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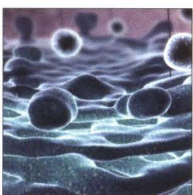
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## UConn's International Flavor

### THE WORLD SHRINKS AROUND 'QUIET CORNER'

As news reports tell us each day, the world increasingly appears to be a smaller place as events in other countries can have an effect upon life here in the United States. Yet, as I discovered in compiling the stories in this edition of *UConn* magazine, the opposite also holds true. Eastern Connecticut, where UConn is located, is known as "The Quiet Corner," but its voice extends far and wide.

This edition has an international flavor with several stories about programs and activities, beginning with the appointment of P. Christopher Earley, an authority on multicultural business environments, as the new dean of the School of Business and our report about the establishment of a sister-institution agreement between the School of Pharmacy and its counterpart at Peking University in Beijing, China.

Faculty in the School of Engineering are involved with technology research to help in the prediction of floods in the Middle East. In the School of Fine Arts, music professor Alain Frogley studies the interconnections between British and American music, and in the College of Arts and Sciences, Sam Pickering, professor of English, has a new book about his walks around the Scottish countryside.

Students in the School of Nursing are assisting a nursing alumna to treat patients in Uganda by gathering medical supplies, and Jeffrey Griffin '07 (CLAS) gained insight into his heritage during a literary research trip to Ireland.

In alumni news, you will also read about Narissa Ramdhani '90 M.A., who is returning apartheid-era art and memorabilia to South Africa, and Amy Phillips Alderton '02 Ph.D., food scientist for Subway, who helps develop new sandwiches for the firm's 27,000 restaurants in 86 countries.

With all of this international activity, it is not hard to understand why what happens within "The Quiet Corner" can be heard around the world.

*Ken Best*



# Opening Shot



## The Blue and White Guy

It was not surprising that Dale Nosel '07 (CLAS) decided to pick up his degree in communication sciences at Gampel Pavilion looking much like he usually did when he was there during the last four years. His signature shaved head and torso painted Husky Blue and White for basketball games gained the attention of fans at home and on the road, as well as with the media—he was featured in *The New York Times Magazine* last spring as part of its NCAA March Madness coverage.



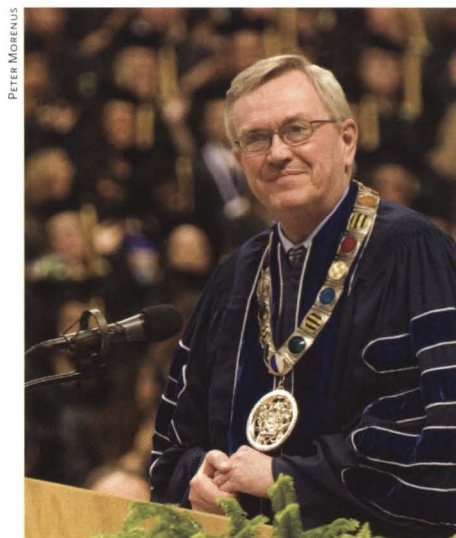
# A rewarding 11 years leading UConn

**PRESIDENT AUSTIN REFLECTS ON HIS LEADERSHIP DURING A TIME OF CHANGE**

**I**n all likelihood, this issue of *UConn* magazine will be the last before the Board of Trustees names my successor as president of the University. Thus I would like to take this opportunity to offer some thoughts about UConn's opportunities and challenges and, more specifically, how our 170,000 alumni can help advance this institution we care so much about.

When I arrived in Storrs in 1996 the University was poised for the major transformation that would very shortly take shape: a strong Board of Trustees was committed to moving us into the front ranks of American public higher education, the first UConn 2000 projects were well underway and the infrastructure for an exponential expansion of private fund-raising was in place. The operating budget provided by the state was not as forward-looking as we would have liked (as it almost never is) and, on a more fundamental level, we were still regarded by many as a good, solid "safe school." I suspected then, and I know for sure now, that our major task, more important by far than any budgetary, curricular, or construction challenges, was to change that perception.

University presidents have multiple responsibilities, but the job essentially comes down to this: We create a climate in which talented people—faculty, staff, students and supportive alumni and friends—can do their best work. The progress UConn has made over the past 11 years has been substantial by any measure. To the extent that I made a contribution, it was because UConn had large corps of extraordinary individuals who shared a common commitment to the University's



success. To those who were here when I arrived, we added many exceptional academic leaders (several lured by endowed chairs and distinguished professorships, funded in large measure by generous alumni) and many more promising junior faculty who saw UConn as the place to build their academic careers. Slowly at first, and then at a rapidly accelerated pace, we attracted outstanding students, doubling our applications and increasing SAT scores of each year's entering class. We still face challenges, of course, but I can safely say that universally UConn is rightly seen as a University characterized by academic rigor, exciting campus life, physical beauty, and a continuing ambition to be even more than what we are. The "perception problem" is a thing of the past. Everyone associated with UConn can take pride in what has been achieved, including our alumni.

Many of this magazine's readers were here for at least part of the UConn 2000

era. They not only witnessed our transformation but also contributed to it by their participation in planning and, frankly, their good humor in putting up with the inconveniences of the construction required to building a first-class, statewide institution. Alumni from earlier decades contributed in different ways: financially, of course, and also by continuing advocacy and political support. Without these efforts, UConn 2000 would never have come into being or been extended with the \$1.3 billion addition approved in 2003. Just as important, our alumni of all generations held us to a high standard, reminded us of our traditions, and let us know that as we built a University for the 21st century, we were standing on the shoulders of extraordinary students, faculty, and institutional leaders who came before.

As this is written, a search committee led by Dr. John W. Rowe, chairman of the Board of Trustees, is working to select a new president. Whomever that may be, I know that he or she can count on the support of a wide network of UConn friends, both on and off campus. Your guidance, advice, and continuing generosity will be even more important in the years to come than it has been in my 11 years. I know you will join with me in wishing my successor an enjoyable tenure at the University of Connecticut. If the next president enjoys this job as much as I have, he or she will have a very rewarding time here indeed.



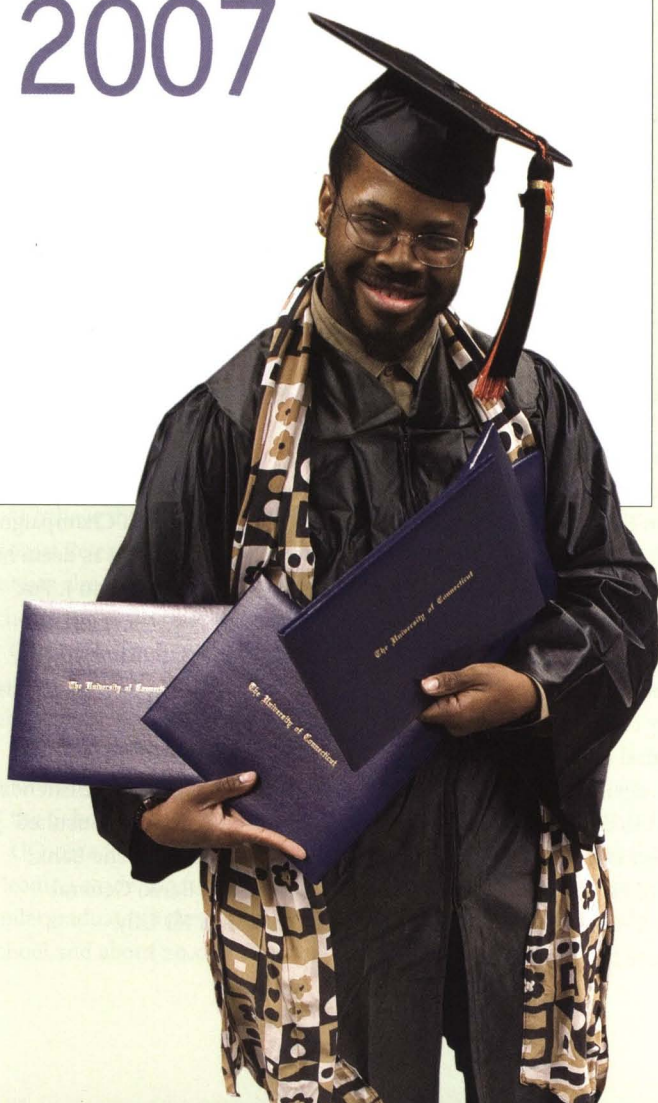


Lhamo Tsering '07 D.M.D. is congratulated by her father, Dekyi Dolma, after commencement at the School of Dental Medicine.



Gia Barss '07 (CANR) shows off her cap before the morning commencement procession along Fairfield Way across from Gampel Pavilion.

# Commencement 2007



Provost Peter J. Nicholls addresses undergraduate ceremonies at Gampel Pavilion.

## Celebrating the memory of Devin Gaines

When he graduated in May, Devin Gaines '07 (CLAS), (ENG), (SFA) had completed a remarkable achievement. He had earned 276 credits in five years, enough to earn five degrees—computer science, theatre studies, linguistics/psychology, cognitive science, and an individualized major in cinema, culture, and cognition. He also had five minors. He accomplished this while maintaining a 3.2 grade point average. He had planned to continue his education by pursuing a master's degree in educational communications technology. His remarkable story ended tragically when he died in a swimming accident on July 10. "Devin really embraced all aspects of University life," says David G. Woods, dean of the School of Fine Arts. "He was a creative artist, had a mathematical mind, was witty, and he was caring. Those of us in fine arts enjoyed and cherished our friendship with him and will miss him and his many artistic talents."



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## International business expert to lead School

**P.** Christopher Earley, an authority on working in multicultural business environments, has been named the new dean of the School of Business, effective January 2008.

Earley will arrive at UConn after leading business faculty in Europe and Asia for more than 20 years. He currently serves as dean of the National University of Singapore, one of the top business schools in Asia, and previously was chair and professor of organizational behavior at the London Business School in England. He has taught on the faculties of the National University of Singapore, London Business School, Indiana University, University of Arizona, University of Minnesota and University of California, Irvine.

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**“UConn is in a great position to become a national leader in business programs . . .”**

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“The excitement at UConn is infectious, and there are tremendous opportunities for the School of Business to advance as a world-class leader in business education,” says Earley. “Just as important, UConn is in a great position to become a national leader in business programs emphasizing entrepreneurship, technology and globalization.”

“With more corporate deals occurring on a global scale in today’s marketplace,



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it is increasingly important that business students get experience in worldwide business cultures. Dean Earley’s expertise and global contacts will be valuable in increasing our students’ global opportunities,” says Mohamed Hussein, head of the accounting department, who served as interim dean during the search.

Earley is an authority on multinational work teams, cross-cultural differences of individual behavior in organizations and motivation systems across cultures. His research has led him to travel and work in China, England, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore. Earley received his undergraduate degree from Knox

College and graduate degrees in industrial and organizational psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. In addition to his appointment as dean, he was awarded UConn’s new Auran J. Fox Chair in Business.

An internationally recognized scholar, Earley has written 10 books and more than 100 articles and book chapters on multinational work teams and managing in different cultures. His experience extends beyond the classroom, having consulted for companies such as Deutsche Bank, Islamic Development Bank, General Motors, Unilever, and Eli Lilly.





## Choi named dean of Engineering

**M**un Young Choi, a mechanical engineer who designed experiments for NASA that were conducted on the International Space Station, has been named the new dean of the School of Engineering, effective January 2008.

Choi comes to UConn after serving as associate dean for research and graduate studies at Drexel University's College of Engineering in Philadelphia, where he also heads the department of mechanical engineering and mechanics. In addition

to his work for NASA, Choi's research projects in the areas of combustion, energy, and experimental diagnostics have been funded by various federal agencies including the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Energy.

"During my interactions with University's faculty and staff I sensed tremendous excitement about the opportunities for UConn and the School of Engineering," Choi says. "The school has excellent faculty members in each department who are internationally recognized for their scholarship and educational programs. I look forward to working with them to integrate multi-disciplinary research programs, inter-department collaboration, innovative educational programs, as well as conduct outreach to enhance diversity and instill positive feelings of camaraderie."

Choi is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and received his doctorate in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University. He served as a National Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellow at the National Institute of Standards and as a faculty member in the mechanical engineering department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, prior to joining Drexel University in 2000.

"I believe that in Mun we have found an outstanding leader for the school," says Provost Peter J. Nicholls. "He will not only lead the School to the next level of excellence but has already shared with me many exciting possibilities for collaborations with other schools and colleges at UConn that will be to the great benefit of the entire University."

Choi says that he sees there is strong commitment from the University and the state of Connecticut to elevate the School of Engineering to become one of the premier schools in the nation.

"The key elements are already in place for success," he says. "I want to create an environment that embraces the diverse perspectives of the faculty, staff and students of the School. I will strive to be an effective and caring advocate for the School."

UConn's School of Engineering houses the Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center, a leading academic fuel cell research facility, and has more than 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students. There are more than 100 full-time faculty members in the school and about 20,000 alumni.

## Experienced administrator to lead School of Nursing

**A**nne Bavier, a nursing administrator with experience leading both academic and federal health care organizations, has been named dean of the School of Nursing.

"Dr. Bavier is an adept academic administrator with a proven talent for rapidly advancing institutions through strong, strategic initiatives," says UConn Provost Peter J. Nicholls. "Her extensive background in university settings and within federal health care agencies positions her well to help our nursing faculty maximize its engagement in scholarly research."

"My approach at UConn's School of Nursing will be to set forth a bold strategic plan for elevating the School's research focus to the highest level, while enhancing its existing emphasis on teaching excellence," Bavier says. "UConn's School of Nursing has a proud history as a national leader in nursing education. I intend to

honor that legacy while ensuring the School remains relevant for the current time and into the future."

Bavier served as dean of the School of Nursing at St. Xavier University in Chicago for the past three years. She

previously served as assistant dean for development, alumni and external relations and then assistant dean for planning and external relations at Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, one of the leading schools of nursing in the country. Bavier earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University, her master's from Emory University, and her doctorate from Duquesne University, all in nursing.

She also brings to UConn a dozen years of experience in leadership roles at federal health care agencies, including oversight of a \$17.5 million budget as the deputy director of the National Institutes of Health's Office of Research on Women's Health.

Among her accomplishments as dean at St. Xavier, Bavier quadrupled faculty publications and scholarly presentations, increased the school's grant funding by 50 percent, and dramatically expanded funding for disadvantaged undergraduate nursing students.





## Serving the public interest

Salmun Kazerounian '07 (CLAS) is one of six students nationwide to receive a William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholarship to the University of Washington School of Law, which requires a five-year commitment to working in the public service arena after completing law school. The scholarship was established by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Kazerounian served as the undergraduate student representative on the UConn Board of Trustees.



## Professor's story on the silver screen

Patton Oswalt, known for his role on *The King of Queens* television comedy, and Oscar nominee Mariel Hemingway, appear in a scene from *Greetings from Earth*, a short film adapted from a story written by Scott Bradfield, professor of English, who teaches creative writing and film writing in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The film had its premiere screening at the 2007 Tribeca Film Festival in New York City this past spring.

## Jazz master jams

Jazz artist Chick Corea plays drums with Mike Knox '08 (SFA), bassist of the UConn Jazz Sextet, during a master class earlier this year. Corea offered insights and advice to a large audience of music students from UConn and area high schools through a collaboration between the School of Fine Arts and the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Violinist Joshua Bell also conducted a class at von der Mehden Recital Hall as part of the 2007 master class sessions.





## Study: Reunited families a success

**T**he Casey Family Services Reunification program is successfully helping children reunite with their families after having been separated by state child protective services, according to a five-year study led by researchers at the School of Social Work.

At the end of the study, researchers knew the case outcomes for 197 of the 254 children in the 135 families who received services from the program. Of these, more than 60 percent were reunited with their birth parents or the primary caretaker from whom they had been removed, says principal investigator Barbara Pine, professor emerita of social work. The study, which was conducted in conjunction with researchers at the University of Maine, also found that children in the model program were reunited with their families on average seven weeks sooner than children in the study's comparison group who received standard services. For all permanent placements, including reunification, children were placed in some type of permanent home 22 weeks earlier than the children in the comparison group. This is half the time of the national average for length of time to reach permanency for children in out-of-home care.

"These are families who are typical of those with children the child welfare system has removed from their home because of neglect or abuse and placed in foster care," Pine says. The Casey program, part of a private, non-profit child welfare agency, works with families to improve parenting skills and increase family safety and permanency for children. Another key component of the program is coordinating with child protective services and other agencies working with the families involved.

"When parents participate at a high level in the program, their kids go home," Pine says. Researchers found that parents were using a wide range of supports and services since they left the program, including counseling services and parent training.

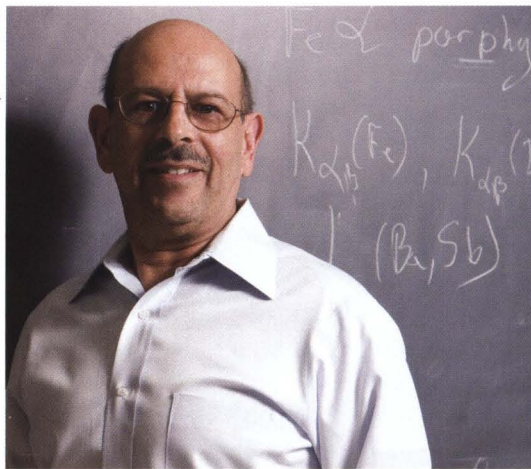
Pine says establishing stability in the lives of children separated from their families is important. "Moves upset children terribly. They disrupt relationships and after a while children may not be able to make relationships work," she says. "This study, which showed that the children are returned home faster and have fewer moves while in care, has very positive findings."

## Third UConn soldier mourned

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Keith Heidtman '05 (CANR) was killed May 28 when the helicopter in which he was flying was shot down in the Diyala province northeast of Baghdad in Iraq. He was a member of the Second Squadron, Sixth Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, based at the Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. He was deployed to Iraq in December. He was buried with full military honors and posthumously honored with a Bronze Star and Purple Heart that were presented to his parents. Lt. Heidtman is the third member of the UConn community killed in Iraq. Army Capt. Jason Hamill '98 (CLAS) died in November 2006, and Marine Cpl. Jordan C. Pierson '09 died in August 2006.



JORDAN BENDER



## CSI Inventor

**U**Conn researcher Jeffrey Schweitzer has helped invent and test a device that could significantly aid law enforcement in locating and identifying evidence at crime scenes.

The device, a hand-held x-ray fluorescence instrument, will enable police officers to quickly and clearly detect and analyze a variety of evidence from suspects and crime scenes, including gunshot residue, blood, and semen.

"The average police forensics lab can sometimes be backed up for a long time," says Schweitzer, research professor in physics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one of a group of researchers who developed the device. "This will allow law enforcement to speed up the process of identifying evidence and allow them to see evidence that cannot otherwise be found."

He says some analytical techniques can alter evidence, but the new device is non-destructive. More significantly, evidence analysis at a crime scene allows the data to be used immediately for investigative purposes, to help identify possible suspects, or clear other individuals from investigation, he adds. The instrument can identify specific compounds in the materials that are being examined, such as iron hemoglobin in blood, zinc in semen or barium and antimony in gunshot residue. It also can be adjusted in its operating properties to provide maximum sensitivity for specific types of evidence.

Work on developing the device was funded by NASA and the National Institute of Justice as a dual-use technology that can be used both for forensics and on planetary missions.



BRIAN EVANS



About 40 alumni who attended classes at UConn's Fort Trumbull campus between 1946 and 1950 after World War II renewed friendships during Reunion Weekend 2007 in early June. They toured the campus, contributed memorabilia to the establishment of a Fort Trumbull Room at the Alumni Center, and recounted UConn memories during a session with historian Bruce Stave, director of the Center for Oral History.

## Offering a helping hand to Ugandan hospital

Jamie Kezis '04 (NUR) works in Virika Hospital in Fort Portal, located in the Kabarole district of Uganda, where she cares for patients and provides instruction to Ugandan nursing students. When UConn students in a public health nursing class learned of the hospital's need for critical medical supplies last year, they organized a collection to send to Uganda. During the past year they have sent 12 boxes of medical supplies to Uganda coordinated by Lisa-Marie Griffiths, UConn clinical nursing instructor and president of the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society.

VIRIKA HOSPITAL





# School of Pharmacy establishes program in China

Students in the School of Pharmacy will have the opportunity to study traditional Chinese medicine and learn the Mandarin language, while UConn faculty may collaborate on research projects under a sister-institution agreement with the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Peking University in Beijing, China.

Dean Robert McCarthy led a delegation from UConn to China in the spring to meet with officials at Peking University and signed a memorandum of understanding for the educational exchange program for up to 20 students to begin as early as the summer of 2008. The group included Diane Burgess, professor of pharmaceutical sciences; Philip Hritcko, assistant clinical professor of pharmacy practice; and Ross Lewin, executive program director of study abroad programs.

"Many pharmacy faculty in China were trained in the United States and speak English, so they have the ability to teach our students," Hritcko says. "We visited a university hospital in Beijing and saw that they combine traditional Chinese medicine and western medicine."

