joseph Perrotti '82
 Muriel Rosenblit '46
 Arther Frederick Smith '73
 W. Gary Vause '67, '70 J.D.
 Alfred A. Yukna '49

FACULTY

Raymond Hitchcock
 Doris Elnora Nason
 Kenneth G. Wilson

STAFF

Robert Hugh Wyllie

STUDENT

Kaitlin Silk '04

Lisa M. McGuire '83 (CLAS), vice president and government and community relations officer for People's Bank, was presented the bank's prestigious Samuel W. Hawley Award for Public Service.

Heidi Pike '83 (ED), husband Mark, and daughter Lily, 4, announced the birth of Bailey Ames on Sept. 19, 2002. Heidi owns Fitness Horizons, a personal training business.

Joseph J. Gorman '84 M.B.A. was elected corporate vice president for taxation of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. He and his wife, Maureen, reside in Ridgefield, Conn.

Patti A. Bacon '85 (CLAS), has been named an associate in Dufresne-Henry, an engineering, landscape architecture and environmental sciences firm.



John Davis '85 Ph.D. was appointed interim superintendent of the Washington School for the Deaf.

Megan Friar '85 (ED), '87 M.M., and **Ron Drotos '86 (SFA)** announce the birth of their first child, John Friar Drotos, on Jan. 15, 2003. Megan and Ron are both musicians residing in New York City.

Bernard E. Gracy, Jr. '85 (ENG) was named vice president and general manager of Pitney Bowes' global Professional Services business. He most recently was VP of Enterprise Integration Solutions. Bernard joined Pitney Bowes in 1997 as a manager of systems engineering after an eight-year stint with United Parcel Service.

Tom Kurlick '85 (NUR), assistant director of medical management for Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation, is currently a major in the U.S. Army Reserves serving with the Army Combat Support Hospital (405th CSH) out of Newington Conn. He returned from a seven-month deployment in Kuwait at Camp DOHA. He lives in Memphis, with his wife, Mariah, and 16-year-old son Kyle.



Frank Tavera '85 (BUS) is executive director of the Palace Theater of Waterbury, Conn., currently undergoing a \$30 million renovation. The theater will reopen in the fall of 2004.

Nicholas S. Zaharias '85 (CLAS) is director of development for the Tilton School in

Tilton, N.H. He oversees all advancement, marketing and alumni/parent relations activities for the institution. He and his wife, **Patty Ellis Zaharias '84 (CLAS)** also report that their son Stephen, 13, was selected by Team USA Soccer to play with the national squad in Denmark, Sweden, and England this summer. It is his second tour with the national team.

Leslie Gianelli '86 J.D. is a member of the organizing committee for the 2003 World Figure Skating Championships in Washington, D.C. Leslie devotes her energies to ice skating as a judge and referee. She is the director of public outreach for the Global Health Council, the world's largest membership organization dedicated to improving healthcare in the developing world.

Paula Brinkman Hughes '86 (SFA) and her husband, J.P., announce the birth of their first daughter, Mackenzie Grace, on March 31, 2003. The family resides in Key West, Fla.

Timothy A. Johnson '87 (SFA) published *Foundations of Diatonic Theory*, an innovative textbook that approaches the basic building blocks of music theory from a mathematically oriented perspective.

Jessica Sarin-Perry '87 (SFA) is media manager for the office of admissions at Berklee College of Music in Boston. She also performs in Boston with her band, and recently released her first solo CD, *Clearing My Head* on her independent label Esther Records (www.jesperry.com).



Christopher M. Burns '88 (CLAS) spent a one-year deployment in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was mobilized as part of the 1st National Guard Special Forces battalion. He served as an operations officer

and acting executive officer for the battalion.

Tracy (Baptiste) Gibson '88 (SAH) is a physical therapist in New Jersey. She and her husband, David, have two children, Alexis, 6, and Natalie, 9 months.

Laurie Ann King '88 (CLAS) was named vice president of the John M. Glover Agency.

Frederick H. Kuriger '88 M.B.A. is senior vice president/ chief operating officer at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H. He previously spent 16 years as vice president of clinical and support services at the Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Conn.

E. Michael Brennan '89 (CLAS) has joined Insight Financial Strategies of New England Financial, in Norwalk, Conn., as a financial representative.