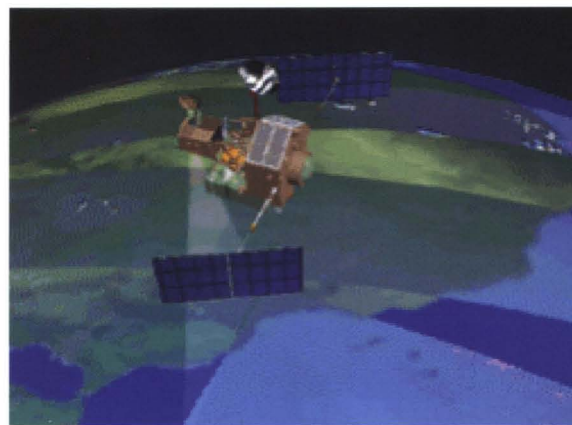
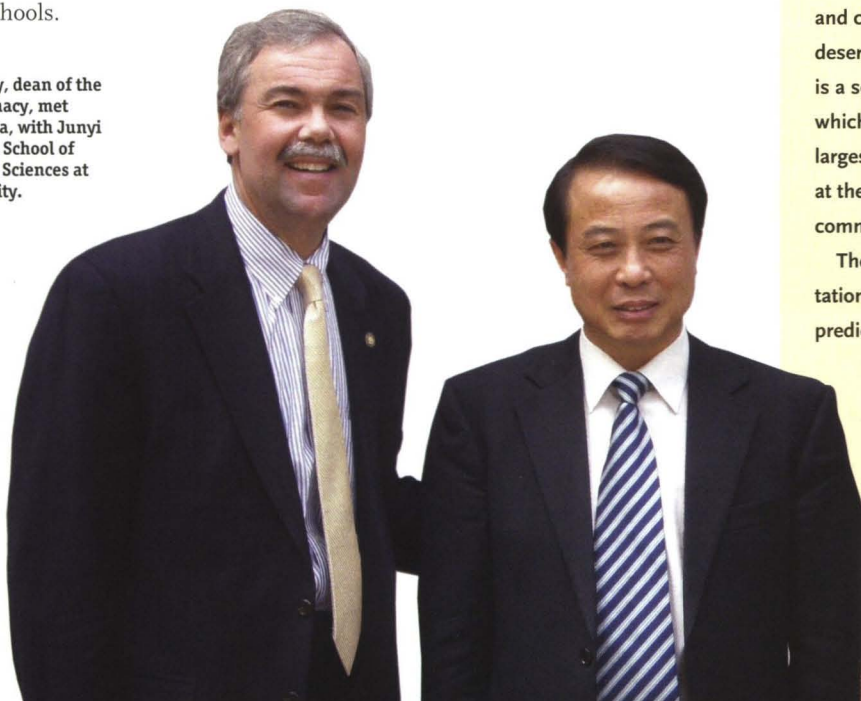
Traditional Chinese medicine is based on a holistic approach to treating patients by directing care for the entire body, not just the afflicted part, he says, with natural herbal supplements.

Pharmaceutical research in China focuses on learning how herbal medicines actually work, following the more familiar scientific method of testing new drugs in the United States and elsewhere in the western world, Hritcko adds.

The exchange program likely could begin with a group of UConn pharmacy students taking a course in traditional Chinese medicine during the summer intersession next year while also taking a class to learn Mandarin Chinese, he says. Eventually, students could elect to spend part of their required pharmacy practice rotation in China. There is also discussion about developing a fall conference on pharmaceutical research at Peking University.

Hritcko says UConn hopes to use this partnership to explore the possibility of agreements with other Chinese pharmacy schools.

Robert McCarthy, dean of the School of Pharmacy, met in Beijing, China, with Junyi Liu, dean of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Peking University.



## Using satellites to predict floods on Earth

Two researchers in the School of Engineering hope to improve the prediction of floods with satellite data under a three-year, \$433,000 grant from NASA.

Emmanouil Anagnostou and Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, associate professors of civil and environmental engineering, are trying to bridge the gap between satellite precipitation data, which provides meteorological information on a gross scale, and local Earth-based systems, to develop prediction methods that offer greater accuracy and span geographic and political barriers.

"We plan to assess the potential for improving flood/water cycling predictability on the basis of current and future precipitation capabilities from space," says Anagnostou.

The researchers say they hope to target the Nile River in Africa for their study because it spans nine countries and flows through diverse terrain and climates, from tropical southern locales to deserts in the north. Anagnostou says water use is a source of friction among the nations through which the Nile passes, with Egypt consuming the largest volume, noting that weather data collected at the local or national level is not coordinated or communicated among other nations.

The researchers believe a satellite-based precipitation collection system can be used to effectively predict floods without reliance on local equipment and political interference. Satellites can provide a consistent data set and be operated by one institution that subsequently disseminates the data to all nations, says Anagnostou.



## Wal-Mart as a legal case study

Students in the School of Law gained a unique perspective on business law last fall through a course devoted to a single corporation—Wal-Mart Stores, the world's largest retailer.



During a conversation about a lawsuit filed against the retail giant, three UConn Law School professors—Jon Bauer, Alexandra Lahav, and Kaaryn Gustafson—began to discuss the possibility of designing a unique course that would focus on a single company. A series of brainstorming sessions held over several months resulted in a course proposal that would address many different areas of law as they relate to Wal-Mart as well as look at the company through materials drawn from journalism, business, economics, and sociology.

“Wal-Mart is important in itself because of its huge scale, pervasive influence, and trends in the global economy that it exemplifies,” says Bauer. “It serves as the frame for studying many different areas of legal doctrine and getting at some broad and very important issues.”

“What was innovative about the Wal-Mart class is that it used the corporate entity, rather than specific areas of law, as the organizing principle for a law school class,” says Lahav. “This allowed the students to learn about a variety of areas of law and hopefully to be inspired to pursue some of these areas further.”

The class examined the positive and negative effects of a single power retailer on consumers, manufacturers, workers, the economy, and the culture and what role legal regulation might play in controlling those factors.

Critical components of the course included segments on anti-trust, zoning, health care and public benefits, employment discrimination, labor rights, international trade, and corporate and banking law. The course also inspired a two-day seminar held at the law school last October called “Wal-Mart Matters” that featured scores of panelists discussing various aspects of the massive company.

“The conference was a tremendous success,” says Bauer. “The panel discussions were excellent, with speakers drawn both from academia and the world of practice.”

## Lobo honored for impact on women's sports

Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS), a member of the UConn Board of Trustees, was honored for having a significant impact on UConn women's sports during National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) in February at Gampel Pavilion.

NGWSD is celebrated in all 50 states with community-based events, award ceremonies, and activities honoring the achievements and encouraging participation of girls and women in sports. As part of the celebration, each Big East Conference school honored an individual that has made a significant impact on women's sports at its institution.

Lobo helped lead the Huskies to their first NCAA women's basketball title in 1995, won the Naismith and College Basketball Player of the Year awards and joined the WNBA for its inaugural season in 1997. Today, she is a sideline reporter and color analyst for the WNBA and for college basketball on ESPN.



STEPHEN SLADE

Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS), center, was honored during a basketball game for having a significant impact on UConn women's sports with a presentation by Jeffrey Hathaway, UConn director of athletics, and Pat Babcock, associate director of athletics and senior women's administrator.





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## Then & Now



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### Marching in tune

The roots of the University of Connecticut Marching Band (UCMB) go back to 1904 with a band formed by military cadets. The cadet band continued as the ROTC Band and a separate marching band was organized in 1935 by Herbert France, the first director of music. From performances at home and away football games, the UCMB has in recent years traveled to Europe and performed at the World Series in Yankee Stadium, and at the Motor City Bowl in 2004. Today the UCMB has 280 members under the direction of David Mills, professor of music in the School of Fine Arts, who has led the band since 1990.

### What's that smell?

More than 5,000 visitors arrived in mid-May at UConn's Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Conservatory in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to experience the blooming of the titan arum, or corpse flower, and its mighty stench akin to old socks, dead fish and rotten vegetables. A second flowering occurred three weeks later in early June. Another double flowering could take place in 2010, says Clint Morse, plant growth facilities manager.





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## Bringing it all together

Matthew Dieringer '08 (ENG), left, and Daniel Sadlon '08 (ENG) demonstrate a part-sorting device, one of the design projects on display during Senior Design Day in the School of Engineering, which brings together academic concepts and principles that are applied to construction of a final project.

## UConn Health Center one of nation's best

**F**or the third consecutive year, the UConn Health Center was named one of the nation's top 100 hospitals, according to the 2006 *Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: National Benchmarks for Success*.

A ranking in the Solucient report is considered one of the industry's most prestigious honors. The UConn Health Center is one of only 15 hospitals nationwide recognized in the major teaching hospital category.

Solucient uses a scorecard based on objective statistical measurement of performance in critical areas, including clinical outcomes, patient safety, operational efficiency, and growth in patient volume. Selected hospitals display an ability to provide sustainable and reliable health care services to their communities.

"This honor reflects the extraordinary hard work and complete commitment of our physicians, nurses, and other medical staff to be the very best when it comes to patient care, quality, and medical innovation," says Peter J. Deckers, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine.





## Bernstein leads the way

**B**usiness and government leaders often begin their leadership training as students involved with campus organizations. When Douglas A. Bernstein '85 (CLAS) was a UConn student, he joined the Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG) and eventually became its president; he served on the Board of Directors of the UConn Co-op, and was named student representative to the state Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Today, he leads more than 1,000 employees worldwide at Melissa & Doug, a toy company he founded with his wife, Melissa, that is the leading maker of educational toys in the world.

"Our business would not have been possible if not for the education I received at UConn," he says, "especially the education I received by being a student leader."

To help more students follow in his footsteps, Bernstein and his wife donated \$100,000 to establish the Douglas A. Bernstein Legacy Retreat and Summit, the kick-off event for a new UConn leadership program—the Connecticut Leadership Legacy Experience.

The leadership program was created after the Student Leader Alumni Program was launched in 2002, when a group of former student leaders joined together to organize the effort.

"Doug was an outstanding student leader. His gift reflects an understanding of the importance of training future leaders, and we are thrilled that his generosity will help us provide an incredible opportunity for our students," says Kevin Fahey, senior associate director of campus activities.

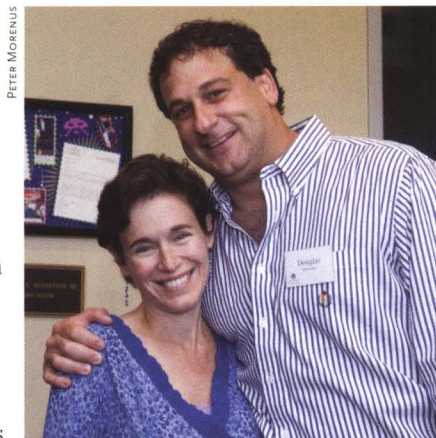
"We hope the program will help refine the students' leadership skills, hone them, and help them think about how to broaden their skills in the wider world," says Joe Briody, associate director for leadership development. "The program will bring a bit of prestige to the students who are part of it. They're among the best of the best."

A group of 13 students selected to participate in the program's inaugural year in 2006 were among UConn's most active students. They include SUBOG members, peer leaders, Husky Ambassadors, FYE mentors, merit scholars, and volunteers.

The program aligns each student with an alumni mentor and a faculty or staff mentor, each of whom meets with the students periodically during the year they are involved in the program. The mentors are experienced leaders with whom the students can speak about their time at UConn, reflect on how to handle situations that may arise during the year, and discuss how they can apply their leadership skills upon graduation. The students also are required to attend six or more leadership workshops and lectures throughout the year.

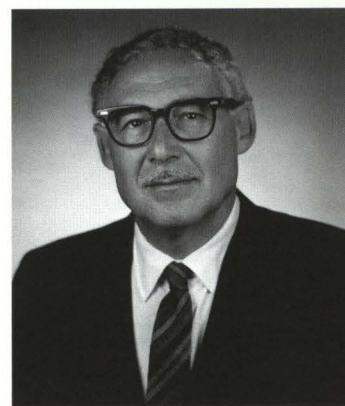
Samantha Sherwood '08 (CLAS), who is majoring in human development and family studies with a concentration in public policy, has already benefited from the program.

"It has exceeded all my expectations," she says. "The camaraderie within the group, my mentors, they've all been great. I'm getting to know people and I've been involved in things I never would have experienced without the program."



Melissa Bernstein and Doug Bernstein '85 (CLAS), founders of the Melissa & Doug toy company.

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## Psychology scholarship established by retired professor for research

Maurice L. Farber, professor emeritus in psychology, has established a trust to help financially needy students in his former department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The \$2 million program will benefit undergraduate psychology majors and establish graduate fellowships in psychology.

Farber, 95, was a social and clinical psychologist — "an ideal mentor for students in both areas," says Charles Lowe, professor of psychology and department head, who joined the faculty five years before Farber retired in 1977. Through a family friend, Farber says he wanted to help today's students, "particularly in light of the growing costs of a college education."

When Farber joined the faculty in 1948, the psychology department had 10 faculty members and many of its students were veterans attending UConn on the GI bill. Today, the department has 55 faculty members, including some of the most active researchers on campus. The department recently was ranked fifth in the nation for attracting federal research funding for psychology. There are more than 1,200 undergraduate majors and 150 grad students and annually more than 8,000 undergraduates from across the University who take psychology courses.

Farber wrote a well-received book, *Theory of Suicide* (1968), and was also interested in the social psychology of political groups. He wrote many articles from a psychoanalytical viewpoint about national character and political behavior. Farber was known as a caring teacher, says Lowe, who, like Farber, was trained as both a clinical and social psychologist.



## ALUMNI ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FRESHMAN ENGINEERS

A scholarship fund to support freshmen enrolled in the School of Engineering who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need was established by an alumni couple serving on the school's advisory board.

Joel '77 (ENG) and Heidi '77 (CLAS) Douglas created the Joel S. and Heidi S. Douglas Engineering Scholarship, which will give preference to female students who graduate from eastern Connecticut high schools.

"Helping others is an important part of the human experience," says Joel, who was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Engineers by the School of Engineering in 2005. "This scholarship is an investment in smart, capable students who will go on to build successful careers."

"We are also passionate about the need for more young people to pursue careers in science and engineering in order to maintain our country's technology leadership," says Heidi. "We feel very fortunate to be able to 'pay forward' the help that we've had in our lives."

Joel holds 70 U.S. patents, 29 FDA product clearances, and numerous foreign patents. In 2004, he was named one of the 100 Notable People in the Medical Device Industry by *Medical Device & Diagnostic Industry* magazine. Heidi has held management positions at Pfizer and Syntex, served as partner at Deloitte Consulting and was named a 2006 finalist for the Women of Innovation Award presented by the Connecticut Technology Council.

The couple founded and now runs MysticMD, based in Groton, Conn., which develops coating solutions based on proprietary carbon nanotube formulations for a variety of commercial and defense industry applications.



## Congressional papers donated to Dodd Center

Former U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson, center, examines documents donated to the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center from her 25-year career in Congress with Tom Wilsted, director of the Dodd Center, and Betsy Pitman, curator for political collections. Johnson represented the 6th Congressional District and the reappropriated 5th District, which includes UConn's campuses in Torrington and Waterbury. Former U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons also donated papers to the Dodd Center from his six years representing the state's 2nd Congressional District, which includes UConn's main campus and the regional campus at Avery Point.

## Gift establishes pilot master's degree program

A master's degree program in synthetic organic chemistry will be piloted over three years through a partnership between UConn and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc., of Ridgefield, Conn. Boehringer has committed \$180,000 to support six research assistantships for master's degree candidates enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' chemistry department. The company also will work with UConn faculty to co-develop and teach a new experiential course in pharmaceutical research and host six-month capstone internships to provide real-world training for future employment.

"The ultimate goal of this program is to demonstrate the benefit of having an industry/academic collaboration and eventually train more highly skilled scientists," says Chris Senanayake, vice president, chemical development department at Boehringer. "We believe that UConn is well-equipped to pilot such an exciting program."



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Cabaret

Oct. 12, 8 pm  
**PLANET DRUM**  
The Grateful Dead's Mickey Hart, Zakir Hussain, Sikiru Adepoju, Giovanni Hidalgo  
*Celebration of percussion and rhythm*

Oct. 16, 8 pm  
**BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO**  
Folk dance



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Oct. 19, 8 pm  
**ANÚNA – CELTIC ORIGINS**  
*Pulsating, emotional and mystical performance*

Oct. 23, 8 pm  
**PARSONS DANCE**  
Modern dance

Oct. 26–Oct. 27, 8 pm  
**LEWIS BLACK**  
Cabaret: Adult content comedy

Nov. 7, 8 pm  
**BERGEN PHILHARMONIC WITH ANDRÉ WATTS**  
*Taking symphonic tradition into the future*

Nov. 11, 1 pm & 3 pm  
**THE VELVETEN RABBIT**  
Children's event

Nov. 13, 8 pm  
**QUARTETTO DI VENEZIA**  
String quartet

Nov. 16–Nov. 17, 8 pm  
**SOLID BLUES**  
Mavis Staples, Charlie Musselwhite, North Mississippi All-stars, Joe Krown  
Cabaret

Nov. 28, 8 pm.  
**PAUL TAYLOR DANCE**  
Modern dance

Dec. 1, 8 pm  
**THE BOSTON POPS HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
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Dec. 7–Dec. 8, 8 pm  
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**PENTECOST**  
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*Believers: The Paintings of Carol Foley*  
Gallery on the Plaza, Aug. 27–Oct. 12

*Glimpses of Nature: Prints by Barbara Hocker*  
Stevens Gallery, Aug. 27–Oct. 12

*Celebrating 100 Years of United States Government Documents*  
Gallery on the Plaza, Oct. 22–Dec. 21

*Altered Focus: Paintings by Melissa Smith*  
Stevens Gallery, Oct. 22–Dec. 21

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*The Cow Jumped Over the Moon: New Illustrations by Salley Mavor*  
Aug. 27–Oct. 12

*Connecticut Children's Book Fair: A Look Back on 15 Years of Books*  
Oct. 22–Dec. 21

**PROGRAMS:**  
Sept./Oct. 2007  
3rd Annual Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights

Oct. 2, 7:30 pm  
*Raymond and Beverly Sackler Distinguished Lecture Series*  
Harold Koh, Yale Law School

Oct. 11  
*Edwin Way Teale Lecture Series*  
Michael Bean, Environmental Defense Fund

Nov. 10–11  
16th Annual Connecticut Children's Book Fair  
South Campus Ballroom

Nov. 15, 4 pm  
*Edwin Way Teale Lecture Series*  
Ariel Lugo, International Institute of Tropical Forestry

**CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERIES**  
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*Digital Atelier 2007: New Works*  
Faculty and student photographs  
Aug. 28–Sept. 14

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Oct. 1–Nov. 30

**WILBUR CROSS GALLERY**  
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**Permanent Exhibit:** The UConn Story: The History of the University of Connecticut

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## Regional Campus Happenings

**AVERY POINT**  
**Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art:**  
Through Sept. 9 – Works by Forrest Bailey, Marion Belanger and Janet Van Horne. Sept. 14–28 – American & Bulgarian Works by Pamela Zagarenski, Ken Byers. **Events:** Wed. Sept. 5, 6:30 pm – Reading with Melanie Greenhouse and Lana Orphanides. Wed. Sept. 26, 6 pm – Artist talk with LNVA. Wed. Oct. 10, 6 pm – Artist talk with Brad Guarino

**FARMINGTON**  
**UConn Health Center:** Imagine Ball at the Wadsworth, Benefit for The Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center Oct. 20  
Information: 860-679-4569

**GREATER HARTFORD**  
Sept. 27 & Oct. 23, 6:30 pm  
Teacher Certification Program Information Sessions, School of Social Work Building, West Hartford Campus

**STAMFORD**  
**Fall 2007** RBS Greenwich Capital Economic Series Lecturer – Sir Fred Goodwin, Royal Bank of Scotland

**TORRINGTON**  
**All Events: Francis Hogan Lecture Hall**  
All events 6:30–9 pm  
Writers of Litchfield County: Fiction, Sept. 26 – Lauren Lipton, *It's About Your Husband*; Oct. 10 – Dani Shapiro, *Black and White*; Oct. 24 – Candace Bushnell, *Trading Up*; Nov. 7 – Roxana Robinson, *A Perfect Stranger*

**WATERBURY**  
**Room 113-116**  
203-236-9818, Oct. 30, 12:30–2 pm  
Poetry reading by Kim Bridgford

For updated information about activities, scheduled exhibitions, museums and Web sites, go to <http://uconn.edu/attractions/>



# Degree completion program honored

FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES RETURN TO EARN THEIR DIPLOMAS



Rod Sellers '06 (CLAS) completed his degree through the Counseling Program for Intercollegiate Athletics.

**R**od Sellers '06 (CLAS) was discussing a new job when the interviewer noted his recently completed degree from UConn, which he earned after retiring from playing professional basketball in Europe for 14 years.

"It sounded so good to hear a mention of my degree," says Sellers, who completed the nine credits he needed for his degree in communication sciences after leaving UConn in 1992. "I didn't feel complete without it. I live in Atlanta and I'm married with kids. I was able to take the courses I needed over the Internet."

Sellers, now working for an insurance company, is one of many former student-athletes who are taking advantage of UConn's Counseling Program for Intercollegiate Athletics (CPIA). UConn was recognized earlier this year by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) for the success of its degree completion and community service programs that bring former student athletes back to earn final credits for their undergraduate degree. The program is funded by the Division of Athletics, which offers tuition assistance in exchange for community service. While student-athletes may be able to take some online courses, on campus classes are required to complete most degree requirements.

UConn's Division of Athletics was one of only 21 universities to be included on both the degree completion and community service recognition rosters for activities that covered the 2005-06 academic year. It was the second consecutive year UConn was

recognized on the NCAS Honor Roll for both programs.

"The primary mission of UConn's Division of Athletics is for our student-athletes to earn their undergraduate degree," says Jeff Hathaway, director of athletics. "The NCAS program is a great asset in helping to achieve that goal, and we are very pleased to be recognized for this important educational initiative. In addition, we are also firm believers that community service is a key part of the learning experience for our student-athletes."

Bruce Cohen, director of CPIA, says the program is expanding each year as former student-athletes learn about the opportunity to complete their degree.

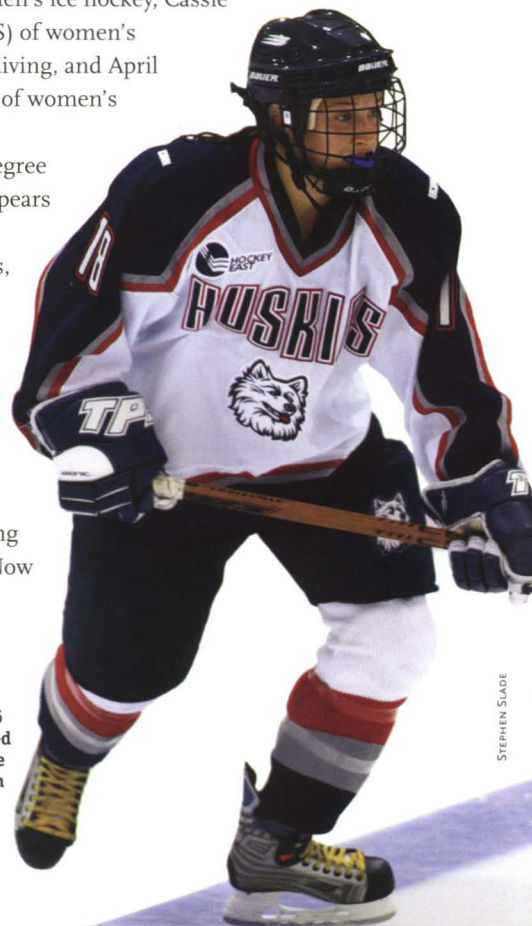
"Initially we identified student-athletes close to graduation and encouraged them to come back. Now they're contacting us," he says. "It's taken on a life of its own. It's exponentially growing."

Among those who completed their UConn degrees last year are Jeff Hourigan '06 (CLAS) of baseball, Kevin Freeman '06 (CLAS) and Rashamel Jones '06 (CLAS) of men's basketball, Roy Hopkins '06 (CLAS) and Tavaar Closs '06 (CLAS) of football, Shannon Connolly of women's ice hockey, Cassie Novak '06 (CLAS) of women's swimming and diving, and April Garner '06 (ED) of women's track and field.

Completing degree requirements appears to inspire new educational goals, as well. Sellers fulfilled his community service obligation working with children.

"I get such a kick out of helping kids," he says. "Now I want to get a master's degree in social work."

**Shannon Connolly '06 (ED), '07 M.A. finished undergraduate degree requirements through CPIA last year.**



STEPHEN SLADE



# Husky[STATS]

A BOUNTY OF TITLES, AWARDS, AND TOURNEY PLAY

## BASEBALL

The Huskies completed a 34-27 record, made a late run in the Big East Tournament and advanced to the championship game. As the No. 8 seed, the team dropped its opening game and then won four straight, highlighted by a walk-off home run by infielder Matt Untiet '08 (CLAS) that capped a dramatic come-from-behind win over the top-seeded St. John's to qualify for the title game.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Forward Jeff Adrien '09 (CLAS) was named All-Big East, Second Team, and center Hasheem Thabeet '10 (CLAS) and guard Jerome Dyson '10 (CLAS) named to the Big East All-Rookie Team.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Center Tina Charles '10 (NUR) was named Big East Rookie of the Year and guard Renee Montgomery '09 (BUS) was named All-Big East, First Team, in leading the team to a 32-4 record, winning the Big East regular season championship and advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight. Charles, forward Charde Houston '08 (CLAS) and guard Kalana Greene '09 (BUS) were named to the All-Big East, Second Team, while center Kaili McLaren '10 (CLAS) joined Charles on the Big East All-Rookie Team.

## GOLF

Jason Parajeckas '07 (CLAS) won the individual title at the Yale Spring Open.

## MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Forward Trevor Stewart '07 (CLAS) won the Atlantic Hockey Best Defensive Forward Award in leading the Huskies to the semifinals of the league tournament. Forward Matt Scherer '07 (ED) was named All-Atlantic Hockey, Second Team, and defenseman Sean Erickson '09 (CLAS) named to the league's Third Team.

## WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Goaltender Brittany Wilson '09 (ED) and defenseman Natalie Vibert '07 (CLAS) were named to the All-Hockey East, First Team, in leading the Huskies to the semifinals of the Hockey East championship. Junior forward Jaclyn Hawkins '08 (CLAS) was named to the All-Hockey East, Second Team and forward Dominique Thibault '10 (CLAS) was named to the All-Rookie Team.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Shannon Burke '07 (CLAS) was named an IWLCA All-America, Second Team, after being recognized as Big East Midfielder of the Year, and All-Big East, First Team. Senior midfielder Kristin Link '07 (CLAS) was named All-Big East, Second Team.

## ROWING

Junior Olga Solovyova '08 (ED) was named to the Collegiate Rowers Coaching Association All-New England Second Team.

## SOFTBALL

Outfielder Micah Truax '09 (ED) was named to the Easton All-America, Third Team, was Big East Player of the Year, and joined infielder Jillian Ortega '09 (ED) on the All-Big East, First Team, in qualifying the team for the league tournament. Catcher Allie Gendron '08 (ED) was named All-Big East, Second Team, and infielder Holly Calcagno '07 (BUS) was named Third Team. Ortega was also named All-Northeast, First Team, and Truax was named All-Northeast, Second Team.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Huskies earned a spot in the Big East Championship for the second year in a row.

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Head coach Greg Roy was named New England Coach of the Year in leading the team to its second straight New England Indoor Championship, third place at the Big East Indoor Championships and second place at the Big East Outdoor Championship. Nine individuals qualified for NCAA outdoor regional competition.

## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Head coach Bill Morgan was the New England and Northeast Coach of the Year as the team won the New England Indoor and ECAC championships and finished third at the Big East. Tamara Highsmith '09 (BUS) qualified in the pentathlon at the NCAA Championship. During the outdoor season, the team was fourth at the Big East and had three qualifiers for the NCAA nationals: Jessi Foreman '09 (CLAS) in the 100-meter dash, Carin Knight '10 (CLAS) in the high jump, and Jillian Sullivan '07 (NUR) in the steeplechase.

## Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame enshrines Huskies

Three former Husky soccer players are a part of the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2007 inductees, joining 15 current and former players and coaches from UConn. John Blomstrann '76 (CLAS), Carlos M. Carlos '83 (ENG) and Thomas Nevers 1974-78 were inducted in ceremonies earlier this year.

Blomstrann has served as the head boy's soccer coach at E.O. Smith High School in Storrs for the last 26 years. He holds an overall record of 415-68-27 (.840) with five CIAC LL championships to his credit.

Carlos was the starting center midfielder for Joe Morrone's 1981 national championship squad that went 20-3-2. He signed with the New York Cosmos in 1982 as a first-round draft pick and went on to capture the 1982 Soccer Bowl in San Diego. Today, he coaches premier soccer with Academica Futebol Club in Cheshire, Conn.

Nevers, 12th in the all-time UConn scoring ranks, played professional soccer for four years in the North American and Major Indoor Soccer Leagues, participating in over 100 league and international competitions. He also was named a high school All-American during his career at E.O. Smith. He joins his father, Thomas Nevers, Sr., a member of the CSHOF Class of 2001.

The last three Husky head coaches: Ray Reid (1997-present), Morrone (1969-96), and John Squires (1937-68) are in the hall.



TOM HOPKINS STUDIO

## Polo three-peat

Elizabeth Rockwell '08 (CANR) helped the women's polo club team to win its third consecutive national championship against the University of Virginia in Lexington, Ky. The team won the national title despite widespread sickness among UConn's horses, which almost forced the season to be canceled. Riding borrowed mounts, the UConn team played its matches on the road and competed on horses owned by their opponents.



# Biographer of the great American novelist

ROSS MILLER MEETS THE CHALLENGE OF WRITING ABOUT LONG-TIME FRIEND PHILIP ROTH

When Philip Roth, America's finest living writer, asked Ross Miller to be his biographer, the UConn English professor was not sure it was something he should do. He thought he might be too close to his subject.

Miller first encountered Roth in the early 1970s at the home of Miller's uncle, playwright Arthur Miller. Author of *Goodbye Columbus* (1959) and two significant novels, Roth had just become a reluctant celebrity with the publication of *Portnoy's Complaint* (1969). Miller's "long intellectual friendship" with Roth began more than a decade later in the mid-1980s, when he struck up a casual conversation with the author at a party. They would continue to stay in touch. In the summer of 1984, Miller says, Roth called unexpectedly, asking whether he could send a typescript of a book

that he was working on. The book was *The Counterlife*.

"He had always used a few readers (even when he worked with an editor) during the writing, usually when he'd finished and was waiting for galleys to come back," Miller says. "I think this was perhaps the earliest he'd asked a friend for a close critical reading of a work in progress."

When he had finished marking up the manuscript, Miller went to see Roth at his Connecticut home. The subsequent conversation lasted 10 hours. This was the beginning of an intense literary relationship that has lasted to this day.

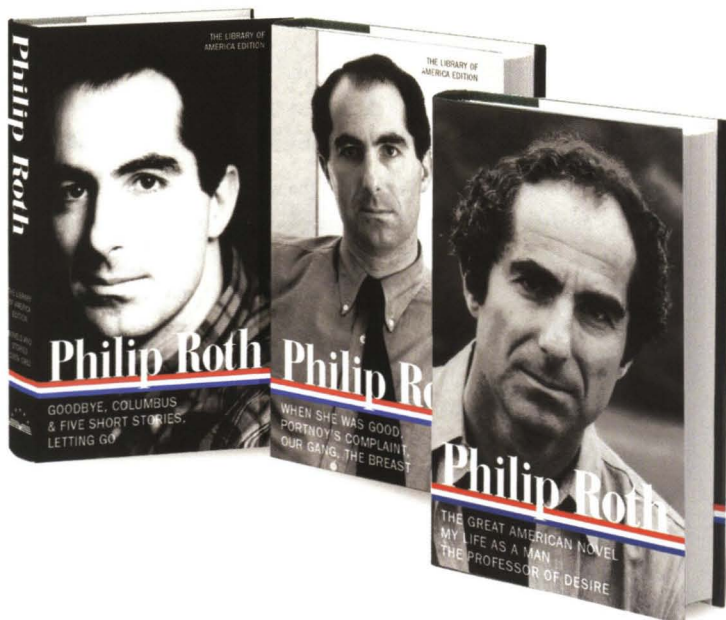
"From that summer of 1984 I have read all of his work in early drafts. This extraordinary closeness to a working writer has provided me an invaluable perspective as a biographer. I have very often been a participant in or an observer of the scenes

I'm describing [in the biography]," Miller says. "For the earlier periods I have talked to Roth at length (at least 50 hours of recorded interviews) about his life and work and interviewed the author's friends and associates. I don't know of any clear precedent for this," he says, noting not even James Boswell, the 18th-century biographer of English dictionary author Samuel Johnson, knew his subject as well and for as long as Miller has known Roth.

Houghton Mifflin will publish the biography in 2013, when Roth turns 80. Currently Miller is also the editor of an eight-volume Library of America (LOA) edition of the novelist's entire literary output, including an updated chronology and notes. LOA has published comprehensive collections for only two other writers, Eudora Welty and Saul Bellow, when they were still alive. The editing project began in 2004. Three volumes are finished and the fourth will be published in October, the same month as the debut of Roth's latest novel, *Exit Ghost*.

An author and architectural and literary critic, Miller makes clear he is writing what he calls the "definitive" (as opposed to approved or "authorized") biography of Roth. He has what no other writer could have—intimate knowledge of the life and work of his subject and "complete freedom and access" to all of Roth's work. "The nature of the agreement is whatever I want I get, including unprecedented access to him," Miller says. "He, of course, has the right of review, but I do not require his approval for anything I write."

Miller continues to spend at least three hours every other month interviewing



The first three in a planned eight-volume set of Philip Roth's books from the Library of America (LOA) editions, spanning the novelist's entire literary output.





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English professor  
Ross Miller in the  
study of his home.

his subject and remains in close touch as Roth continues to publish award-winning novels. This spring Roth received the PEN/Faulkner Award in Fiction for an unprecedented third time. Miller hopes to clear up certain persistent misconceptions about Roth, particularly the notion that he is an “autobiographical” writer. Roth, Miller says, “is paradoxically one of the least autobiographical writers even though his fiction invites comparisons to his life.” Roth’s inaccessibility to literary journalists has exacerbated this misunderstanding.

“Not only do I want to show the life,

which is what biographies do, but to demonstrate how these books work as aesthetic objects (exclusive of the life), because that’s what they are fundamentally,” Miller says. “There are some writers you could write a critical biography of, in terms of just the fiction, or a ‘life’ exclusive of the books, but really Roth has no life unrelated to what he writes. Fiction and fact are seamlessly entwined. It’s part of my job to untangle them for the sake of analysis.”

Miller believes writers, particularly novelists, are “ruthless” because “they write about everything and not only things

personal to them but also things personal to other people.

“Working with Roth, not only on his work but certainly my work as well, has been an invaluable tutorial,” Miller says. “It’s my post-doctoral education, and it has made me a better, perhaps more ruthless writer than I would have been without this experience. Certainly, it’s made me a better biographer.”

Miller, however, realizes how difficult it is to write about a living writer and particularly one who has vigilantly guarded his privacy throughout his whole life.

“How can there not be sensitivities that I did not anticipate?” he says.

**“It’s my post-doctoral education, and it has made me a better, perhaps more ruthless writer . . .”**

This inevitability, Miller adds, has created “a beneficial critical distance between us as friends that helps both of us write” and that working on the biography has also made him a better reader.

“Even though Roth writes seductively with beautiful language and a seemingly accessible style, he’s quite intimidating because of the density of thinking in the narrative,” Miller explains as he would while discussing the novelist with his students. “In Roth’s work thinking is a form of action in these books—a sliding irony or point of view, so you can be inside the head of many characters simultaneously . . . The reader must know that it’s Roth’s consciousness controlling it all. Unless the reader slows down he misses the beauty, misses the whole show.” — *Karen Singer* ’73 (CLAS)





## Seeing the bottom of the sea

A new Web site developed by Peter Auster and Ralph Lewis, faculty in the department of marine sciences at UConn's Avery Point campus, shows marine life beneath the waves of Long Island Sound. The project is a collaboration between the University's National Undersea Research Center (NURC) and the Long Island Sound Resource Center, a partnership of UConn and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The image shown above is an anemone, which has specialized stinging cells on its tentacles to capture plankton and food particles. The Web site is at: [www.lisrc.uconn.edu/lis\\_uwtour](http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/lis_uwtour).

## Addressing a rare genetic skin disorder

**D**espite its stable appearance, skin is in a nearly constant state of flux, shedding and re-forming. When the process goes awry, the result can be a troubling disease. By studying a rare genetic skin disorder, UConn researchers at the School of Medicine hope to broaden understanding of important biological mechanisms in healthy humans.

Ernst Reichenberger, assistant professor of reconstructive medicine, is leading the effort in the Center for Restorative Medicine and Skeletal Development to study keloids, a relatively rare wound-healing disorder that affects mostly darker skinned populations in the U.S. and around the world. The research is supported by a five-year, \$2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Keloids occur when scar tissue keeps growing beyond the margin of a wound, resulting in a tumor-like growth that can grow continually. They can arise from a small scratch, a bug bite, even from acne. They are usually physically painful and, because of their appearance, are often emotionally distressing. The researchers are recruiting individuals who tend to form keloids.

Reichenberger's goal is to find the genetic mutations that cause the disorder and understand the molecular structure necessary to develop effective treatments.

"We take a genetic approach to the study of human disease," says Reichenberger. "To find out how certain mechanisms operate in a healthy person, we study human genetic disorders in which they

are disrupted."

Patient volunteers will be recruited on a national basis with the help of physicians in other states. International volunteers will be recruited from two clinics in Nigeria with the collaboration of Victoria Odesina, a UConn clinical researcher born in Nigeria.

As they recruit volunteers for the study, researchers will collect DNA samples for genome scans using microarray technology that allows simultaneous evaluation of thousands of gene markers. They will compare the genomes of affected and unaffected family members, and find out which genome intervals are shared by those affected with the disorder.



# Connecticut population slows

Connecticut will experience slow population growth and could see a decline in its population in the coming years without the continued influx of foreign-born immigrants, according to the first population projections compiled in 12 years by the Connecticut State Data Center (CtSDC) based in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UConn.

Statewide, from 2005 to 2030, the total population is expected to grow by 6 percent, according to the CtSDC projections. During that same period, the CtSDC forecasts that the statewide number of residents over the age of 65 will increase by nearly 75 percent while the number of children 19 and under in Connecticut will drop by about 8 percent.

The study also suggests that the state, which already has among the highest levels of socio-economic segregation in the nation, is becoming more segregated and is likely to see further erosion of its middle class over the next two decades.

Connecticut is expected to grow by just under 207,500 residents from 2005 to 2030, reaching a total population of 3.7 million residents, according to the CtSDC projections. The state's predicted annual growth rate of 0.27 percent—equivalent to fewer than three new residents per every 1,000 current residents—is less than one-third of the national annual growth rate of 0.85 percent, ranking Connecticut 38th for population growth nationwide, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. A birth rate of 2.1 children per woman is needed to maintain current population levels. Nationally, the birth rate is only 2.05 children per woman and, in Connecticut, the birth rate is even lower—1.83 children per woman.

The demographic shifts underway are part of a national pattern that also will see a decline in the white population and a growth in minority populations but many of the trends appear more pronounced in Connecticut, says Orlando Rodriguez, a UConn demographer and manager of CtSDC.

Connecticut's white population, which currently accounts for 77 percent of the state's population, will account for just barely 61 percent of the state's population by 2030, the study says.

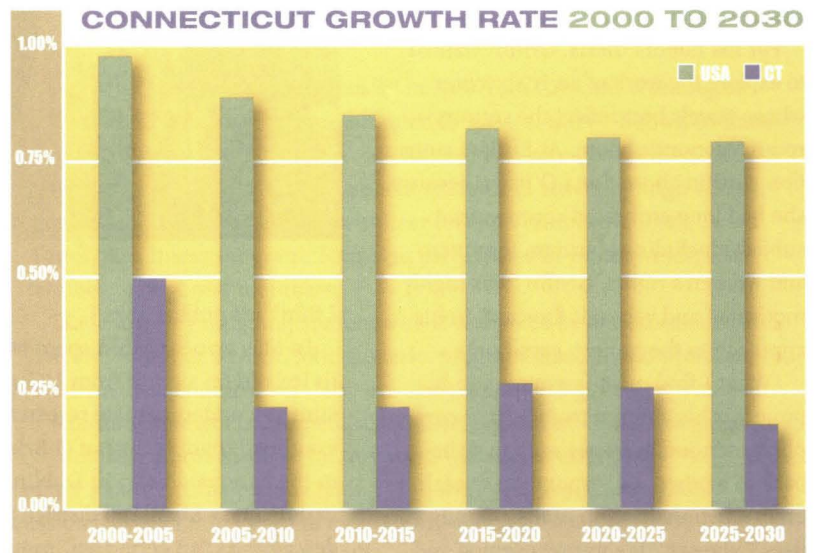
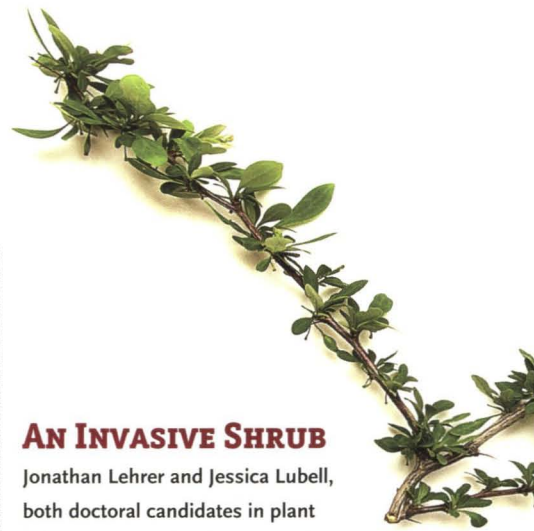
In addition to the state's decline in white population, Connecticut also stands to lose about 3 percent—over 60,000 members—of its workforce.