James L. Bucko '89 (BUS) and **Mary-Ellen (Avedian) Bucko '91 (ED)** announce the birth of their son, Jonathan, in January 2003. James is a financial sales manager at People's Bank. Mary-Ellen works in customer service at CIGNA.

Paul Danzi '89 (CLAS) and **Celeste (Libano) Danzi '90 (PHR)** announce the birth of their son, Connor Joseph, on Feb. 2, 2003, who joins a sister, Isabella Rose, 4. The family lives in Folsom, Calif.

Nancy (Rodrigue) DeCrescenzo '89 (CLAS) was appointed assistant director, student employment & experiential education in the career center at the University of Hartford. She also serves on the adjunct faculty at Goodwin College in East Hartford, Conn.

Kathleen Dudzinski '89 (CLAS) is a researcher-in-residence at the Mystic Aquarium and was inducted into The Women Divers Hall of Fame, an honor society dedicated to the women who shape the world of diving.

Jacqueline M. (DelGiorno) Gaston '89 (SFS) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Michael Laird Gaston, Jr. on Jan. 29, 2003. She received her Master of Education from George Mason University in May 1993 and teaches at Chantilly High School for Fairfax County public schools. The family lives in Manassas, Va.

Stephen G. Geib '89 (BUS) joined the insurance brokerage firm of Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Co. of Connecticut as a senior vice president in its Hamden office. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Wallingford, Conn. with their two sons, Liam and Griffin.

Lynn (Capella) Holmquist '89 (CLAS) and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their fourth child, Ellen Claire, born May 23, 2002. Ellen Claire joins her sister Emma, 4, and brothers, Stephen, 6 and William, 2.

Sandra (Greenaway) Kindlan '89 (BUS) announces the birth of twin girls, Allison Helena and Emma Rose, born on Jan. 24, 2003. The twins join big sister Siobhan, 4. The Kindlans reside in Andover, Mass.

Deborah Zlotsky '89 M.F.A. is associate professor of art at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. She had an exhibition of her paintings in the Sue and Eugene Mercy, Jr. Gallery at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn., in spring 2003. The paintings were from three series "Invented Still Lifes 1995-2001," "Book Still Lifes 2001-2003" and "Recent Still Lifes 2003."

1990s

Brad Carignan '90 (BUS), '93 M.A. was married June 22, 2002 to Carrie Bogardus. He is a cardiovascular specialist for Merck and Co.

Viviane Grady '90 (SFA), is project manager at Hartford Steam Boiler after spending several years in Southeast Asia and living in Australia upon completing her graduate diploma in design studies in Sydney. She and her husband reside in Hartford, Conn.

Eric Sean Weld '90 (CLAS) is assistant director of college relations at Smith College in Northampton, Mass. After many years performing as a pianist and singer, he is also acting in West Springfield, Mass.

Kelly A. (Ingalls) Lynch '90 (ENG) and **Denis D. Lynch '91 (BUS)** announce the birth of their second son, Thomas James, born March 22, 2003. Thomas joins his brother, Kevin Dean, born April 26, 2001. Kelly is an associate product line manager at Swiss Re in Armonk, N.Y. Denis is a vice president at Aon Consulting in Greenwich, Conn. The family lives in Newtown, Conn.

Wendyleigh (McCorrison) Bodick '91 (CLAS) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Faith on Aug. 20, 2002, as well as the adoption of their daughter, Maiya Lindsey. The family resides in Mooresville, N.C.

Marc Condon '91 (CLAS) and his wife, Elaine, recently had their fourth child, a son, Zachary Anthony Condon, on Sept. 6, 2002. Zachary joins brothers Justin, 14, Tyler, 9, and sister, Alyssa, 6. Marc is a consulting pension actuary with MassMutual Financial Group in Springfield, Mass. The family lives in Vernon, Conn.

Donald J. Costello '91 (CLAS) is an optometrist at Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, La. He graduated from the New England College of Optometry in Boston in 1995 and spent a year in residence in ocular disease at the Boston VA Hospital, graduating in 1996.

PROFILE

A gifted legal mind appointed U.S. attorney

When **Kevin J. O'Connor '92 J.D.** took the oath of office last November, he became the 48th U. S. Attorney for the district of Connecticut and one of the youngest U. S. Attorneys in the nation. But no one who has followed O'Connor's career since he graduated from the UConn School of Law, with high honors, was surprised. The 35-year-old lawyer's career trajectory has been decidedly upward.

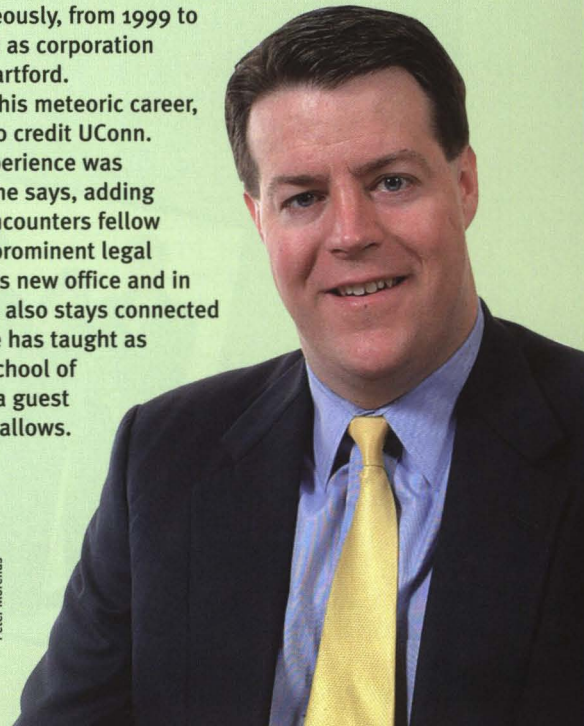
From 1992 to 1993, he served as a law clerk to Judge William H. Timbers of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second District. He then joined the New York law firm of Cahill, Gordon & Reindel, where he was a litigation associate until 1995. He spent the next two years as a staff attorney and senior counsel in the Division of Enforcement at the United States Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

O'Connor had been appointed chairman of Connecticut's Commission on the Death Penalty by Gov. John G. Rowland when, in 1998, he became the Republican Party's nominee for the U.S. Congress representing Connecticut's First Congressional District. While he was not successful in his election bid, the campaign experience was gratifying, says O'Connor. "Politics has always been a passion for me," he says. "I always knew I'd want to run for a prominent office."

O'Connor was a partner in Day, Berry & Howard, the Hartford law firm he joined in 1999, when he was tapped by President George W. Bush last year to serve as U. S. Attorney. Simultaneously, from 1999 to 2001 he had served as corporation counsel for West Hartford.

Looking back on his meteoric career, O'Connor is quick to credit UConn. "My law school experience was formative for me," he says, adding that he regularly encounters fellow alumni who are in prominent legal positions both in his new office and in private practice. He also stays connected to UConn, where he has taught as an adjunct at the School of Law and serves as a guest lecturer when time allows.

— *Jim H. Smith*



James Kaiser (CLAS) '91 changed the name of his executive search/staffing firm from Dunhill of New Haven to Kaiser Whitney Staffing, in January 2003.

Anastacia L. Santos '91 (BUS) has been married since 1995 and has two sons: Stephen, born in 1997, and Justin, born in February 2003. She is a senior accounting analyst at Otis Elevator Company.

Jeffrey Street '91 (ED) and his wife, Kelly, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Joseph Street, born on Aug. 27, 2002. He joins his brother Patrick Jeffrey Street, who was born on Dec. 9, 1999. They live in Salisbury, N.C. Jeff teaches music at South Rowan High School.

Joyce A. Hanson '92 M.A., '97 Ph.D. recently published *Mary McLeod and Black Women's Political Activism*, from University of Missouri Press.

Carrie Mosher '92 (CLAS) announces her engagement to Gregory McDaniel. A June 2004 wedding is planned. She is a certified Feng Shui practitioner, having studied at the New

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England School of Feng Shui. They live in Orange, Conn.

Caroline Regazzi '92 (ED) and Mark Surhoff announce the birth of their son, Mark Edmund, born Sept. 9, 2002 in Rye, N.Y.

Pamela Rothfuss '92 (CLAS) and her husband, Peter Switzer, announce the birth of their second child, Josephine (Josie) Eleanor Switzer, who joins big brother Wyatt Peter. She is a critical care nurse in Keene, N.H. The family lives in Marlborough, N.H.

Julie Trahan-Scaringella '92 (SFS) and **Mike Scaringella '93 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their third child, Jacob Michael, on Oct. 19, 2002. He joins brother Jonathan and sister Madison. The family resides in Mt. Dora, Fla.