"If not for foreign-born immigration to Connecticut, which reached a 17-year high in 2005, the state would likely see its population begin to shrink, a scenario which would seriously erode Connecticut's workforce and would place Connecticut at greater risk of losing seats in the U.S. House of Representatives," says Rodriguez. Connecticut lost one seat during the last congressional reapportionment in 2002.

CtSDC population projections, for Connecticut statewide, towns and counties can be accessed online at <http://ctsdc.uconn.edu>.

## AN INVASIVE SHRUB

Jonathan Lehrer and Jessica Lubell, both doctoral candidates in plant science, are conducting research on the Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii* DC.), a widespread invasive shrub that is popular in the nursery business. Lehrer is examining the seedlings produced by colored-leaf genotypes of the plant while Lubell is identifying the variety of cultivated Japanese barberry plants by using DNA fingerprinting. They were among a group of graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources who participated in the college's 2007 Graduate Student Research Forum, which included oral and visual presentations by master's and doctoral candidates from all departments within the college.





# Discovering a heritage on the Emerald Isle

GRIFFIN MAKES THE MOST OF A TRAVEL RESEARCH GRANT

**B**efore attending UConn, Jeffrey Griffin's knowledge of his Irish heritage was basically limited to St. Patrick's Day.

As an honors student and University scholar, however, he has delved deeply into the culture and traveled to Ireland for research. Griffin began his journey on a whim, signing up as a sophomore for a course on contemporary Irish literature with Mary Burke, assistant professor of English.

"I was totally blown away with what we read," says the English major, who graduated in May 2007. Griffin had another course with Burke, and she became his mentor.

"He was one of the best students in both classes," she says.

**"What I find fascinating in his project is his attempt to show that contemporary feminism allows men to write back to women..."**

For his honors thesis, Griffin wanted to explore the work of an Irish writer whose novels best reflect the country's recent economic boom. At Burke's suggestion, Griffin chose Edna O'Brien because she had long embraced controversial subjects including abortion, feminism and women's rights. Griffin "was highly motivated and very self-directed" in his approach to the project, says Burke.

"What I find most fascinating in his project is his attempt to show that contemporary feminism allows men to write back to women, by responding to each other's fictionalization of their family lives," she says. "It's unprecedented and

LANNY NAGLER



I think it's publishable."

In May 2006, Griffin spent two weeks in Ireland on a grant from UConn's summer undergraduate research fund. He examined manuscripts of O'Brien's work in the national library in Dublin. He visited Belfast's Shankhill district, which he describes as "an eerie area" most affected

by the country's three decades of sectarian violence. He also traveled to O'Brien's tiny hometown, Tuamgraney, in County Clare.

In October 2006, on another University travel grant, Griffin spent a weekend in St. Paul, Minn., where he attended a reading by O'Brien from her latest novel and spoke with her briefly about his research



## Seeking balance in a busy campus life

**F**or Katherine Etter, life is about balance. As a biomedical engineering student who just completed her third year of studies, she handles an overwhelming schedule without missing a beat.

Etter, an honors student, works as a community assistant in the Northwest Quad, served this past year as speaker of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), and is a member of the Biomedical Engineering Society and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

She says USG provides a social outlet to contrast the intensity of being an engineering major. "Coming onto a campus of 16,000 and not knowing anyone, I found my niche in the USG. It gave me a sense of purpose and place on campus."

Much of her extracurricular work involves mentoring. "Some of the work I do with the SWE includes visiting middle and high schools and encouraging girls to continue in science," she says.

Etter is passionate about both medicine and law. As a high school student in Vermont, she attended medical camp, shadowing physicians. She is concerned with issues affecting women's health and problems in our health care system that jeopardize patient care.

Her academic focus is on biomaterials such as artificial skin and replacement joints. She sees herself designing equipment to improve health screening. "If medical tests are more comfortable and convenient, people are more likely to take a test and detect diseases like cancer earlier," she explains.

An interest in law came alive during high school when Etter worked as a page for U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and later as an intern in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she conducted medical and environmental issue research.

Etter was raised with a duty to service. Both her parents served in the U.S. Air Force and then joined the Air National Guard. Her father, William Etter '79 (ENG), is an airline pilot who earned his commission through the UConn ROTC program. Earlier this year, he was promoted to major general in the National Guard Bureau, where he serves as director for strategic plans and policy.

Her mother, Sheree, is a nurse and holds the rank of colonel and serves as a medical squadron commander for the Vermont Air National Guard.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., both her parents were activated to service. Etter—known as Kade to friends and family—helped care for her two younger brothers and sister while assisting with household chores and attending high school, graduating with honors. As a volunteer for the Vermont National Guard Family Readiness Program, Etter also participates in youth projects for families of deployed members.

"Kade is a very outgoing student who is well liked by her classmates and faculty," says her advisor, John Enderle, program director and professor of biomedical engineering. "She is a remarkable young woman who will continue to excel in biomedical engineering and other activities that will have a broad impact on the world-wide community."

Etter's future plans include taking both the medical and law school admissions tests. "I don't want to rule out my options," she says.

— Kim Colavito Markesich '93 (CANR)

during a book signing. He met her again, by chance while waiting for his return flight.

"It was one of those pivotal moments," Griffin says. "After telling me she'd done a reading at UConn in 1997 (as the Gerson Irish speaker), she took my hands and said, 'Tell them I would like to come back to UConn.'"

He did and, as a result, faculty members from the creative writing program and Irish literature program have invited O'Brien to return in 2008.

This fall Griffin will begin studies at the UConn School of Law, where he hopes to specialize in probate and estate planning.

He won't be giving up his Irish studies, however.

"I'm not going to leave it behind," Griffin says.

"I'm thinking of going back and doing more research, before somebody else does, on the novels of O'Brien's son and [late] husband."

Burke is encouraging him.  
— Karen Singer '73 (CLAS)



PETER MORENUS



# Moving to the top

*in the study of  
exercise and motion*

*By Jim H. Smith*

**J**ust before he went to sleep, Robert Smith '10 (ED) drank a 16-ounce glass of water. When he woke up, he downed another for good measure, and by 9 a.m. Smith is breaking a sweat stacking cartons.

It is fair to say few carton stackers have ever approached their task quite so zealously. Each box Smith picks up is a hefty 45 pounds, the weight of a standard crate of army supplies, and he has to lift each one to the height of a truck bed, about chest-high.

Every time he stacks a box on the bed there is another waiting for him. This drill is most efficient if he adheres to a precision three-beat count—about 12 metronomic repetitions a minute.

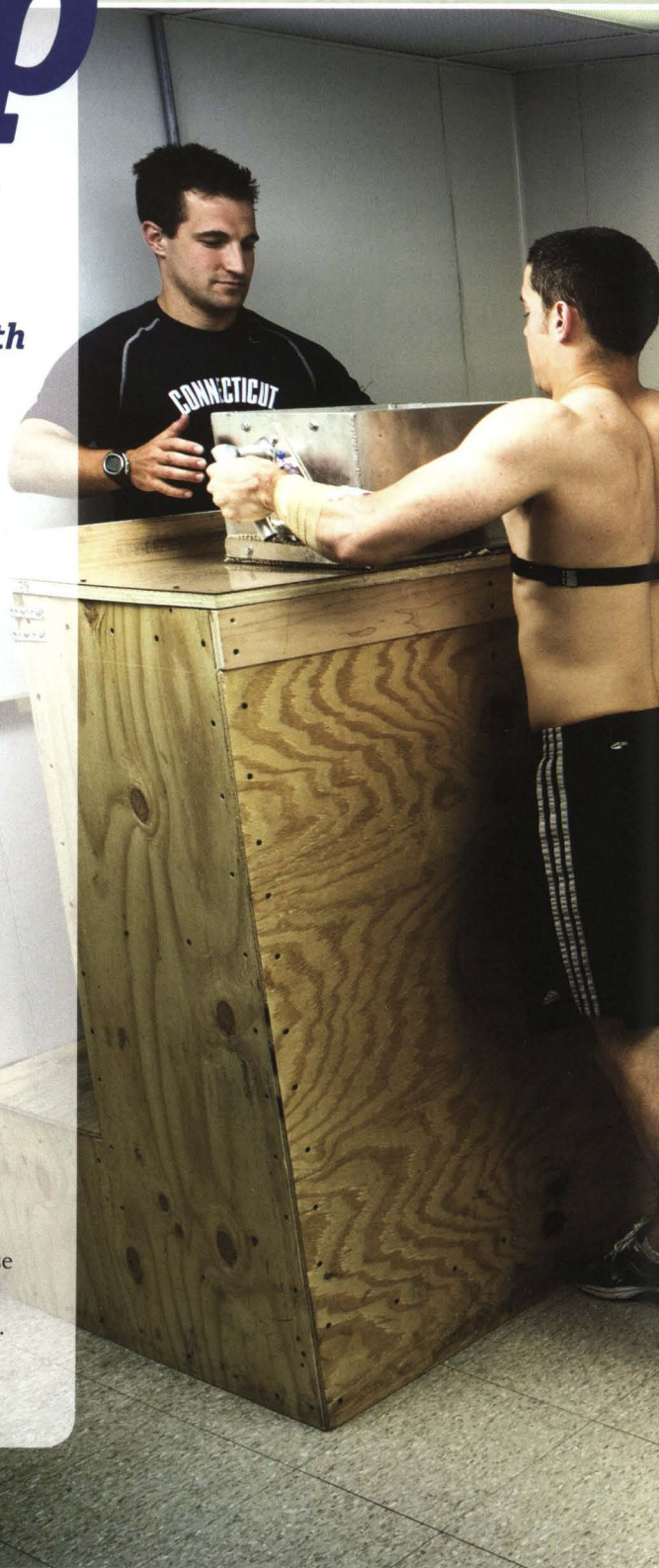
*Squat. Lift. Stack. Squat. Lift. Stack.*

But efficiency is easier said than done. It is hard to get your breath in the 104-degree heat and equatorial humidity. The boxes start to feel a few ounces heavier each time he lifts one. Sweat drips off Smith's forehead and into his eyes. It doesn't help he is encumbered by monitors to measure his metabolism and to make sure he doesn't overheat.

*Squat. Lift. Stack.* Some water would taste good.

Smith is a UConn freshman from Pennsylvania who plans to major in strength and conditioning, one of the undergraduate degree programs offered through the department of kinesiology in the Neag School of Education. A multi-faceted discipline, kinesiology is the science of human movement. Professionals in the field combine knowledge from several inter-related fields of interest—human anatomy and physiology, exercise physiology and psychology, and physical therapy—in order to evaluate and treat problems related to the musculoskeletal system.

The box-lifting drill is a good example of the search for knowledge. It is part of a research project for the U.S. Army to evaluate







A repetitive motion experiment for the U.S. Army in the environmental chamber of the department of kinesiology laboratory, one of several specialized facilities for advanced research on human motion in Gampel Pavilion.

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William Kraemer, professor of kinesiology, left, and Jerry Martin, strength and conditioning coach, meeting in the Polo Family Strength and Conditioning Center, located in The Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman Training Center.



how people perform routine physical tasks in extreme heat and/or humidity. Understanding how hydration in various conditions can increase efficiency and endurance will help service military personnel who work in extreme conditions around the world. It is one of many studies conducted each year in a department whose highly regarded faculty, productivity, and graduate students led the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education to declare UConn's doctoral program the best in the nation.

The department began its rise to national recognition under the direction of Carl Maresh, professor of kinesiology and head of the department, who arrived in 1985 with a charge to put UConn's human performance laboratory on the map.

"I had one goal when I came here," he says. "I wanted to make our laboratory

the number one exercise laboratory in New England."

With an established reputation from his days managing outpatient cardiac rehabilitation at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City and conducting contract research for the

standards in what became the department of sport, leisure and exercise sciences. When Gampel Pavilion opened in 1990, UConn gained the largest on-campus athletic arena in New England and related academic disciplines benefited from the

## ***A multi-faceted discipline, kinesiology is the science of human movement.***

military at the Midwest Research Institute and the Environmental Protection Agency, Maresh began to retool the program then known as the department of sport and leisure studies. Soon top faculty and students began arriving at UConn to further expand the increasingly rigorous academic

associated facilities needed to continue their pursuit of excellence. Maresh was named department head in 1998 and the program was renamed the department of kinesiology.

Research is an important component of the department, and the U.S. military



is just one organization that can benefit from such investigation. For example, four years ago, after the heat stroke death of Minnesota Vikings tackle Korey Stringer, members of UConn's football team participated in an innovative heat acclimatization study conducted by UConn researchers Doug Casa and Larry Armstrong.

Before practice, UConn players swallowed pills containing computer chips that were read by researchers with a hand-held sensor. They provided, for the first time, valuable data on players' internal body temperatures recorded during actual play and helped Casa and Armstrong prepare recommendations for the NCAA about preventing injuries and reducing the likelihood of heat stroke.

With a faculty whose members include leading experts in nearly all aspects of exercise science, environmental physiology,

nutrition and sport management, the department juggles a wide range of research programs. One of the University's most productive researchers is William Kraemer, professor of kinesiology, who began his academic career at UConn before moving to Penn State and Ball State, where he became renowned as an expert in exercise physiology, sports medicine, and strength and conditioning. He is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and chairman of NASA's oversight committee on strength training for astronauts and cosmonauts at the International Space Station. Additionally, he serves as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*. Since his return to Storrs in 1999, UConn has attracted several million dollars in research funding.

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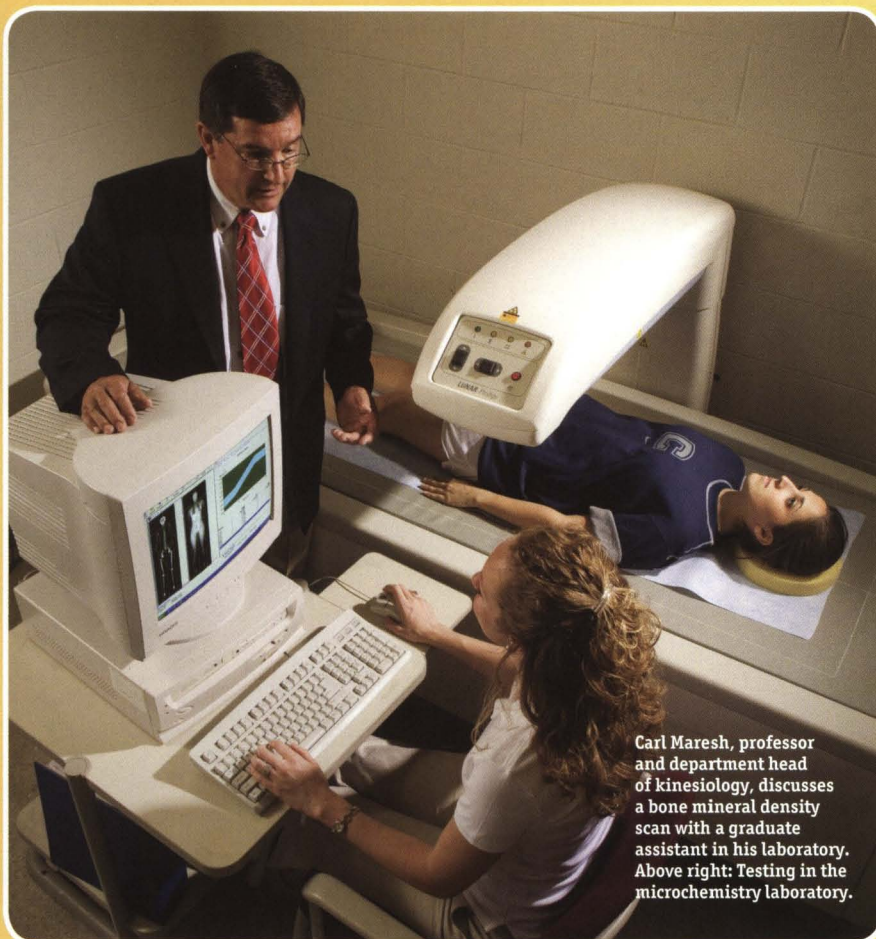


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## Kinesiology Research projects at UConn

Research projects provide learning opportunities for faculty and students alike. All kinesiology faculty are engaged in some form of research, and the department's increasingly high national and international profile attracts research funds from many sources. Recent research topics include:

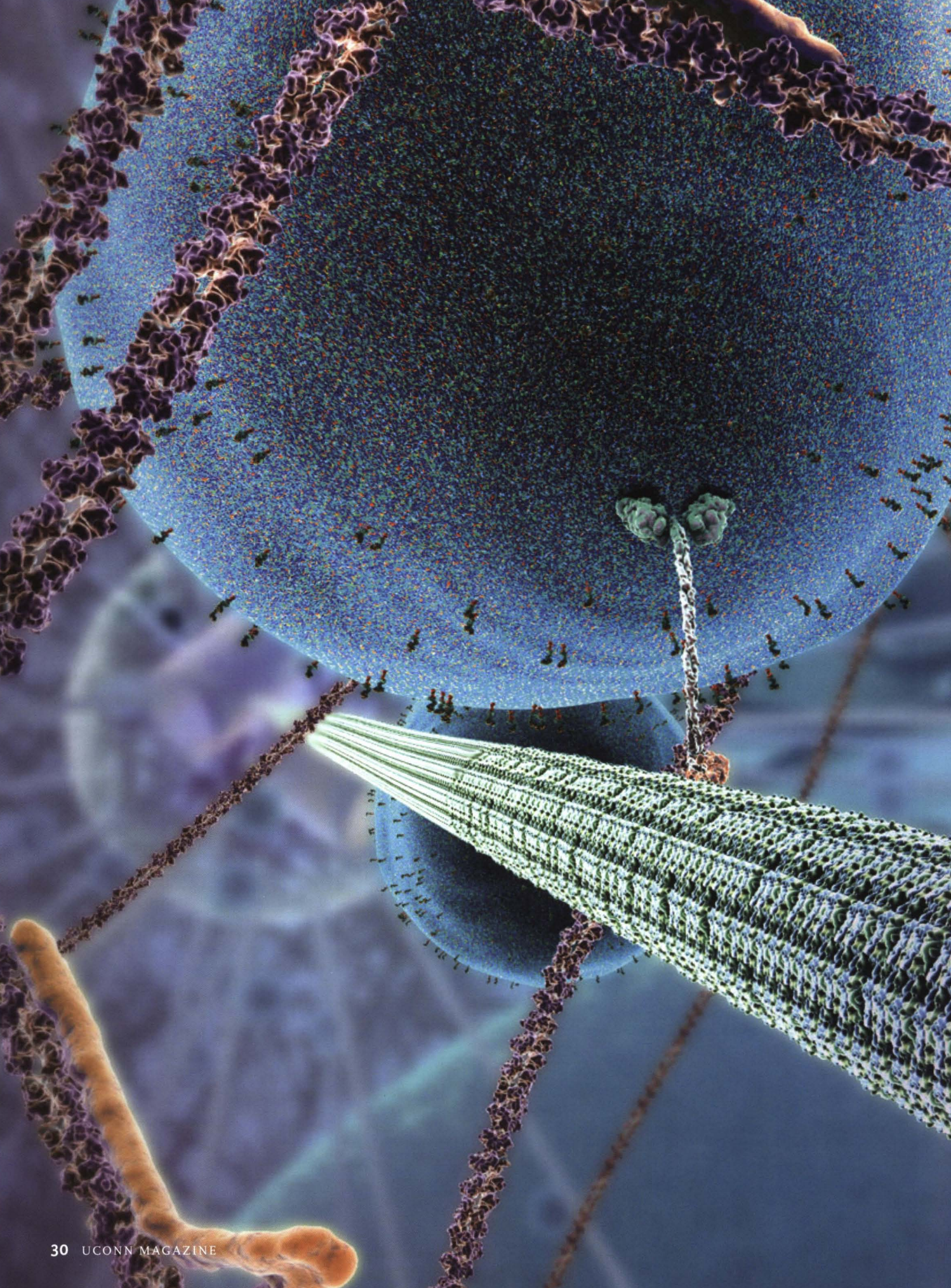
- Comparison of different training programs for improving exercise performance capabilities and bone health in women.
- Influence of using creatine, an organic acid that supplies energy to muscle cells, on exercise heat tolerance in dehydrated men.
- Motion and kinetic energy analysis of female college basketball players during landing after completion of a jump-training program.
- Sources of work/family conflict among certified athletic trainers.
- Cold water immersion: the gold standard for treatment of exertional heat stroke.
- Anticipatory responses of catecholamines on muscle force development.
- Body composition and physical performance in men's soccer: study of an NCAA Division I team.
- Caffeine, fluid-electrolyte balance, temperature regulation, and exercise performance.
- Effects of diet on heart disease by measuring how arteries respond to the types of foods we eat using ultrasound techniques.
- Pre-adolescent development through sport and physical activity in an urban after-school program.
- Hydration and muscle performance: Does fluid balance affect strength, power, and high-intensity endurance?
- Importance of elevated circulating hormones in modulating resistance, exercise-induced protein kinase B in fasted humans.



Carl Maresh, professor and department head of kinesiology, discusses a bone mineral density scan with a graduate assistant in his laboratory. Above right: Testing in the microchemistry laboratory.

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# ANIMATING THE FANTASTIC VOYAGE THROUGH THE HUMAN BODY

BY RON MESHBERG



Drawings of human anatomy have existed for thousands of years. Now, thanks to computerized animation and the skill of two UConn graduates, the science of looking deep into the body—right into the workings of individual cells—has reached new heights.

Michael Astrachan '87 (SFA) and John Liebler '90 (SFA) did not know each other during their college days. After UConn, Astrachan became a portrait artist and Liebler an illustrator. It wasn't until years later that their paths crossed in New Haven.

"John had opened a frame shop where I occasionally took my work," says Astrachan. "At the same time I was also doing some freelance medical animation." After comparing notes, they decided to collaborate on a few projects.

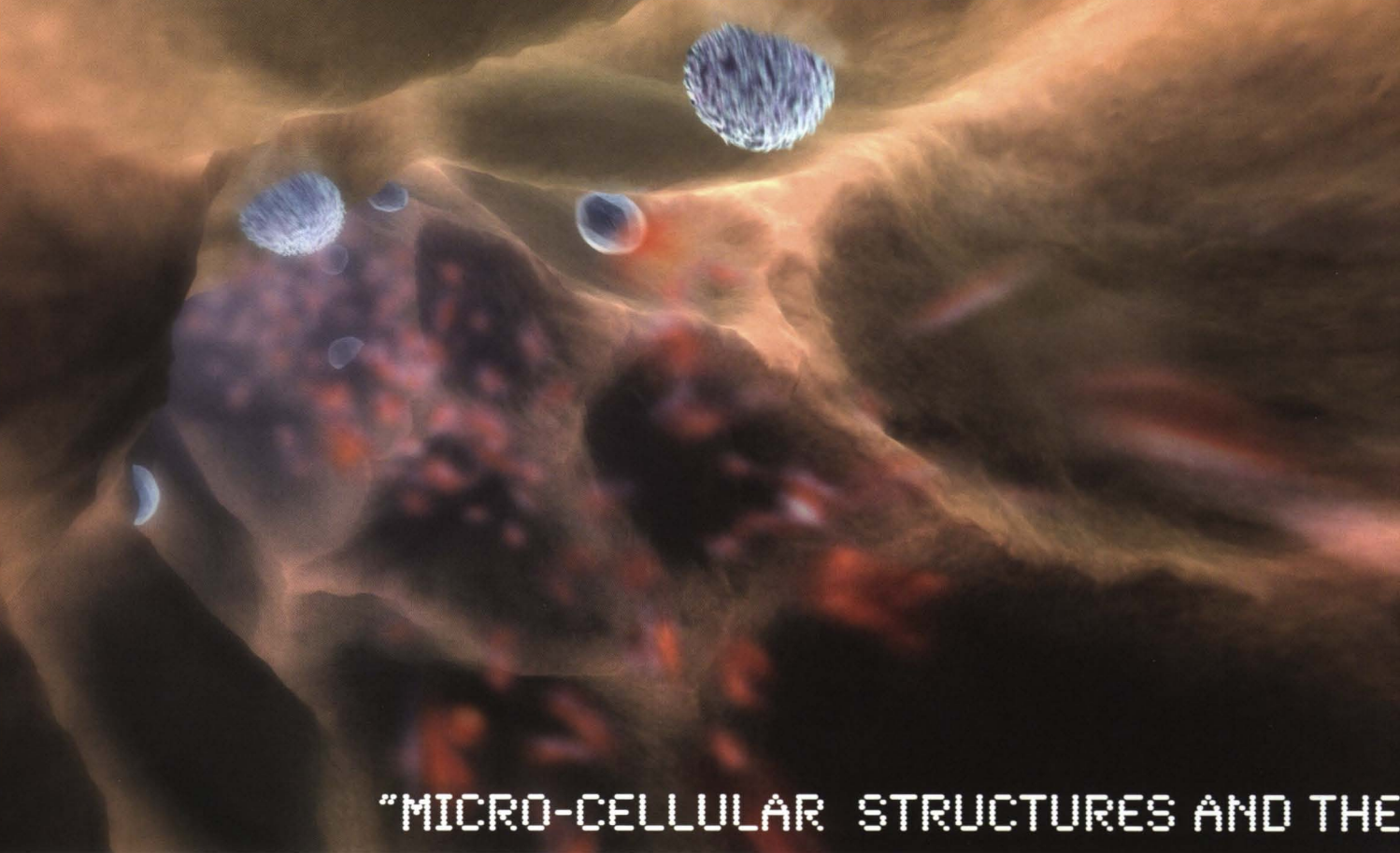
The moonlighting enabled Liebler to build a portfolio of drawings. "It led to a full-time job as a medical illustrator," he says.

Meanwhile, in 2001, Astrachan co-founded a scientific animation firm called XVIVO (ex-vee-vo), headquartered in Rocky Hill, Conn. As the company signed on new clients, he asked Liebler to become its lead animator.

*Scene from The Inner Life of a Cell: A Kinesin motor protein carries a membrane filled with other proteins along a microtubular "roadway."*

Initially, XVIVO worked primarily with pharmaceutical companies. Its animations marketed products to the medical community. For example, when Antigenics, Inc., patented a way to individualize





## "MICRO-CELLULAR STRUCTURES AND THE

vaccines from a patient's excised tumor, XVIVO created an animated film for doctors illustrating the vaccine's path through the body destroying tumor-derived proteins. Doctors generally viewed the film at trade shows.

Other clients included PBS television and the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, for which they created animated versions of robots retrieving wounded soldiers from a battlefield.

Their most acclaimed work, however, is an eight-minute animation that took a year and a half to complete. *The Inner Life of a Cell*, commissioned by Harvard University, was designed as a teaching tool to help undergraduates studying molecular and cellular biology understand what happens when a blood cell needs to clean house.

Such an innovative teaching tool earned XVIVO a broad spectrum of acclaim: It has been featured on *ABC's World News Tonight*, showcased alongside Hollywood's best animations at the Siggraph 2006 Electronic Theater, and won a coveted Telly Award for outstanding video and film production last year. Its approach appeals to both scientists and students alike, making complicated material readily understandable—and entertaining.

Most of XVIVO's animations begin with a script. "We receive one or are asked to create one," says Astrachan, who directs production. "From that we start drawing pictures."

When *The Inner Life of a Cell* was first presented, however, it read like a scientific textbook. "Lots of diagrams, charts and anatomical jargon," says Liebler. "We spent months poring over the material. It was fun taking all that information and turning



John Liebler '90 (SFA), left, and Michael Astrachan '87 (SFA) in the offices of XVIVO, their scientific animation firm in Rocky Hill, Conn.

it into something cinematic that students could look at and feel they have a grasp of what it means."

Easier said than done.

There are trillions of cells in the body. Within each cell, there are thousands of proteins. Around all of this, millions of molecules swirl in different directions. From the start, the XVIVO team knew it would be impractical to visualize everything. Oversimplification would be no better. A balance was needed, one that was scientifically accurate.





THE WAY THEY MOVE IS NOT AN OFF-THE-SHELF PACKAGE."

To achieve this, they created computerized three-dimensional models of the body's most minute elements. Then they faced an even greater challenge, giving these elements motion.

"Micro-cellular structures and the way they move is not an off-the-shelf package," says Liebler, who used Lightwave 3D, Adobe After Effects, and Happy Digital's HD Instance plug-in for much of the animation. "So I looked for similarities to the special effects in movies such as *The Matrix* or *Star Wars* and then applied that technology to the subject."

The result is an elegant, seemingly magical world where free-floating fibers suddenly bond to form shimmering molecular highways. Upon these highways, motor proteins with boot-like feet drag unneeded nutrients to the cell wall, where they are then disposed into the blood stream.

"Students were amazed," says Alain Viel, associate director of undergraduate research at Harvard, who also indicated that compared to textbooks alone, animations like this can increase comprehension by almost 30 percent. "Many have said that seeing *The Inner Life of a Cell* makes them want to study biology."

Unlike others in the field of medical illustration, neither Astrachan nor Liebler come from science backgrounds. Yet their training at UConn equipped them well for their roles at XVIVO.

"I was given a lot of freedom at UConn to express myself and follow my own path," says Astrachan, who in his senior year completed an award-winning seven-minute animation requiring 2,500 individual drawings. "It really helped with my independent mindset."

For Liebler, UConn provided a solid frame of reference. "A day

doesn't go by when I don't think of something I learned from my professors about the fundamentals of art," he says, "how to draw, see things, compose an image, or even use color."

Meanwhile, their work has caught the eye of many—from Hollywood to NASA. Warner Brothers is interested in XVIVO special effects for its remake of a classic sci-fi motion picture, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*.

"We've got our fingers in a lot of areas," says co-founder and medical director, David Bolinsky. "Just last week we were working nine projects in parallel."

One of those projects was an interactive animation designed for hospitals that treat children with cancer.

"It will help the kids and their parents to understand more about interventions such as chemotherapy and radiation," says Bolinsky. "It will help them learn more about compliance with drug regimes, nutrition, and attitude. These are things that make for a more holistic experience intrinsic with coming to grips with the disease."

As XVIVO continues to expand, Astrachan and Liebler look forward to the future.

"I think we'll do more things like this aimed at education," says Liebler, "but it's got to be entertaining. Making it entertaining is good for the subject because it engages the audience. But it's also engaging to us as artists. If we can't bring some art to what we're doing, we'll lose interest. We need to stay focused in order to do the work just as the audience needs to stay involved in order to view the work. That's the challenge and the fun."

To see the animations noted in this story, go to <http://xvivo.net>.



A full-page photograph of two men, William Geist and Michael Soltys, standing in front of large satellite dishes at ESPN headquarters. William Geist, on the left, is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. Michael Soltys, on the right, is wearing a dark suit, yellow shirt, and a blue patterned tie. They are both smiling. The background features several large white satellite dishes mounted on metal structures.

William Geist '92  
M.B.A., left, and  
Michael Soltys '88  
(CLAS), in front of  
the satellite dishes  
that are icons of the  
ESPN headquarters  
in Bristol, Conn.



UConn Alumni Succeed In

# the Business of SPORTS

**W**orking in the sports industry may seem like a dream job for sports fans. It is a high-profile business glamorized through media exposure, and teams serve as a rallying point for unifying diverse communities around the world. UConn alumni working in the business acknowledge how much they enjoy their work, but quickly note that the competition for getting a job is just as fierce as trying to crack a team's starting lineup.

Alumni such as Michael Aresco '76 J.D., senior vice president of programming for CBS Sports, and Greg Economou '88 (CLAS), executive vice president and chief marketing officer for the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, are in key positions as leaders off the field of play in virtually all sports, influencing the direction of their businesses and organizations in such areas as marketing, accounting, law, business development, human resources and community relations. In addition to professional and college sports, the industry includes fields such as advertising, licensed goods, media broadcast rights, product endorsements, travel and Internet and wireless communications, making the sports world a \$213 billion industry, according to *Street & Smith's*

**By Kenneth Best**

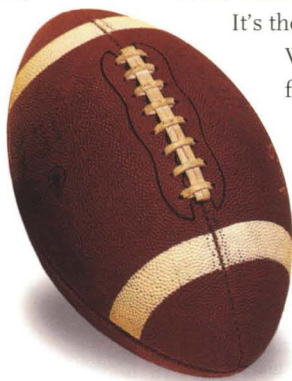
*SportsBusiness Journal*, a leading industry publication.

As in many industries, business objectives in sports have evolved over the years as technology has changed organizational operations in response to the demands of consumers such as sports fans, who want access to games, scores, statistics and information around the clock. There is no better example of this than the \$6 billion, 11-year deal that Aresco negotiated between CBS Sports and the NCAA.

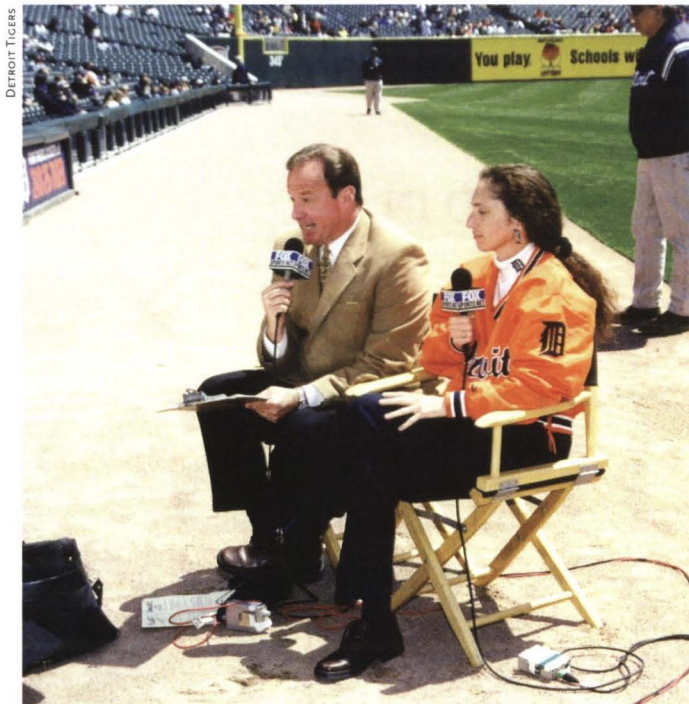
"That deal afforded us rights to not only TV coverage to the NCAA basketball tournament and miscellaneous NCAA events, but it also gave us marketing rights," Aresco says, noting that the network will also guide publishing, licensing, Internet, wireless and ancillary media activities connected to NCAA events broadcast by CBS. "It was a new model in programming. We called it the bundled rights deal. New media is really our watchword.

It's the future."

William Geist '92 M.B.A., senior vice president for finance, programming and ad sales for ESPN, says his network faces increased competition as regional sports networks and college athletic conferences have developed their own television packages, including the Big East Conference, the league







Celia Bobrowsky '80 (CLAS), director of community affairs for Major League Baseball, gets ready for an interview during her time with the Detroit Tigers.

in which UConn competes. As a result, the original cable sports network based in Bristol, Conn., is also negotiating multimedia agreements, continuing its evolution into a global multimedia company.

"Sports is such a big part of people's lives and we've found ways to bring it to them at all times," says Mike Soltys '88 (CLAS), vice president for domestic network communications at ESPN, who recalls the early days of ESPN, when there was skepticism about whether anyone would watch sporting events in the middle of the night or early in the morning. "It's still growing. Hopefully we can replicate the U.S. interest in ESPN in other countries."

The ever-expanding obsession for sports news, highlights and information can be traced to the success of ESPN, which moved sports beyond weekend viewing and Monday Night Football or the Olympic Games. At the same time, the major team sports—football, basketball, baseball and hockey—and, increasingly, NASCAR, are working competitively to establish their respective brands in the marketplace.

"The ultimate goal of a team franchise is to sell tickets," says Economou, a member of UConn's 1988 NIT championship team, who before moving to the Bobcats, was senior vice president of marketing communications for the NBA and previously operated his own sports marketing firm. "We work to build our brand and to create a sense of good will in the community to draw fans because that's what fuels the business."

As executive director of USA Hockey, David Ogrian '74 (CLAS) works on a multi-layered set of challenges to promote his sport, which continues to work its way back from the cancellation of the National Hockey League season two years ago. In addition to encouraging participation in the sport, organizing clinics and working with the NHL

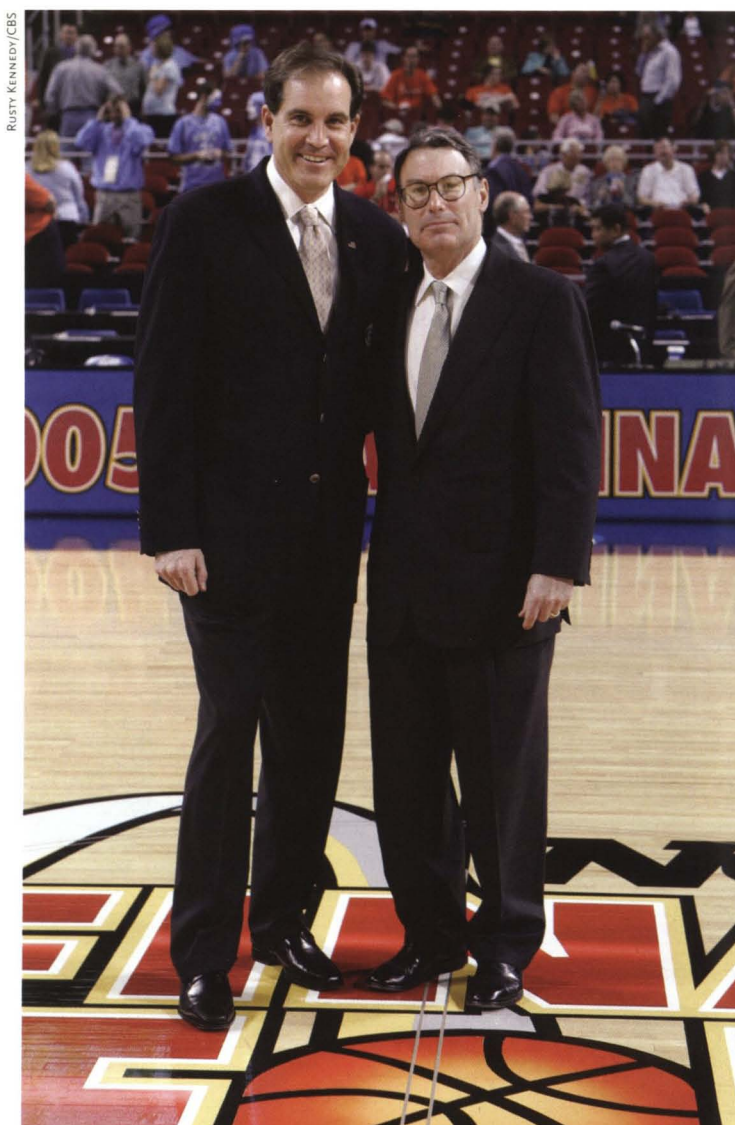
**Mike Aresco '76 J.D.,** senior vice president of programming for CBS Sports, right, with sportscaster Jim Nantz at center court at the 2005 men's NCAA Final Four in St. Louis.

and NCAA, USA Hockey has responsibility for organizing and training men's and women's teams that compete internationally, including in the Olympics.

"They're bouncing back now. The boom areas today are girls and adult hockey," says Ogrian, who previously worked for USA Football and the U.S. Olympic Committee. "We'll soon have 60,000 girls and women playing. There's been so much interest since the women's Olympic success in Nagano [in 1988] with the gold medal."

Grassroots enthusiasm for local sports teams is something Celia Bobrowsky '80 (CLAS) saw firsthand during her 12 years as director of community relations for the Detroit Tigers before

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# A refrain for music appreciation

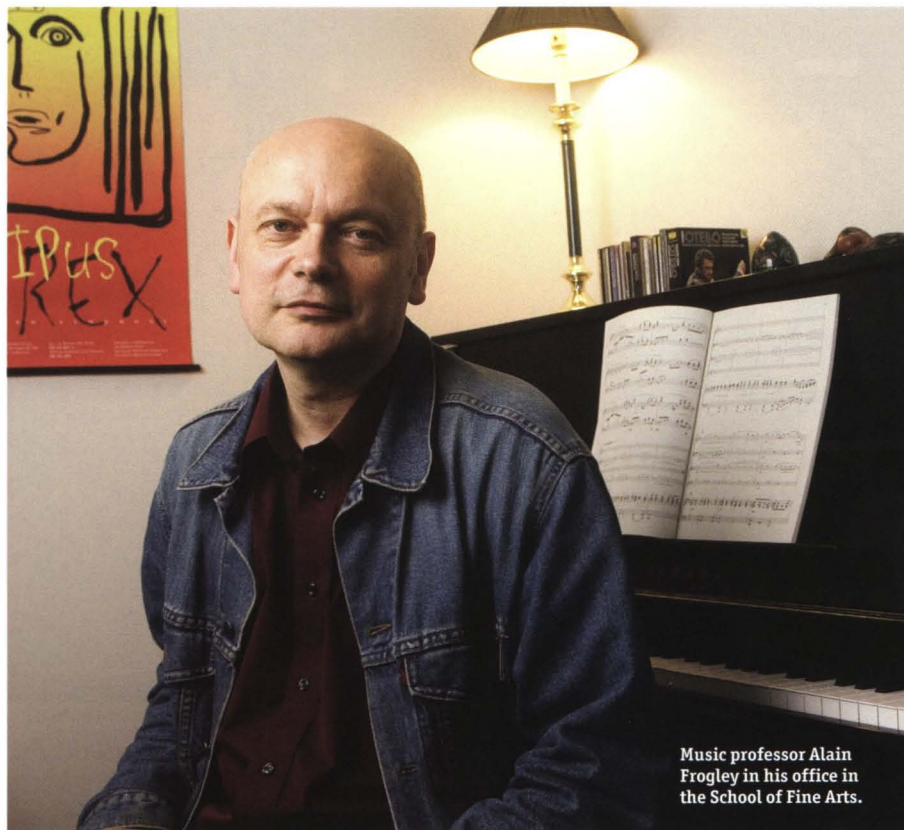
**FROGLEY STUDIES LINK BETWEEN BRITISH AND AMERICAN SOUNDS**

Successful musicians keep an open mind about finding new sounds, no matter that the music involved may be at a polar opposite to a genre where they might have found an initial interest. Alain Frogley's interest in music began with the rock pioneers David Bowie and Peter Gabriel. He took up the flute after hearing it played by the Genesis-era Gabriel.