Lisa-Brit (Findley) Wahlberg '92 (CLAS) and husband Ed announce the birth of their son Lucas, born Jan. 8, 2003, who joins older brother Shane. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist working part-time in Avon, Conn.

David Will '92 (CLAS) and his wife, Nicole, announce the birth of their son, Samuel David Sendzia Will, born Dec. 5, 2002. He joins his brother, Zachary, born June 26, 2000. The family resides in Marshfield Hills, Mass. David operates Boston Conferencing, Inc.

Joseph L. DeLutrie '93 (CLAS) and **Kristine E. (Wiley) DeLutrie '94 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their third child, Matthew Lawrence, born on Aug. 11, 2002. He joins sister Julia, 5, and brother Ryan, 3.

Jennifer King '93 (CLAS) and **Jeff Bolton '95 (CANR)** announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Jane, on April 1, 2003.

Maribel Lopez '93 (CLAS) and her husband, Jonathan Fosdick, welcomed their first child, Samuel Theron Fosdick

on April 20, 2002. They live in Cambridge, Mass.

David Maffucci, '93 (BUS) and his wife, Shelley, announce the birth of their first child, Tabitha Lauren, born on March 30, 2003. The family lives in Lakeville, Conn.

Maurice Moreau '93 (CLAS) and **Susan (Kaminski) Moreau '93 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their second son, Chad Eric, born on March 11, 2003. He joins his big brother Ryan, 3. The family resides in Vernon, Conn.

Matthew Paggioli '93 (ENG) married **Kimberly Heffernan '93 (ENG)**. Matthew is an estimator and project manager for WW Webber Inc., in Houston, Texas. Kimberly is marketing manager for Hobas Pipe in Houston.

LeighAnn Paine '93 (SFS) married Richard Weber on Oct. 16, 1999, and celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Carly Rose, on Nov. 1, 2002. LeighAnn is an adjunct professor at Southern Connecticut State University.

AT THE JORGENSEN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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Tues., October 14, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

The Pacifica Quartet burst onto the music scene in 1994, rapidly winning three of the most coveted chamber competitions on the planet: the 1996 Coleman, the 1997 Concert Artists Guild and the 1998 Naumburg. Featured regularly on NPR and recently appointed Lincoln Center's resident quartet, they are one of the today's most dynamic and exciting ensembles.



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Mollie (Jacobson) Quinn '93, '95 (CLAS) and **Don Quinn '93 (BUS)** announce the birth of their daughter, Summer Rose, on Dec. 30, 2002, who joins big brothers DJ, 5, and Devin, 4. The family lives in Colchester, Conn.

Jennifer (Toelke) Bourret '94 (BUS) earned an M.B.A. from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., and was invited to join the business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma. She lives in Durham, N.C., with her husband, Darrin.

Kelly (Lambert) Harrington '94 (BUS) is director of marketing at the Faneuil Group in Boston, Mass. She and her husband, Tim, recently had their first child, Erin Elizabeth, on March 9, 2003.

Lauren M. Jones '94 (SFS) earned an M.S.W. at Boston University and started her own business as a professional organizer. She lives in Boston.

John Murphy '94 (CLAS) married **Kristine Cunnane '00 J.D.** on Oct. 5, 2002. John is a sales manager with ExxonMobil Corp., in New York City. Kristine is a director and legal counsel at Memberworks Inc., in Stamford, Conn. They live in Fairfield, Conn.

Peter B. Neal '94 (CLAS), a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, graduated from the Combat Engineer Officer Course at the Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

David Rice '94 (ED) married Cara Cronin on Sept. 22, 2001. David is a project manager with Baystate Health System in Springfield, Mass. They live in Wilbraham, Mass.

Kathy (Daniels) Richardson '94 (CLAS) and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their son, Quinn Daniels Richardson, born on Sept. 21, 2002. They live in Lancaster County, Pa.

Jeffrey M. Stanton '94 M.A., '97 Ph.D. is assistant professor in the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University. He recently received a grant from the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology Foundation for a preliminary project in the field of behavioral information security, a relatively new area of research and practice. He lives in Jamesville, N.Y.

Tim Weaver '94 (CLAS) and his wife of four years, Czarida, announce the birth of Camille Alexis, born on March 5, 2003. He is working at Deutsche Bank in New York City. The family lives in New Jersey.