"I thought about becoming a professional flautist, but I had become so interested in music history that I decided to study music in a more academic way," says Frogley, professor of music in the School of Fine Arts. He completed his undergraduate work at Oxford University, earned a master's degree at the University of California at Berkeley and returned to Oxford for his doctoral degree as well.

In addition to teaching music history and music appreciation classes, Frogley is one of UConn's most prolific researchers, and an authority on the 20th-century British composer Ralph Vaughn Williams, a figure who in England casts an influential shadow much like that of Aaron Copland in the United States. More recently he has explored interconnections between British and American music, particularly the issue of racial discourses in American 20th-century music and the Anglo-Sax-onist movements in art and folk music.

"There were quite a few critics in the 1920s and '30s of the direction American music was taking," he says. "They were concerned about the influx of Jewish immigrants and the influences of black music that were giving America a musical identity that went against what they thought was the historic context of Anglo-Saxon music. History, on the whole, sort of passed them by . . . Today's fears about hip-hop are in many respects the same as those surrounding early jazz."



Music professor Alain Frogley in his office in the School of Fine Arts.

Frogley's most recent research, supported last year by a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies, and on which he has been invited to teach as Visiting Professor at Yale next year, involves the relationship between music, empire, and post-colonialism, especially in the emerging modern metropolis circa 1910.

Frogley says the challenge in teaching music is that unlike many other classroom subjects, students enter a class with some musical experience and an opinion about what they may like. He introduces contemporary popular music into his discussions of music history or music appreciation classes, a method that is driven by his view that academics should try to bridge the gap

between the university and the wider world of music.

"This is increasingly the only exposure to classical music that many students will ever have," he explains. "That's something I take as a real opportunity—a mission to some degree—for them to think critically about the context of the music."

To that end, he is working with Eric Rice, assistant professor of music, to retool music appreciation classes to include more contemporary readings around music that address issues such as race and gender. They are also developing software with UConn's Institute for Teaching and Learning to provide students with the experience of composing music.

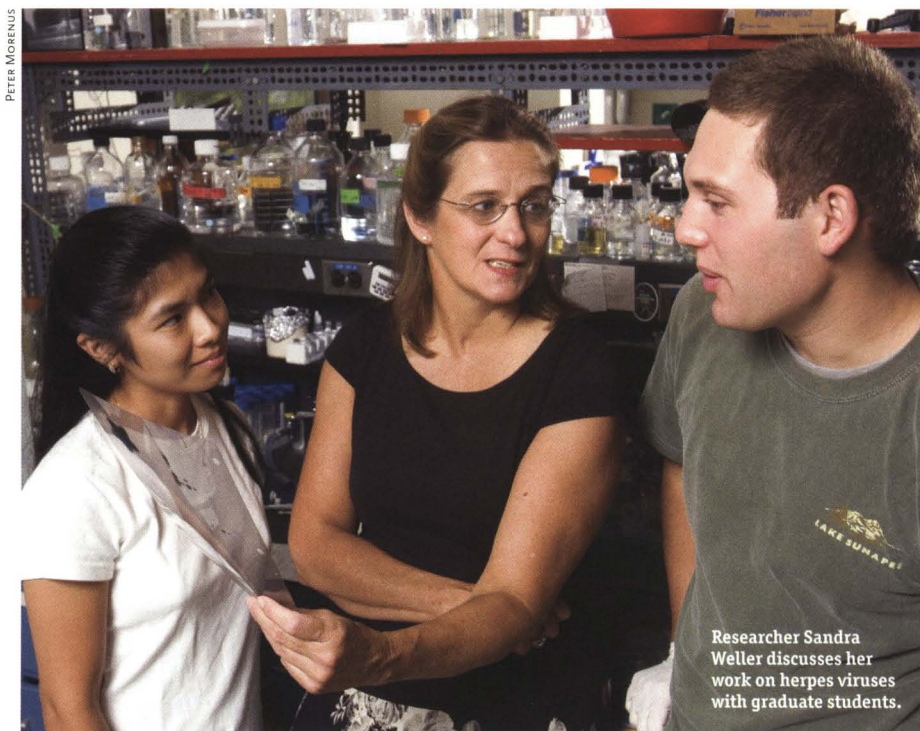
— Kenneth Best

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# Microscopic search for viral cures

WELLER LEADS RESEARCHERS TO DISCOVER HERPES VIRUS DRUG TREATMENT



Researcher Sandra Weller discusses her work on herpes viruses with graduate students.

**H**erpes is a recurring virus. Once you have it, you have it forever. UConn researcher Sandra Weller and her team have been studying herpes viruses, including herpes simplex 1, which causes cold sores and occasionally life-threatening encephalitis, and herpes simplex 2, which causes genital herpes. Herpes is especially problematic for organ transplant patients, who have reduced immune systems, to allow the transplanted organ to function.

Weller, professor and chair of molecular, microbial and structural biology at the UConn Health Center, was recently named a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, the University's highest honor for faculty who achieve exceptional distinction in scholarship, teaching, and service.

"The best outcome of our work would lead to new anti-viral drugs that would be effective against all viruses in the herpes family," Weller says. "It is possible to get infections resistant to drugs currently

available; that's why it's important to keep studying herpes viruses."

Weller and her research team are learning about the structure and function of viral proteins in order to develop a drug

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**Weller's lab discovered virus-induced, chaperone-enriched domains in cells, a significant achievement.**

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that would inhibit the virus and not be toxic to the whole cell. Just as researchers determined the protein structure of the HIV protease, a protein molecule, and created protease inhibitors—the medicine used to treat viruses such as AIDS—Weller believes that using structural biology is a realistic approach to finding the key to curbing the herpes virus.

Weller received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, then went to the University of Wisconsin for her doctorate, which she earned under the guidance of Nobel laureate Howard Temin. As a graduate student, Weller published a study of a retrovirus that caused cancer in chickens and found such viruses killed cells by an unusual mechanism that causes fragmentation of the cellular DNA. At the time this was not well understood; however, 16 years later, it became clear that this was one of the first demonstrations of programmed cell death in the infected cells.

Weller and her colleagues continue to study how viruses interact with host cells. Last year, Weller's lab discovered virus-induced, chaperone-enriched domains in cells, known as VICE, which is one of the research team's most significant achievements. In her typical user-friendly fashion, Weller explains that a virus can induce an accumulation of viral and cellular proteins as a way of sequestering them to avoid sending danger signals.

"Imagine you have company showing up on your doorstep unexpectedly and you are afraid they'll call the health department because you live in abject squalor, so you take all the garbage lying around your house and shove it in the closet. This will avoid sending that danger signal," Weller says. "This is what we think the virus does. It gathers up the proteins that would send a damage signal and might induce the cell to undergo programmed cell death."

If the cell killed itself too soon, it would not be alive long enough to make more viruses.

In addition to conducting her research and supervising graduate students, Weller serves on several University committees, including the Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee, which oversees the ethics of stem cell research.

—Alix Boyle



## Author drawn to illustrator's style

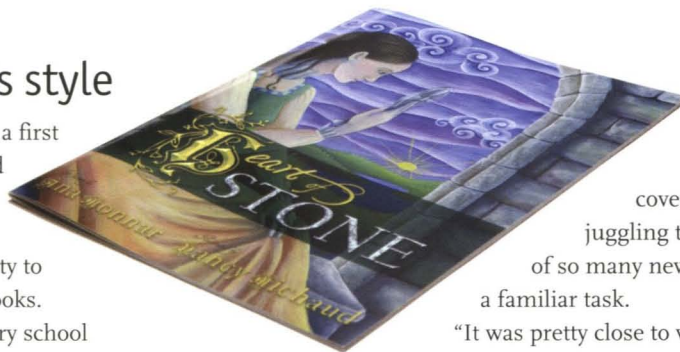
For an illustrator, getting the opportunity to land a first assignment requires patience, perseverance and good timing. For Nancy Michaud '06 (SFA), her posting with an established Web site for creative resources, Portfolios.com, resulted in the opportunity to be discovered by a published author of children's books.

Poet and author Ana Monnar, a veteran elementary school teacher and reading curriculum specialist, was drawn to Michaud's style of illustration. Their book, *Heart of Stone* (Readers Are Leaders U.S.A.), a fairy tale story about the events leading to the marriage of a prince, was published in February.

"I looked through hundreds of portfolios online. The colors she uses are very rich. Her style fit exactly what I needed for a fairy tale," says Monnar. "It worked out perfectly. I could not ask for a better illustrator."

A painter who works primarily in acrylics and watercolors, Michaud specializes in animal portraiture, plants, and children's illustration. Since graduating last year with a degree in illustration, she has been working on developing her style and expanding her portfolio of work while working part-time jobs that keep her connected to art, including serving as an assistant in the studio of Connecticut sculptor Karen Rossi and providing therapeutic art activities in a nursing home.

After reading the story and exchanging ideas with Monnar, Michaud began to break up the narrative into sections and developed thumbnail sketches for the 13 illustrations that would appear



in the book, including the cover. She says juggling the creation of so many new works was a familiar task.

"It was pretty close to what I was going through in the program at UConn,"

she says. "Sometimes I had four studio classes and projects due at the same time. I learned how to manage my time."

Michaud says to maintain a visual continuity through the many illustrations, she painted all of her background scenes at the same time. She also reviewed her reference file of images in order to help create the story's characters.

"As you work on 13 paintings, your ability level will change as you practice and learn. You want them to be consistent," she says. "I used photos I had compiled over the years of people seen at different angles. A lot of the characters are first seen up close, but then from a distance."

Michaud says she was satisfied when she completed the book, but recognizes she is still developing as an artist.

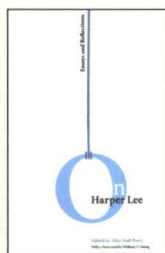
"Illustrating a book is a significant job. Most people wouldn't look to hire an inexperienced person. I'm trying to refine my work. Comparing my work to how it was two years ago, there's been a lot of improvement," she says. "But comparing it to other illustrators, I've got a long way to go." — Kenneth Best



**Fearful Pleasures:  
The Complete Poems  
1959-2007**  
Lewis Turco '59 (CLAS)  
(Star Cloud Press)

Lewis Turco is a poet's poet. A respected teacher for nearly four decades

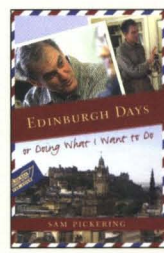
at Cleveland State University and the State University of New York at Oswego, he wrote *The Book of Forms: A Handbook of Poetics*, which is known as the poet's Bible. His writing has been honored with the nation's most respected poetry awards. *Fearful Pleasures* brings together Turco's life's work of rich imagery, captured moments, melancholy thoughts, ghosts, cats, the rooms of a house and much more. In one of his more daring works, Turco takes phrases and entire lines from letters written by Emily Dickinson and weaves them together into poems. Through more than 600 pages, he still is offering lessons on poetry.



**On Harper Lee**  
Alice Hall Petry '73 (ED)  
(Univ. of Tennessee Press)

Harper Lee won the Pulitzer Prize for her 1961 novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, one of the most enduring works of southern fiction. However, as

Alice Hall Petry notes, it became a "one hit wonder" for Lee, who never published another novel. While there have been essays and some critical analysis of Lee and her book over the years, there is little serious secondary literature on a book that is required reading for nearly 70 percent of public and parochial school students. Petry, professor of English at Southern Illinois University, provides a remedy with an edited collection of critical essays and scholarly works. The anthology provides familiar essays by Doris Betts, Gerald Early, and Nichelle D. Tramble, along with controversial views by Laura Fine.



**Edinburgh Days, Or Doing  
What I Want To Do**  
Sam Pickering  
(University of South  
Carolina Press)

UConn's inspiring essayist spent the winter and spring of 2004 on a fellowship

at the University of Edinburgh, resulting in his 20th book. A self-described "urban spelunker," Pickering's regular walks around town lead him to daily explorations around the Scottish capital, where he reflects on what he sees as well as what he feels. He offers his observations on pubs, antique shops, museums and graveyards along with soccer and boxing matches. Often his mind goes back to his native Tennessee, conjuring up humorous asides that may be real or figments of his imagination. "I have long been a traveler in little things," he writes. Fortunately, the reader gets to enjoy the journey.



# Alumni News&Notes

## We want to hear from you!

Let your fellow UConn alumni know about the milestones in your life. You can keep them up to date by sending information and, if possible, a photograph, to Alumni News & Notes, University of Connecticut Alumni Association, Alumni Drive, Storrs, CT 06269; by fax to 860-486-2849; by e-mail to [alumni-news@uconn.edu](mailto:alumni-news@uconn.edu); or online at [www.alumnimagazine.uconn.edu](http://www.alumnimagazine.uconn.edu).

## Reunions:

### SAVE THE DATE

*June 6 – 7, 2008*  
*Reunion Weekend—Classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, and the UConn Alumni Marching Band*  
Mark the dates on your calendar! Reunion Weekend will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 6 – 7, 2008. Schedule includes tours of campus, keynote speakers, New England Clambake and much more. Check your mail in April for registration information or check our Web site, [www.uconnalumni.com](http://www.uconnalumni.com), for program updates.

*Reunion Weekend 2008 Volunteers*  
*June 6 – 7, 2008*  
Join our planning committee! Volunteers are needed for the 2008 Reunion Weekend Planning Committee. If you are from the Class of 1958, 1953, 1948, 1943, the UConn Marching Band, or if you have a specific group (i.e. fraternity, sorority, student organization, intramural team, etc.) that you would like to get together for Reunion Weekend, please contact us.

*Even if you are not from the above mentioned classes, we would welcome you to join us as well. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lachut '90 at 860-486-2240 or toll-free at 888-UC-ALUM-1 or by e-mail at [reunions@uconn.edu](mailto:reunions@uconn.edu).*

## 1940s

**Barbara Clapp Dayton Copeland '49 (BUS)** is enjoying her 22nd year of retirement zipping around southern Ohio in her new BMW Z4.

## 1950s

**Lt. Col. Theodore Risch '52 (CLAS)** retired in 1977 from the U.S. Army to Tucson, Ariz., where he has been a successful professional speaker and freelance writer.

**Marcel Angers '53 (ED)** retired from the Portland, Maine, school district in 1989. In 1994, he resumed his second career as the supervisor of in-school suspension at Biddeford High School in Biddeford, Maine.

**Bill Koch '55 (ENG)** received the Elly Doyle Park Service Award from the Fairfax County (Va.) Park Authority for his 11 years of volunteer service at Burke Lake Park as its miniature train operator.

**Margery (Gaylord) McBurney '55 M.A.** was selected as a 2006 Woman of Achievement for Ashland County, Ohio.



**Walter Gooley '57 (CANR)**, a consulting forester, was elected state senator for the 2007-2008 Maine State Legislature. He and his wife, **Joanne Masellis Gooley '58 (CANR)**, own a Christmas tree farm in Farmington, Maine, and have two children and four grandchildren.

**Lawrence Morico '58 (CLAS)** reports that *Texas Monthly* magazine has named his son, Paul, a "Super Lawyer." Paul is a partner with the law firm Baker Botts.

**Theodore Davey '59 (BUS)** has retired.

## 1960s

**Richard Brualdi '60 (CLAS)**, professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, was the recipient of the first Distinguished Alumni Award of the UConn mathematics department.

**William Howard '60 (CLAS)** retired after 35 years as a risk manager for several energy companies. He achieved his goal of playing more than 1,000 different golf courses prior to the end of the second millennium. He and his wife, Dolores, live in Chesterfield, Mo.

**Sandra Roy Edmonston-Alvarez '60 (CLAS)** retired as a tenured professor from the business department of Ohlone College in Fremont, Calif. She is a host volunteer with the Mineta San Jose International Airport in San Jose, Calif., and was the recipient of the airport's Volunteer of the Year award, in addition to receiving the Rose Award for Outstanding Volunteer in the city of San Jose.

**Joel Mandell '61 (CLAS)**, '68 J.D. was named a Connecticut "Super Lawyer." He and his wife, Ellen **Solomon Mandell '64 (CLAS)**, have four grandchildren.

**Rita Putins Peters '61 (CLAS)** is an associate at Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. She is teaching in the political science department at UMass Boston and is researching international politics of Baltic states. Her most recent published paper is titled "Politics of Ethnic Identity in Europe."

**William Tiernan '61 (BUS)**, '64 J.D. lives in Florida with his wife, **Ann Kelly Tiernan '65 (CLAS)**, after retiring from his law practice in New Haven, Conn.

**Sharna Chernoff '62 (NUR)** retired to Tucson, Ariz. She performs in two clarinet choirs, volunteers to walk dogs at the local animal shelter, and volunteers as an assistant instructor on using defibrillators. She and her husband, Henry, have three children in Phoenix, Ariz., and South Carolina.

**Kathryn (Zimmerman) Ryland '62 (NUR)** is enjoying retirement after 25 years as a school nurse, traveling with her husband of 42 years.

**Barbara Holveck Daniels '63 (CLAS)** retired as a teacher in 1996. She is active in her church, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Naugatuck (Conn.) Women's Study Club, the Naugatuck Woman's Club, and the Ecumenical Food Bank of Naugatuck.

**Bonnie Jeffries '65 (ED)** retired as an art teacher for Saint Gabriel School in Windsor, Conn. She moved to Old Saybrook, Conn., and continues to exhibit watercolors and batiks.

**Carolyn Eaton '67 (CLAS)** was appointed by Rhode Island Gov. Donald Carcieri to the State Advisory Commission for Historic Cemeteries.

**Thomas Roberts '67 M.A.**, professor emeritus at Northern Illinois University, published a book titled, *Psychedelic Horizons*.

**Bob Cloutier '68 (ENG)** retired to sunny Rehoboth Beach, Del., with his wife, Val, after 37 years at the National Security Agency and five years teaching high school math in Baltimore, Md. He continues to teach math at Wilmington College to keep busy.

**Vernon Frazer '68 (CLAS)** published a book, *Improvisations*, with Beneath the Underground Books. He is married and lives in South Florida.





**Richard Scappini '68 (CLAS), '71 J.D.** retired as a captain from the U.S. Navy, Judge Advocate General Corps, after 24 years of service. He is a senior partner in the Waterbury, Conn., law firm St. John, Scappini, Lombard & Stevens. He lives in Waterbury with his wife, Lisa, and their two children, Jennie and Jeffrey.

**Walter Beckerman '69 (CLAS)** retired from the Department of Defense as a senior technical director and master cryptanalytic mathematician after 36 years of service. He started a second career with Argotek, Inc., ensuring the security of space telecommunications systems. He and his wife, **Arlene (Donsky) Beckerman '70 (CLAS)**, have two children and one grandchild.

**Bill DeWalt '69 (CLAS), '75 Ph.D.** is the founding president and director of Musical Instruments Museum (MIM) and the Museum of International Music in Phoenix, Ariz.

## 1970s

**Jamie Cohen '71 J.D.**, a partner in the Derby, Conn., law firm Cohen & Thomas, received the Golden Seal Award, presented by the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his community service.

**Richard Tavone '71 M.S.W.** was appointed a staff teaching professional with KZG Golf Equipment Company. He teaches golf in Rhode Island at Washington Village Golf Course and Eagle Quest Golf Dome.

**Bobbie Ann Mason, '72 Ph.D.** published a book of fiction, *Nancy Culpepper*, with Random House, with linked stories that occur over 25 years.



**Bob Fitzpatrick '73 (ED)** was named the Eastern District Physical Educator of the Year in Leicester, Mass., where he

is a 33-year teaching veteran at the Leicester Primary School in Leicester. He and his wife, Christine, a first-grade teacher, have two children, Marisa, 27, and Kevin, 25.

**Richard Giarniero '73 M.F.A.** was named a Connecticut "Super Lawyer" by *Law & Politics*. He is a principal of The Giarniero Law Firm, LLC in Stratford, Conn.

**Regina (Ferrara) Poltrack '73 (CLAS)** successfully completed the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) examination, which covers internal auditing and evaluates technical competence in related subject areas. She is a senior IT auditor with KPMG in Montvale, N.J.



**Michael O'Connell '74 M.B.A.** is the executive director of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation in Johnston, R.I.



**Philip Beachem '75 (BUS)** received the Francis Albert Sinatra Award from the Garden State Arts Center Foundation, which

recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a dedication to improving the cultural life of residents of New Jersey.

**Joseph Blansfield '75 (NUR)** was deployed to Iraq as an Army Reserve officer. He is co-author of the book *Handbook of Clinical Trauma Care: The First Hour*, published by Elsevier Publishing.

**Carol Ewing Garber '75 (ED), '83 M.A., '90 Ph.D.** is an associate professor in the department of biobehavioral sciences at Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City. She was selected as a Fulbright Specialist to the health sciences faculty at the University of Balamand in Beirut, Lebanon.

# Helping the next generation of entrepreneurs

As chief executive, Kevin Bouley '80 (BUS) has a distinctive philosophy for Nerac, his global intellectual property and advisory research firm.