Darsi (Cocozza) Baer '95 (CLAS) announces the birth of her first child, Max Thomas Baer, on Oct. 10, 2002.

Lisa Farino '95 (CLAS) has published the first issue of *The Frugal Environmentalist*, a quarterly magazine dedicated to empowering readers to make affordable, eco-friendly lifestyle choices, based in Brattleboro, Vt.

Eric Ferreri '95 (CLAS) won the 2002 Green-Lassiter Award from the North Carolina Press Association and Duke University for distinguished coverage of higher education issues in North Carolina. He covers higher education for the *Herald-Sun* of Durham, N.C. He lives in Durham, with his wife, **Stefanie (Pratola) Ferreri '97 (PHR)**, a pharmacy professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kristin M. (Dallaire) Jones '95 (CLAS) and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their triplet daughter and sons, Cassidy Ann, Logan Scott and Dylan Joseph, born on Nov. 1, 2002.

Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS) of the WNBA Connecticut Sun was married on April 12, 2003 to Steve Rushin of *Sports Illustrated*.

Maggie (Conway) McGillicuddy '95 (CANR), and her husband Michael, welcomed their first child, Michael John, Jr., on July 15, 2002.

Christine Sedensky '95 (CANR) and her husband, Chris, announce the arrival of their first child, James Christopher, on April 4, 2003.

Kathryn Maxwell Talty '95 (CANR) is a senior associate with Douglas Hills Associates, a landscape architect firm. Before joining DHA, she was a project director with Site Acquisition Consultants, LLP. She and her husband, Jon, live in Winnetka, Ill.

Andrew Gazerro III '96 D.M.D. married Heather Oberg in September 2001 and announce the birth their daughter, Addison Elise, in June 2002.

Kevin G. Green '96 (BUS) is manager of the technology, infocomm, entertainment and media practice in the Hartford, Conn., office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. He is also an affiliate member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Brian A. Lutes '96 M.B.A. is senior vice president and director of human resources for Fifth Third Bancorp, responsible for overseeing the company's human resources strategies across its 17 affiliates.

Paul F. Tobin '96 (ENG) married Rebecca A. Ballou on May 25, 2002, in Groton, Conn. He is president of PKMJ Technical Services, Inc. The couple resides in Moon Township, Pa.

Christine E. Tobin '96 (CLAS) married **Sean R. Lester '96 M.A.** on Aug. 17, 2002 in Wickford, R.I. They live in Tolland, Conn.

Robert F. Butler '97 (BUS) has completed 18 years of military service with the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard.

Robert J. DiMartino '96 (ED), '98 M.A. and his wife, Liza, announce the birth of Jackson Robert DiMartino on Feb. 10, 2003. They also have a daughter, Skylar Lynn, 18 months.

Rich Giammattei '97 (CLAS) is engaged to **Margaret Forde '01 (CLAS)** and is living in New Britain, Conn. He works as a proofreading team leader at Data-Mail, Inc. in Newington, Conn.

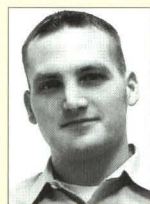
Douglas M. Guyer '97 (CLAS), a staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, was called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Inspector-Instructor, 4th Marine Division, based in Plainville, Conn.

Jessica LaBreque '97 (CLAS) married Clemens Lengenfeder on Aug. 24, 2001. She is owner of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in West Hartford, Conn.

Julie A. Machol '97 (SFS) married Jason P. Hughes on April 12, 2003. She is a high school math teacher at Avon High School in Avon, Conn.

Tracey Potter '97 (ED), '98 M.A. married John Hackley on July 27, 2002 in Newport, R.I.

Kimberly (Haggerty) Roy '97 (ED), '98 M.A. earned her second bachelor's degree in graphic design in May 2003 from the University of New Haven. She is a graphic designer at M & M marketing in Shelton, Conn., and married Philip Roy on Aug. 4, 2001. They live in Hamden, Conn.



William T. Russell III '97 (ED), '98 M.A., '03 6th year teaches history and social studies at Fairfield (Conn.) High School and serves as the chapter advisor to the Iota Chi chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the UConn Stamford campus.

Sherri Estela-Harton '98 (CLAS) graduated from Trinity College with a master's degree in public policy in May 2003.