"If you take care of your employees, then the employees will take care of the customers. It's all part of our mission: help people, have fun, make money, and have a civic and social conscience too."

The unassuming exterior of the Nerac building, located just north of UConn's main campus, belies the beehive of activity inside. Nerac's primary focus is providing product innovation advice to companies and individuals who are inventing new technologies or products. Yet the headquarters also includes a gym with a personal trainer/nutrition consultant, a massage therapist and acupuncturist.

Within Nerac there are four other start-up companies developing under the mentorship of the larger organization. Xsellence creates winning sales strategies. Control Station designs software that, for example, helps the Miller Brewing Company monitor the overflow of beer at its Texas facility, saving \$1.8 million annually. Flytrap Technologies helps companies simplify their information technology environment. Digiwise designs Web sites and interactive marketing, including the UConn athletics Web site.

Nerac began in 1966 as a collaboration between UConn and NASA. Bouley, who began working at the company in 1981, held various positions as he kept rising through the company, eventually buying the company in 1999. Today he frequently returns to UConn as a guest lecturer, serves as a mentor for students, and is a sponsor of UConn's Program for Sales Excellence. His work on behalf of UConn

will be recognized in October with the University Service Award from the UConn Alumni Association.

Nerac regularly trains interns from UConn's School of Business and about 15 percent of its full-time employees are UConn alums. "My UConn education opened the door to my first opportunity with Nerac and had

me well prepared for the many challenges I faced in a small but growing organization," Bouley says. "I can envision high-tech growth along Route 195 stretching towards UConn, a magnet for entrepreneurial start-up activities, with a dozen or more companies growing here.

"That's what happens when you put a bunch of brainiacs in one room. We are creating the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders, building a knowledge economy to replace the post-World War II military-industrial complex that previously fueled growth." — *Alix Boyle*



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## Making Dream Dinners

Kimberly Markey '96 (CLAS) '04 M.B.A., left, and Andrea Bellofiore '95 (BUS) '01 M.B.A. discussed their experience opening a Dream Dinners franchise store in Manchester, Conn., with the Student Entrepreneurial Organization in the UConn School of Business. Dream Dinners offers recipes for meals made from uncooked ingredients purchased at the store which are taken home and frozen for later use. Markey and Bellofiore will open two other locations in West Hartford and Glastonbury later this year. Another alumna, Jennifer Garcia '93 (BUS), operates Dream Dinners stores in Brookfield and Middlebury (see p. 45).

**Robert Kirschenbaum '76 (CLAS), '78 M.A., '82 Ph.D.** has a daughter who recently graduated from Washington State University and has gone to work for Enterprise Rental Company as a management trainee. He has a short essay appearing in *NEA Today*.

**Carol (Parker) Presutti '76 (CANR)** is the president of the Farmington (Conn.) Chamber of Commerce. She is the broker and owner of Q Real Estate in Avon and Farmington. She lives in Farmington with her husband, Sal, and has three grown children: Corina, Alex and Jackie.



**Bob Hyde '77 (ENG)** is the executive director for the Port of Anacortes, Wash. He lives in Anacortes with his wife, Jane, and their children: Patrick, Ryan and Christopher.



**Ellen Alcaez '78 (CLAS), '86 (NUR)** is the patient service manager for the maternal special care unit and the maternal fetal medicine practice sites at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Long Wharf, both in New Haven, Conn. She and her husband, A. Patrick Alcaez, have two children and live in Meriden.

**Jeffrey Brickman '78 (CLAS)** is the system senior vice president and regional chief executive officer at Provena Health in Joliet, Ill.



**Barbara Deptula '78 (PHR),** executive vice president for global business development at Shire Pharmaceuticals in Wayne, Pa., was named as one of Pennsylvania's "50 Best Women in Business," recognizing the state's most dynamic and aspiring business leaders.

**Pamela (Kurau) Hutson '78 (SFA)** appeared as a soprano soloist in Mendelssohn's "Elijah" with the Mansfield University Chorus and Orchestra. She is on the faculty at SUNY-Geneseo and the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.



**Vivian Seide Sternweiler '78 (NUR)** is the coordinator of the Wound Program at New England Sinai Hospital in Stoughton, Mass. She is a resident of Sharon, Mass.

**Dan Ciaburri '79 (CLAS), '83 M.D.** is senior vice president and chief medical officer for Kinetic Concepts, Inc., a global medical technology company based in San Antonio, Texas. Before joining KCI, he was attending cardiothoracic surgeon at New York Presbyterian Hospital.



**Alan Curto '79 (PHR), '98 J.D.** is a partner in the law firm Halloran & Sage LLP in Hartford, Conn.

**Allen Honer '79 (ED)** is a department leader for special education at Old Lyme High School in Old Lyme, Conn.

**Kathleen Sullivan '79 (CLAS)** was recognized for outstanding service by the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation, where she is a naturalist and an environmental educator. She lives in South Chester County, Pa.

**Jeannette Yeznach Wick '79 (PHR)** published the book *Pharmacy Practice in Our Aging Society* with Haworth Press.

## 1980s

**Tony Catapano '80 (ED)** completed his 6th year degree in educational leadership from Southern Connecticut State University. He is a Spanish instructor and head football coach in Fairfield, Conn.

**Mortimer Johnson '80 Ph.D.** retired from teaching in 1977. He lives in Florida and spends his time singing and playing golf.

**Houston Lowry '80 M.B.A.** was named a "Super Lawyer" in alternative dispute resolution, business litigation and international law by *Connecticut Magazine*.

**Susan Carrano '81 (CLAS), '83 M.A.** helped create the educational curriculum for the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, Conn., last year. She also wrote the museum curriculum for "Fortune's Story," a museum exhibit about an African-American slave in Connecticut.

**Richard Iuli '81 (CANR),** an assistant professor at Empire State College SUNY, was selected to participate in a training program led by former Vice President Al Gore to spread the message about global warming. He lives in Brighton, N.Y.

**David Brajczewski '82 (ENG)** is the director of engineering for Motorola Embedded Communications Computing Group/Division.



**Paula Crombie '82 M.S.W.** was named the 2007 Social Work Leader of the Year by the National Society of Social Work Leaders in Health Care. She is the director of social work at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

**David Parsons '82 (ED)** is the director of the East Jefferson Family YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of Greater New Orleans.

**Laura-Lynne Powell '82 (CLAS)** was awarded a writer's residency at Hedgebrook, a non-profit writers' retreat in Langley, Wash. For 15 years, she worked for newspapers in Connecticut and California. She now writes for an online publication covering the state capitol in California. She is writing a memoir on becoming a mother through open adoption.

**Glenn Coté '83 (CANR)** is a member of Pennsylvania's Governor's Renewable Agriculture Energy Council. He is the general manager of Laurel Valley Farms in Kennett Square, Pa., and lives in South Chester County.



**Tom Hine '83 (BUS), '86 M.B.A.**, founder and managing member of Capital Wealth Management LLC, in Glastonbury, Conn., was selected 2006 Advisor of the Year by *Boomer Market* magazine. He has more than 15 years experience in the financial services industry.

**Susan (Dunney) Holzmer '83 (RHSA), '88 (CANR)** is a senior research scientist with Fort Dodge Animal Health in Princeton, N.J. She is married to Joe Holzmer and lives in Ewing, N.J., with their two cats, Norman and Oswald.

**Kevin Gordon '84 (BUS)** is the chief financial officer of Teleflex, Inc. in Limerick, Pa. He lives in Harleysville, Pa., with his wife, Lee and their daughters: Jessica, 17, Taylor, 12, and Paige, 7.

**David Hancock '84 (CLAS)** is the litigation technology support manager for Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A., a law firm in Florida with more than 250 lawyers. He lives in the Tampa Bay area.



**Brian McKeon '84 (BUS)** is the chief financial officer for Iron Mountain, Inc. of Boston, Mass. He previously was vice president for finance of PepsiCo's North America division.

**Judith Pepin '84 (PHR), '87 Ph.D.**, a senior scientist with the scientific writing and editing section of Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals, was named administrator of development for the American Medical Writers Association. She lives in Mason, Ohio.



**Margaret Watkins '84 (BUS)** is a senior vice president at Citizens Bank in Providence, R.I. She lives in North Smithfield, R.I.

**Gail Fraser '85 (BUS)** will be publishing three novels in the *Lumby* series under Penguin Group's imprint, NAL. *The Lumby Lines* was published in May 2007, followed

by *Stealing Lumby* in September 2007, and *Lumby's Bounty* in January 2008.



**Susan Cossette Eng '86 (CLAS), '92 M.A.** is the director of financial development for the New Canaan (Conn.) YMCA. She lives in Darien with her husband, Jeffrey, and their son, John, 9.

**Norm DePeau '86 (ENG)** is the vice president of sales and marketing for Zero Manufacturing of North Salt Lake, Utah. He lives in Derry, N.H.

**Dennis Piotrowski '86 (CLAS), '90 M.A.**, and his wife, **Marifrances Trivelli '90 M.A.**, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine, on Jan. 6, 2007.

**Mark Boxer '87 (BUS)** is the president and CEO of WellPoint, Inc.'s Operations, Technology and Government Services Business unit in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Teresa Boyd-Cowles '87 (CLAS), '03 Ph.D.** is the strategic planning, institutional research, market research and analysis officer for the Connecticut State University System.

**Rex Burr '87 (BUS)** is the vice president of business services at Cox Target Media, Inc. in Largo, Fla. He lives in Palm Harbor, Fla., with his wife, Alicia, and children, Chadwick and Caroline.



**Paul Calli '89 (CLAS)**, an attorney with Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, has been elected Of Counsel to the firm, where his practice focuses on the defense of white collar grand jury investigations and prosecutions.

**Kelley Hangos-Carrano '89 (SFA)** has returned to Connecticut with her husband and their 3-year-old son after moving to North Carolina in 1996. She has also moved her graphic design business, Kellgraphics.

IFA LETHU FOUNDATION



## Returning a nation's cultural heritage

**W**hen she left South Africa more than 20 years ago to escape apartheid, Narissa Ramdhani '90 M.A. did not know under what circumstances she would return home. What she could not imagine is that her return in 1993 would coincide with the establishment of democratic elections and an invitation from the African National Congress (ANC) to study and help to locate,

repatriate and organize its archival material that was strewn across the globe in 33 countries.

Today, as the chief executive officer of the Ifa Lethu Foundation, Ramdhani is leading the nonprofit organization's effort to return apartheid-era art and art objects to South Africa and to reclaim a cultural heritage that previously was removed from the country.

"Culture and heritage are usually low on the priorities of government," says Ramdhani, who helped establish the UConn-ANC-Fort Hare partner-

ship in South Africa. "We're in a fortunate position in South Africa of having a corporate and government sector that is highly supportive of cultural heritage and related initiatives because of their alignment to the national agenda for nation-building. The apartheid state used culture as a weapon to oppress the nation. The liberation organizations such as the ANC used cultural heritage as a weapon of struggle. What we're trying to do now is use cultural heritage as a method of empowering our nation."

Ramdhani, who earned her UConn master's degree in history, says art works created in townships by struggling black artists were purchased by foreign diplomats and executives, such as those in U.S. corporations, as a way to support the nation's artists, even as their own government ignored their works, many of which depicted the horrors of apartheid. After a *New York Times* story about Ifa Lethu's efforts was published in 2006, many diplomats and U.S. corporate executives contacted the foundation and donated paintings, sculptures, sketches and other works, with nearly 200 works returned to South Africa in the past year, she says. The foundation is also launching a mobile gallery that will travel to remote areas of South Africa, bringing South Africa's lost heritage to its people who otherwise would not be able to travel to urban centers to see such material.

While visiting the United States recently, Ramdhani met with officials at the African American Museum in Philadelphia to discuss South African works in its collection, as well as the Guggenheim Museum in New York City, which is building museums in other nations. She also found time to renew friendships in Storrs while visiting her daughter, Shahista Ramanand, a junior in the pre-pharmacy program. — *Kenneth Best*



## ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

**John Sterpka '89 (CLAS), '97 M.S.** is serving in Iraq as a first sergeant of a headquarters supply company. He is a research associate in the department of Internal Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine.

**Eric Stockman '89 (CLAS), '94 J.D.** was named a "Super Lawyer" by *Connecticut Magazine*. He lives in Monroe, Conn. with his wife, Jennifer, and their twin daughters, Calinn and Sian.

### 1990s

**Kristin (Lamb) Caruso '90 (ED), '00 M.A.** was named head women's basketball coach at Longwood University in Farmville, Va. She previously was associate head coach at the University of Hartford, head coach at Marist College, and assistant coach at UConn from 1990-93.

**Lawrence Davis '90 (CLAS), '01 Ph.D.,** an assistant professor of history at North Shore Community College in Danvers, Mass., received the National Institute for Staff and

Organizational Development Award from the University of Texas-Austin for excellence in teaching.

**Chantel (Antonini) DiPronio '90 (SFS)** and her husband, Nicholas, announce the birth of a daughter, Marissa Jane, on Feb. 7, 2007. She joins a 3-year-old sister, Mia Isabella. The family lives in Stratford, Conn.

**Kevin Cassidy '91 (CLAS)** won the John Marshall Award, the highest award given to attorneys at the U.S. Department of Justice, for prosecuting violations of the Clean Water Act.

**Joseph Coppola '91 (CLAS)** is the adjunct fire instructor for the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks, Conn.

**David Cholak '91 (BUS) and Carie (Monstello) Cholak '92 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a son, Darren Andrew, on Jan. 16, 2007. David earned an M.B.A. from Indiana University in 1996 and is the vice president of financial planning and analysis for MTM Technologies in Stamford, Conn.

Carie is a radiation therapist at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Conn. The family lives in Bethel, Conn.



**Stacey Fuller '91 (CLAS)** is a partner in the law firm Gawthrop Greenwood in West Chester, Pa., where she concentrates her practice in municipal and land use law as well as education and special education law.

**Karen (Ortisi) Lutkus '91 (CLAS)** and her husband, Greg, were married in Nov. 2006 in Plantsville, Conn. They live in East Hampton, Conn. Karen teaches at Portland Middle School in Portland, Conn.

**Julie Spiers '91 (CLAS)** married Christopher Donahue on Sept. 3, 2005. The couple announces the birth of a daughter, Katherine Amelia, on Jan. 3, 2007. The family lives in Norwalk, Conn.

**Neil Ayers '92 (CLAS), '95 M.P.A. and Hedy (Klein) Ayers '95 M.P.A.** announce the birth of a son,

Charles Leland, on May 14, 2006. He joins a brother, Jack. The family lives in West Simsbury, Conn.

**Julianne Brilliant Cardoni '92 (CLAS)** and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of a daughter, Isabella Sofia, on Feb. 2, 2007. She joins a 3-year-old sister, Ava Joella. Julianne is a search engine marketing executive, working on international accounts. The family lives in Baltimore, Md.

**Eleanor (Burke) Day '92 (CLAS)** and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Jenkins Nordling, on Jan. 10, 2007. She joins sisters Madeleine, 7, and Alexandra, 4. The family lives in New London, Conn.



**John Ho '92 (CLAS)** has been named a partner of the law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC. He works in the firm's Manhattan office in the labor and employment law department.

## The art and science of making a sandwich

**M**aking a good sandwich is considered an art, but for Amy Phillips Alderton '02 Ph.D. sandwich making is also a science.

As the senior food scientist for new product development at Subway, Alderton's efforts to create tasty new sandwiches is enjoyed by millions of people in 27,000 Subway restaurants across 86 nations.

"I never envisioned myself working at a franchise company," Alderton says, sitting in Subway's headquarters lobby in Milford, Conn. "I probably would have pictured myself at one of the suppliers formulating ingredients. This side is very exciting. It moves quickly—getting products out in front of the customers very fast."

After completing her doctorate in animal science, Alderton decided to pursue her joint interest in teaching and research at the University of Kentucky, where she conducted studies and served as a consultant to companies in the food industry, such as Yum! Brands and Pierre Foods. She found that she enjoyed the faster pace of the business world.

"A food scientist takes all aspects of science—chemistry, microbiology and physics—and applies it to food," says Alderton, who joined

Subway last year. "You apply all this science to something that's fun."

She says that developing new sandwiches begins with identifying emerging food trends that often originate in major city restaurants. One of the latest trends is Asian-fusion, which features flavors such as lemongrass, peanut, and cilantro.



Creating a new sandwich translates into spicing up prepared beef, chicken or fish products with topical seasonings and sauces that can be prepared simply and quickly. After helping Subway's executive chef to develop a new product, Alderton works with food suppliers to develop the proper specifications to ensure that when a customer orders a sandwich at the Subway on campus in Storrs, it will taste the same as it does in Chicago.

Alderton also works to improve Subway's commitment to offer customers healthful eating options such as salads and reduced-fat menu items. Anticipating the current trend, earlier this year she led Subway's effort to eliminate added trans-fats from its menu. Reducing sodium from Subway products is another goal this year, along with using more natural, less processed food products. — *Kenneth Best*



**Heather (Anderson) Kauffman '92 (CLAS)** and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of a daughter, Cameron Elizabeth, on Feb. 15, 2007. The family lives in Oceanside, Calif.

**Nicholas Mancuso '92 (CLAS)** formed the law firm Mancuso & Logan LLC in Wethersfield, Conn. He focuses his practice on commercial and residential real estate law, business law, bankruptcy and foreclosure matters, and immigration law.

**Jennifer Garcia '93 (BUS)** is president of Eat Your Heart Out, Inc., a food service company that owns and operates Dream Dinners meal-assembly stores in western Connecticut. Jennifer resides in Oxford, Conn., with her husband, **Stephen Brown '92 (SFS)**, '00 M.S.W., and daughter, Alexandra.

**Steve Kaplan '93 (ED)** practices physical therapy throughout the Columbia River Gorge and lives in Hood River, Ore. He married Debbie in July 2003, and had a son, Jacob, in 2004. Jacob joins siblings Ashlyn and Andrew.

**Dan Parzych '93 (CLAS)** and **Meredith Trotta '92 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a son, George Trotta, on Sept. 13, 2006. George joins his sisters, Grace, 6, and Lily, 3. The family lives in Ridgefield, Conn.

**Caryn (Kalner) Czarnecki '94 (SFS)** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of a daughter, Camryn.

**Christine (Colby) Eaton '94** and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of a girl, Reese Colby, born on Sept. 26, 2006. She joins a brother, Harrison.

**Julie (Bartley) Holzworth '94 (SFS)** and **Jay Holzworth '94 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a son, Jack (John Robert), on Oct. 26, 2006. He joins his 3-year-old sister, Avery. The family lives in Oakdale, Conn.



**N. Kane Bennett '94 (CLAS)** is a partner in the law firm Halloran & Sage LLP of Hartford, Conn.

**Melissa (Hamilton) Lopes '94 (CLAS)** and her husband, **Manny Lopes, Jr. '92 (CLAS)**, announce the birth of a daughter, Katelin Jeanette, on Feb. 10, 2007. She joins brothers Matthew and Alexander. The family lives in Falls Village, Conn.

**Jordan Manos '94 (ENG)** and his wife, Kristin, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Jane. He is a regional engineering manager with 84 Lumber Company. The family lives in Frederick, Md.

**Arne (Serravezza) Montana '94 (CLAS)** and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of a daughter, Sidney Ann, on April 5, 2006. Sidney joins her 2-year-old brother, John.

**Jamie Asbedian '95 (BUS)** and **Amy (Ferson) Asbedian '01 D.M.D.** announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Ani, on Jan. 7, 2007. She joins a brother, Will. Jamie is a solutions engineer at SAP and Amy is practicing dentistry. The family lives in Massachusetts.

**Carey Beyor '95 (CLAS)** started her own private psychotherapy practice, Transitions Counseling Center, LLC, in Glastonbury, Conn.

**Scott Erardi '95 (CLAS)**, '97 M.A. is the director of media services at Central Connecticut State University.

**David Faiman '95 (BUS)** is the senior vice president of finance and accounting for Thomson Learning in Stamford, Conn. He lives in Weston, Conn., with his wife, Elana, and their daughter, Kaylin.

**Joseph Krocheski '95 M.B.A.** is a security analyst at Turner Investment Management of Hartford, Conn.

**Sherry (Colombaro) Lawrence '95 (CLAS)** and her husband, Stephen, announce the birth of a son, Peter Robert, on March 24, 2007.

**Christine Sedensky Fioritto '95 (CANR)** and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of a son, Christopher, on Feb. 15, 2007. He joins brothers James, 4, and Sean, 1.

**Kathryn (Maxwell) Talty '95 (CANR)** and her husband, Jon, announce the birth of a daughter, Greer, on June 14, 2006. She joins a sister, Jane.



## Berube named Coach of the Year

**Carla Berube '97 (CLAS)**, head women's basketball coach at Tufts University, was named 2006-07 Coach of the Year for the New England Small College Athletic Conference, an NCAA Division III conference. Now in her fifth season as head coach, Berube led Tufts to a career-best 18-8 record. Berube was a member of UConn's 1995 NCAA championship squad, which also included **Jennifer Rizzotti '96 (CLAS)**, the head women's basketball coach at the University of Hartford, who was 2006-07 Coach of the Year in the America East Conference for the second consecutive year.