Liza Herringshaw '98 (BUS) has joined the Midshore Board of Realtors and works for the Beazley Company.

David J. Newman '98 (PHR) has published his first book of poetry, *Pure Luck and Good Fury*, in November 2002. He also completed his second book and hopes to eventually become a full-time creative writer.

Joseph Spadaro '98 J.D. was recently awarded a sabbatical from the Connecticut Department of Correction in order to complete his doctoral dissertation in educational administration from the University of Connecticut.

Gia (Pear) Sweeney '98 (ED) married Matthew Sweeney on Oct. 19, 2002. She is a recreation therapist at St. Elizabeth's Adult Day Health Center in Brighton, Mass. They live in Brighton.

Claudia Bell '99 (CLAS) is product manager at Prospective Direct in Woburn, Mass. She ran her first Boston Marathon representing the Healthworks Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the health and empowerment of women and children.

Jessica S. Duhaime '99 (CLAS) married **Thomas T. Reinckens '99 (CLAS)** on Jan. 18, 2003. They live in Willsboro, N.Y., where they own and operate Camp Pok-o-MacCready, a summer camp located in the Adirondacks.

Kelly Dwyer '99 (CLAS), '01 M.A. married **John Fitzsimmons '00 (CLAS)** and have a 15-month-old daughter, Marybeth Kathleen Fitzsimmons. The family resides in Providence, R.I.

2000s



Robert F. Flynn '00 M.B.A., was named executive director of the insurance and financial services cluster for the MetroHartford Alliance office in Hartford, Conn.

Janet Frazao '00 (SFS) was accepted for the fall 2003 semester at the UConn School of Social Work, M.S.W. program. Janet currently works as an instructional tutor at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center School in Wethersfield, Conn.

Wendy Sue Sewack '00 (CLAS) received a master's degree in sports counseling from Springfield College in May 2002. She is head of the Athletic Academic Department at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

Richard S. Tanner '00 (CLAS) graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

Christopher B. Albert '01 (CLAS), a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, was called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Inspector-Instructor, 4th Marine Division, based in Plainville, Conn.

Erica Bartelson '02 (SFA) joined the Bridgeport Regional Business Council as the new member and events specialist. She lives in Stratford, Conn.



Anastasios P. Fatsis '02 (CLAS), a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, was called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Inspector-Instructor, 4th Marine Division, based in Plainville, Conn.

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Because of a day when physics rose to the grace of poetry.
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At the University of Connecticut



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Alumni, parents and other guests are invited to visit the Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center the next time travel plans bring you to UConn's main campus. Special discounted rates are available to members of the UConn Alumni Association.



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off-campus location of the stadium in East Hartford. Saddlemire says shuttle buses will take students from Storrs to the stadium and a variety of student activities will occur at the stadium. One university with an off-campus facility, for example, holds a student activity fair outside its football stadium where various student organizations offer entertainment and activities, he says.

“There are several national football programs with stadiums a distance from their campus and they don’t have any problem getting students involved as long as there is an attractive event,” Saddlemire says.

The concept of football as a unifying event for colleges and universities is part of the history of higher education. As part of a course he teaches in higher education administration, Saddlemire discusses how in the early part of the 20th century attending college football games was a way for distinguished faculty from different universities to see each other and reinforce collegial bonds. It also served to bring faculty, students and staff from the same university together in a unique setting, fostering unity.

“We talk about how it creates an important connection on the campus and the surrounding community,” Saddlemire says. “It may sound like a romantic notion, but I think it’s true. I worked at Penn State. That’s what you’re talking about in the fall—How’s the team doing? Are you going to the game?”

UConn alumni in other parts of the country are eager to expand their support of football, says John Feudo, director of the UConn Alumni Association. Calls have been coming

into the alumni office with offers to assist in planning activities in connection with this season’s football road games.

“This allows us to reach out to national alumni who are eager to see UConn compete in a local or regional venue,” Feudo says. “It provides an opportunity for alums who love UConn and our athletic programs to cheer on our Huskies wherever UConn football is going to be.”

The increased attention focused on Division I-A football will also keep UConn in sports headlines and prominently before alumni throughout the year. “Every Sunday you’ll be able to read about UConn football from late summer into the fall,” Feudo adds. “With the attention given to our basketball teams, alumni will be hearing and talking about UConn athletics throughout the year.”

The difficulty of building a successful football program is not lost on UConn students, even as they take pride in their national champion basketball, soccer and field hockey teams.

“There is a great deal of respect for the football team,” says Nichols, who last year served as president of the UConn Student Government Association. “They’re taking the bruises now. Students recognize it’s much more difficult to build the program than to maintain it. The team will be good. We’re looking forward to when we hit our first bowl game.”

Jeffrey Hathaway, UConn’s new director of athletics, says Coach Edsall and his team are ready to open the new era of UConn football and its new stadium. “We look forward in the months and years ahead to playing a highly competitive schedule against some of the nation’s finest football programs and achieving a level of excellence worthy of the University of Connecticut.”

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Japanese-American students whose families lived in the New York area had gone home, but there were a handful of us whose families were still in the camps—including mine—and not invited anywhere. My wife and I had a large chicken that the Andersons had given us, since they were having Thanksgiving dinner with friends elsewhere.

As classes ended, I happened to see Shiro and asked him where he was going. He said he was staying in the dorm, so I asked him to join Yuri and me, and we’d share whatever we had. He accepted, then asked if he could bring some friends. When they came, there were five of them and Yuri just nudged me and asked what to do since we didn’t have that much to eat. I told her, just put more things in the soup. We looked in the refrigerator, pulled out the potatoes and carrots and onions, whatever we could find, put more rice in the pot and somehow we all managed to have Thanksgiving.

Our friends were going to leave after dinner but it was snowing and blistering cold. Even though we had no room to put them up, we invited them to stay over and they ended up sleeping on the couch and on the floor. We even managed to have coffee for them for breakfast.

Fifty years later, Yuri and I were in Foster City, Calif., and got together with Shiro. We were reminiscing about UConn. I asked him about his fondest memories at UConn and he said: “That first Thanksgiving when I had no place to go and you offered us dinner and we all shared that one chicken.”

Sixty years later, my UConn connections still persist and surprise. Since 1987 I’ve taught over 6,000 American Airlines flight attendants about Japanese culture, philosophy and religion. One of the first questions is usually about my accent. They ask, “Are you from New England?”

Yes, I tell them. I found a home in Connecticut.



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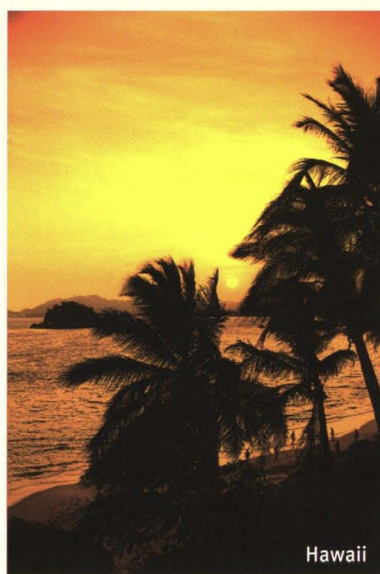
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Barbed Wire Be Gone

By Katalin Farkas '94 Ph.D.

There are, perhaps, more important world events happening nowadays. But as a Hungarian national, a particular referendum in a small, obscure Eastern European country is an event of historic proportion.

In April, Hungarians had the opportunity to exercise their democratic political rights and cast votes for or against Hungary's joining the European Union. The turnout was lower than expected (45 percent of eligible voters showed up), and I am sure politicians and political scientists will debate the reasons for months to come. What truly matters is that 84 percent of those who did take the trouble to turn out, cast their votes in favor of participating in the EU.

When I put my X onto the ballot, tears rolled down my face. I kept repeating: yes, yes, yes; as I involuntarily crossed my mark over and over again. This reaction shocked me and I contemplated it on my way home.

I had to realize that in spite of all the work I had done to put the past behind, there was pain left in me on a cellular level; pain from all those years I spent living under a Communist government I had hated so much. I still can recall that deep yearning I felt when I thought about life in Western Europe.

I still remember the frustration I felt when I wanted to travel, to see the world, but was not allowed to leave the country. In comparison, I watch with delight as my brother's kids spend a year here, a few months there, and come back

with a lot of new experiences. They will find no reasons to hate foreigners, to be intolerant of those who are different.

A political scientist should not base judgments on gut feelings, but perhaps it is irrational to believe that this his-

toric event once and for all closed that part of our history. That there never again will be barbed wires around Hungary.