**Caryn Bello '96 (CLAS)** and her husband, Seth Levine, announce the birth of a son, Jacob, on Oct. 20, 2006. Caryn is a licensed psychologist. The family lives in the Boston, Mass., area.

**Alison Caldwell '96 (CLAS)** and **Steve Bagadinski '98 (CLAS)** were married in Sept. 2006. Alison is a federal agent for the Naval Criminal Investigation Service. Steve is pursuing a second degree in civil engineering. The couple lives in California.

**Michael Carlon '96 (CLAS)** is the vice president of strategic insights in the New York office for Los Angeles-based OTX Research. He lives in Stamford, Conn., with his wife, **Nicole Carlon '94 (CLAS)**, and their triplets, Grace, Patrick and Maggie.

**David Christiano '96 (CLAS)** and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of a daughter, Kaela Anne, on March 17, 2007. The family lives in Monroe, Conn.

**David DeBisschop '96 (BUS)** is the director of technical services and underwriting at The Arlen Group in San Francisco, Calif.

**Karol Krahel '96 (BUS)** is the executive vice president of Pierogi Farms' Sauerkraut Division.

**Sarah Lucas '96 (CLAS)** received her M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in June 2006.

**Jacqueline (Ahnert) Meislitzer '96 (SFS)** and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of a daughter, Ava Lauren, on May 21, 2006. She joins a 4-year-old brother, Aiden Glenn.

**Stephen J. Nelson '96 Ph.D.**, assistant professor of educational leadership at Bridgewater State College, is the author of *Leaders in the Labyrinth: College Presidents and the Battleground of Creeds and Convictions*, published by Praeger Press. He also is a senior scholar in the Leadership Alliance at Brown University.



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*Connecticut Alumni Service Award*  
Smith Barney, VP Wealth Management  
Former UCAA board member and past president of the Hartford chapter



**Kevin Bouley '80**  
*University Service Award*  
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*Honorary Alumni Award*  
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University of Connecticut



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Department of Ecology and  
Evolutionary Biology  
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Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



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**Kim (Vozzo) Nickolenko '96 (CLAS)**, '98 M.A. and her husband, **Brian Nickolenko '97 (BUS)**, announce the birth of a son, Tyler Thomas, on Nov. 9, 2006. He joins 3-year-old sister, Grace. Kim is the assistant dean of students at Fairfield University, and Brian is the assistant director of retirement plan services at The Hartford. The family lives in Hamden, Conn.

**Henry Thompson '96 (SFA)**, vice president, corporate affairs and economic opportunity for Family Health Center, Inc., of Miami, Fla., received the 2006 Jessie Trice Outstanding Leadership Award presented by the Florida Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.

**Carolyn Tremblay '96 (CLAS)** married Daryl Jones in Tamarindo, Costa Rica. She is an instructor with Orlando Culinary Academy and Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts.

**Kelly Bowler '97 (CLAS)**, '98 M.S. married **Patrick Hennigan '92 M.B.A.** in May 2006.

**Heather (Traverse) Esposito '97 (NUR)** and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of a son, Derek Alexander, on Feb. 26, 2007. He

joins brother Dylan, 5, and sisters, Madison, 3, and Hailey, 1.

**Patricia (Majchrzak) Lafayllve '97 (CLAS)** published her first book, *Freyja, Lady, Vanadis: An Introduction to the Goddess*, in September 2006.

**Jennifer (Kim) Morenus '97 (SFA)**, and her husband, Peter Morenus Jr., announce the birth of a son, Peter Arland Morenus III, on March 28. She is assistant to the vice provost at UConn and her husband is photo editor of *UConn* magazine.

**Cynthia (Prager) Parenteau '97 (PHR)** and her husband, **Joshua '96 (BUS)**, announce the birth of a son, Lucas Lee, born on March 12, 2007.

**Lynn Patarini '97 (BCS)** served as volunteer marketing coordinator for Angel Ride 2007, a 130-mile, two-day charitable cycling event held annually on Memorial Day weekend.

**Kathy Patterson '97 (NUR)** is the owner of Yanceyville Primary Care, a solo nurse practitioner practice in Yanceyville, N.C.

**Karen Faiman '98 (ED)**, '99 M.A., '04 6th year is the assistant principal at Betances Elementary School in Hartford, Conn. She lives in Cromwell, Conn.

**Jonathan Foltz '98 M.B.A.** is executive vice president for Delcath Systems, Inc., a developer of medical technology. He previously was president of Os Technology, a women's health medical device company that he co-founded.

**Christina (Bertolino) Honcz '98 (BUS)** and **Joseph Honcz '98 (PHR)** announce the birth of a daughter, Emma Paulina, on July 20, 2006. She joins a 2-year-old brother, Joseph Neil. Joe is a product management director with Wellpoint (Anthem BCBS), Inc., in North Haven, Conn. The family lives in Milford, Conn.

**James Long III '98 (ENG)** is the regional manager of Collins Engineers, Inc., in Newport News, Va. He joined Collins as senior bridge design engineer in 2006 and has over 14 years of structural engineering experience.

**Jamie Mierzejewski '98 (SFS)** married John DiPasquale III in April 2005. The couple announces the birth of a daughter, Jailynn Elizabeth, in February 2006.

**Meaghan (McGeowan) Decker '99 (CLAS)** and **Chris Decker '95 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a son, Noah James, born on Dec.

18, 2006. He joins 4-year-old brother, Jackson. Chris is a high school history teacher in Beacon Falls, Conn., and Meaghan works at her family's business, Arrow Fence, in East Hampton, Conn.

**Kelsey (Hollister) McMullen '99 (CANR)**, '00 M.A. and **Brendan McMullen '99 (CANR)** announce the birth of a son, Caleb Ryan, on Jan. 7, 2007. He joins siblings Meghyn and Aiden. Brendan works for the Tufts Veterinary School Ambulatory Unit. The family lives in Woodstock, Conn.

## 2000s

**Michelle Burnham '00 (ENG)** is a design engineer for Standard-Knapp of Portland, Conn. She lives in Vernon, Conn.

**Gina-Marie (Cappola) Della Porta '00 (CLAS)** and her husband, Alfonso, announce the birth of a daughter, Sofia Nunzia Della Porta, born on Dec. 5, 2006. The family lives in Cheshire, Conn.

**Peter Karp '00 (BUS)** will marry Jocelyn Warmoth in the summer of 2008. He is a corporate training consultant for Aetna in Middletown, Conn. They live in Cromwell.



**Dana McCreesh '00 M.B.A.** and her husband, Mike, have raised \$850,000 for childhood cancer research under TeamBrent, an organization named in honor of their 5-year-old son, Brent, who is fighting cancer.

**Martha Summerville '00 Ph.D.** was selected to receive the Outstanding Professional Award from the UConn Neag School of Education Alumni Society.

**Brian Archibald '01 (CLAS)** and his wife, Holly, announce the birth of a son, Sean Ryan. The family lives in Trumbull, Conn.



**Kylene Fredrick '01 (CLAS)** is a consultant for Murtha Cullina LLP in the firm's Government Affairs Group.

**Seth Kurpiel '01 (CLAS)** married Morgan Seinfeld on June 25, 2006. The couple lives in Astoria, N.Y.

**Teresa LaBarbera '01 (CLAS)** is a reporter at WFSB 3 in Hartford, Conn.

**Patrick Laros '01 (CLAS)** and his wife, Marise, announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Patrick, on

Nov. 13, 2006. The family lives in Stratford, Conn.

**Curtis Wong '01 (CLAS)** is working as a freelance journalist and teaching English as a second language in Prague, Czech Republic.



**Amy Buchs '02 (SFS)** married **Patrick Brintle '02 (SFS)** in July 2006. Both have completed sixth-year degrees from the

University of Hartford. Amy is a school counselor at McGee Middle School in Berlin, Conn., and Patrick is a school counselor at Litchfield High School in Litchfield, Conn.

**Jonathan McMurry '02 Ph.D.**, an assistant professor at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, has received a Cottrell Science Award, a national award for significant research that contributes to the advancement of science.

**Arnaz Rustumji '02 (ENG)** married Michael Faiella on May 18, 2007. The couple lives in Medford, Mass.

**Aarti Bellara '03 (CLAS)** was accepted to the education research evaluation and measurement doctoral program at the University of South Florida.

She completed her master's degree from Sacred Heart University in elementary teaching and curriculum in 2005.

**Erika Wohlke '03 (CLAS)** is engaged to marry Peter Higgins in August 2007. She is an account services associate for Deloitte Services LP in Stamford, Conn.

**Katrina Armando '04 (SFA), '04 M.M.** is engaged to marry Christian T. Potts in May 2008. She lives in a suburb of Boston and teaches music in Duxbury, Mass.

**Laurel Jay Carpenter '04 (SFA)** presented a new performance work, "First, Kiss," at the International Festival of Dance and Live Art at the 52nd Venice Biennale in June 2007.

**Alan Lanz '04 (NUR)** is a psychiatric nurse at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn.

**Daniela Maron '04 (BUS)** is a senior auditor at Perkins and Company, P.C. in Portland, Ore. She lives in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Katharine (Swetz) Schreiber '04 (CLAS)** married **David Schreiber '03 (SFA)** on Oct. 14, 2006. The couple lives in Cheshire, Conn.

**Joshua Weinshank '04 (CLAS)** and **Jared Spilka '06 (CANR)** are raising money and awareness for research on leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma and myeloma through Coast-to-Coast for a Cure. They biked across the United States in an effort to raise \$50,000 for the research at the UConn Health Center in Farmington and Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research.

**Martha Ellis '05 (CLAS)** co-authored a paper accepted in the *Journal of Applied Ecology* titled "Using a stochastic model to examine the ecological, economic and ethical consequences of population control in a charismatic invasive species, mute swans in North America."

**Marisa Kushner '05 (CLAS)** received an M.A. from Emerson College in integrated marketing communication.

## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

John Noyes '37  
Richard Marland '42  
Theodora Whittaker '45  
Audrey (Allen) Adams '48  
Charles Wrinn '48  
Aldo DeFrancesco, '49  
Benis Frank '49  
Rowland Mayor '49  
Barbara (Ingalls) Cook '50  
Frederick McManus '50  
Matthew Johnson '52  
John DiBenedetto '57  
Peter Bickford '58  
Winslow Williams '58  
Cynthia Hoyt '63  
Allen Kaplan '64, '66  
Susan Molloy Hubbard '68  
Daniel Gross '70  
Susette Talarico '76  
Terrence Nguyen '04  
Lt. Keith Heidtman '05  
Devin Gaines '07

### STUDENTS

Michael McMahon '09

**Tammi Stanley '05 (BCS)** and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of twin boys, Jackson and William, on April 3, 2006.

**Henry Villanueva '05 (CANR)** is a nutritionist for WIC in Florida. He is currently a candidate for a master's degree in human nutrition.

**Jason Wesalo '05 (CLAS)** is an associate producer at ABC News Radio for "Good Morning America," responsible for overseeing all technical aspects of the program. He previously had a variety of production roles for ABC News Radio and ABC Radio Sports. Before joining ABC, he was a reporter/anchor at WGHT Radio in Pompton Lakes, N.J.

**Michael Butterworth '06 (BUS)** married **Jessica Ruiz '06 (ED), '07 M.A.** on July 27, 2007.

*Alumni News & Notes compiled by  
Brian Evans and Tina Modzelewski*



## Alumni honored by Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame

The Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame, located at UConn's campus in Stamford, recognizes the achievements of UConn student-athletes from southwestern Connecticut. The inaugural class of former Huskies included (L-R): Chris Smith '92 (CLAS) of Bridgeport, the Huskies' all-time leading scorer in men's basketball; twin sisters Moira Buckley Blair '84 (ED) and Tara Buckley O'Sullivan '84 (ED), '86 M.A. of Trumbull, who were named as soccer All-Americans seven times between them; and Brian Usher '74 (ED) '86 (M.A.) of Stamford, a linebacker on the 1973 Yankee Conference championship team, who also served as the Huskies' defensive coordinator for eight years and as head coach at Rippowam High School in Stamford, and who today is associate director of admissions at UConn.



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## KINESIOLOGY *Continued from page 29*

"Bill may be the most recognized exercise science professional in the world," Maresh asserts with confidence.

The department's primary research laboratories include the Human Performance Laboratory—with specialty areas in exercise biochemistry, exercise physiology, muscle physiology, metabolism and nutrition and performance testing—and the Laboratory for Sport Management and Sociology. The labs provide UConn faculty and students the ability to conduct the

most comprehensive human performance research of any program in the nation.

The strengths of the department go beyond its research capabilities—its exercise science program is considered one of the best in the nation, the sport management program is gaining increasing national attention and the athletic training program is accredited by the National Athletic Trainers Association. Because the department is so highly regarded in the field, graduates enjoy a 100 percent placement rate.

"In the last nine years, we've been

able to dramatically boost the entire department's profile," Maresh says. "It has involved a lot of hard work and some difficult decisions about realignment of our programs and resources. That makes the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education ranking all the more gratifying. Now we're pursuing a ranking by the National Research Council, which recognizes kinesiology programs nationally. That would be another important feather in our hat, and we're very optimistic."

## BUSINESS OF SPORTS *Continued from page 36*

being named director of community affairs for Major League Baseball last year.

"I realized how much professional sports means to people, much like the Huskies do in Connecticut," she says of her time in Detroit. "You have to answer every request and treat everyone with respect. We can't do everything, but we can do something. Like a request for a visit to a sick fan in the hospital may not be possible, but a letter from Cecil Fielder is."

Professional athletes can serve as role models and positively influence the behavior of both young and old. The major sports leagues and their local teams have developed programs aimed at promoting a variety of health and education concerns. Bobrowsky says Major League Baseball has a wide range of programs such as children's safety, juvenile diabetes and prostate and breast cancer awareness. There are also initiatives like Breaking Barriers, an essay contest that asks children to address the values of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American baseball player in the major leagues. Robinson's daughter, Sharon, is closely involved with the program which attracts thousands of entries, with winners attending the All-Star Game and World Series.

"Because baseball is America's national pastime and is so entrenched in the culture it may seem unrelated to events, but we know that it's not. We have to respond in some way," Bobrowsky says.

The outlook for the sports industry continues to be growth, says Abraham Madkour, executive editor of *Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal*.

"You'll see sports taking a larger role in the entertainment options in America," he says. "Many activities in sports are full day events. When we ask people in the business where they see growth, many think the pro game has matured and that college sports are the future. You're seeing the growth of regional conference networks, licensing, and stadium development."

Huskymania in Connecticut demonstrates that point. Each year basketball games at the Hartford Civic Center draw more than 320,000 fans to cheer on the UConn men's and women's basketball teams and the Huskies football team plays before sold-out crowds of 40,000 fans at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. UConn games are regularly broadcast to a national audience.



David Ogrea '74 (CLAS), executive director of USA Hockey, addresses the organization's annual meeting in June.

USA Hockey

Even as UConn alumni help to shape the future success of a dynamic and growing industry, they each point out the high demands of their work and the intangible rewards of their profession.

"Being in sports sounds glamorous, but it's hard work," says ESPN's Geist. "We have a guy who is working on NASCAR and we thought it would be valuable to have a finance person on site. While that sounds cool, he's in Taledaga one weekend and Darlington the next. It's not all easy, but it's a fun product to work with, and my kids still think it's cool their dad works at ESPN."



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Homecoming Parade  
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UConn Alumni Assoc.  
Ice Cream Social &  
Parade Watch  
UConn Alumni Center

**Thursday, October 18**  
Comedy Show  
featuring  
Demetri Martin  
Jorgensen Center for  
the Performing Arts

**Friday, October 19**  
UConn Football  
vs. Louisville  
Rentschler Field

UConn Alumni Assoc.  
Pre-game Fan  
Extravaganza  
(This will include food,  
face painting, spirited  
tents, and more!)  
Rentschler Field

**Saturday, October 20**  
UConn Alumni Assoc.  
2007 Alumni &  
Faculty Awards Gala  
UConn Alumni Center  
and Nafe Katter Theatre

Student Lip Sync  
Gampel Pavilion



For updated information please check [www.uconnalumni.com](http://www.uconnalumni.com) in August.





Vienna's Christmas Markets

## Vienna and Salzburg Austria

### FEATURED JOURNEY

#### VIENNA AND SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

November 2007

Spend four nights in the magical city of Vienna. Get lost in music, or in mocha, at one of the many cafés. Carry over the Old World charm with three nights in Salzburg, the Golden City, during a time of festivals and Christmas markets.

### FRANCE'S ALSACE REGION

October 12 – 22, 2007

Barge through the most picturesque province in France where the villages look German and the wines taste French.

### CHINA AND THE YANGTZE –

#### 2ND DEPARTURE

October 31 – November 12, 2007

Visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven. See the Ming Tombs and the expanse of the Great Wall. Explore Xi'an, home of the remarkable Terra Cotta Warriors. Cruise the Yangtze River aboard the elegant *M.V. Yangtze President* and marvel at the magnificent Three Gorges. Conclude your odyssey amid the bustling excitement of Shanghai.

The Pyramids of Giza



### LEGENDS OF THE NILE

February 13 – 23, 2007

The essence of Egypt is yours to discover on an 11-day trip into the very heart of this magical country. Journey through the ancient land in a style and comfort that Cleopatra would find pleasing.

### PERU

March 13 – 20, 2008

From the misty, magical hush of the once-lost city of Machu Picchu to ancient Cuzco, clinging to its perch high in the Andes, to cosmopolitan and historic Lima, Peru's many moods display as much diversity as the ancient and modern cultures that have shaped this extraordinary country.

### TREASURES OF JAPAN

May 19 – 29, 2008

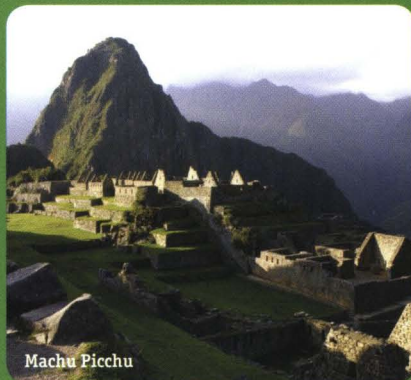
From high-tech city life to the serenity of sculpted gardens or the practice of tranquil traditions, Japan is a land of contrasts. Experience scenic natural beauty from soaring Mount Fuji, see elegant shrines and temples exuding peaceful strength, and steam your stress away over a tiny pot of tea. A diversity of sights and sounds make up the true treasures of Japan.

### Watch for details on:

**UKRAINE** June 2008

**THE REAL ALASKA** July 2008

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Machu Picchu





PETER MORENUS



## Natural history's new look

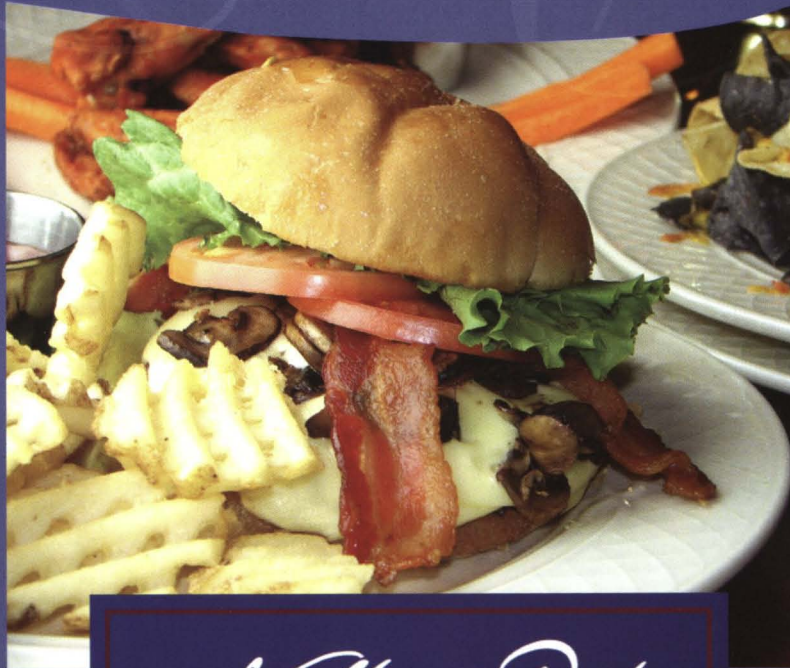
The new permanent exhibition at the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, part of UConn's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, opened in the spring. "Humans' Nature: Looking Closer at the Relationships Between People and the Environment" includes four different story stations exploring how the natural history of southern New England has shaped the lives of the people who live there.



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# Alumni Return for Commencement '07 honors

**R**ay Neag '56 (CLAS), co-founder of Arrow International, Inc., delivered the address during commencement ceremonies for the Neag School of Education in the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Television director Christopher Donovan '69 (SFA) spoke during ceremonies for the School of Fine Arts, which also took place in Jorgensen. Alumni who received honorary degrees at Gampel Pavilion proceedings included Mark R. Shenkman '65 (CLAS), president and chief investment officer of Shenkman Capital Management, who was presented with a doctor of humane letters during undergraduate ceremonies, and John Krenicki '84 (ENG), president and CEO of GE Energy, who received a doctor of science during Graduate School ceremonies.