For a lot of people, membership in the EU means nothing more and nothing less than opportunities for a higher standard of living. I welcome the possibilities of a more prosperous life, or opportunities to live in another part of Europe. But these are not the most important changes this membership brings. I see a guarantee of peace in a unified Europe, and a chance to solve together our pressing ecological problems.

I see in Hungary's membership in the EU a kind of guarantee that our governments will have to answer to a larger community for upholding the rule of law; that new dictators-to-be will not be able to stir Hungary away from democracy.

AP/Wide World



A family in Hungary celebrates voting to join the European Union.

Katalin Farkas returned to Hungary early in 2002. In September of that year, she joined CaliVita International, a multinational company that markets vitamins and dietary supplements. Her commentary is excerpted from a letter she wrote to colleagues in the department of political science at UConn.

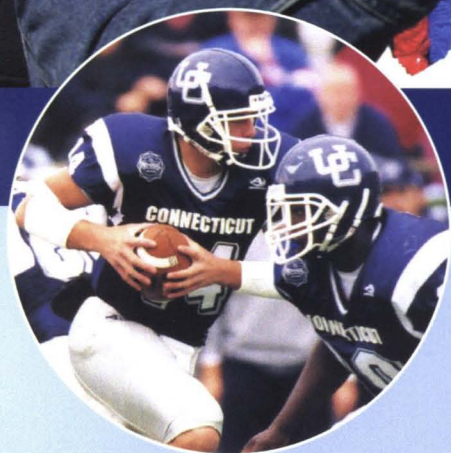
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Friday, October 24

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- Alumni Awards Ceremony

Saturday, October 25

- Alumni Hospitality
Tent 10am
- Children's Activities 10am
- UConn Football vs. Akron

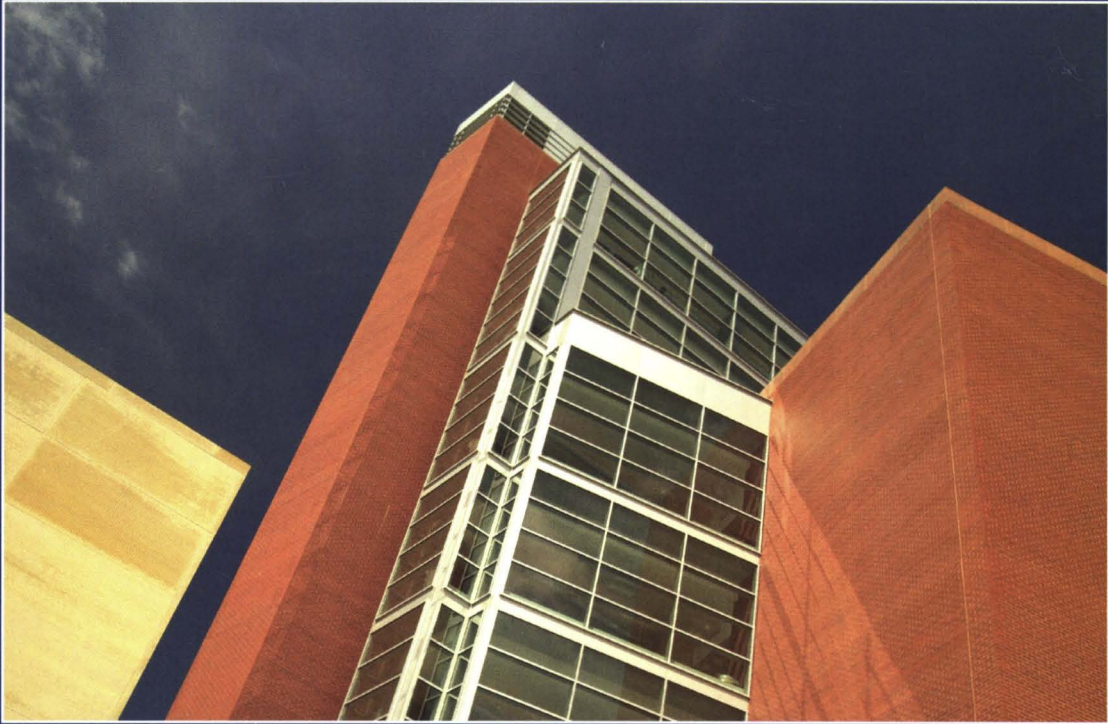
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