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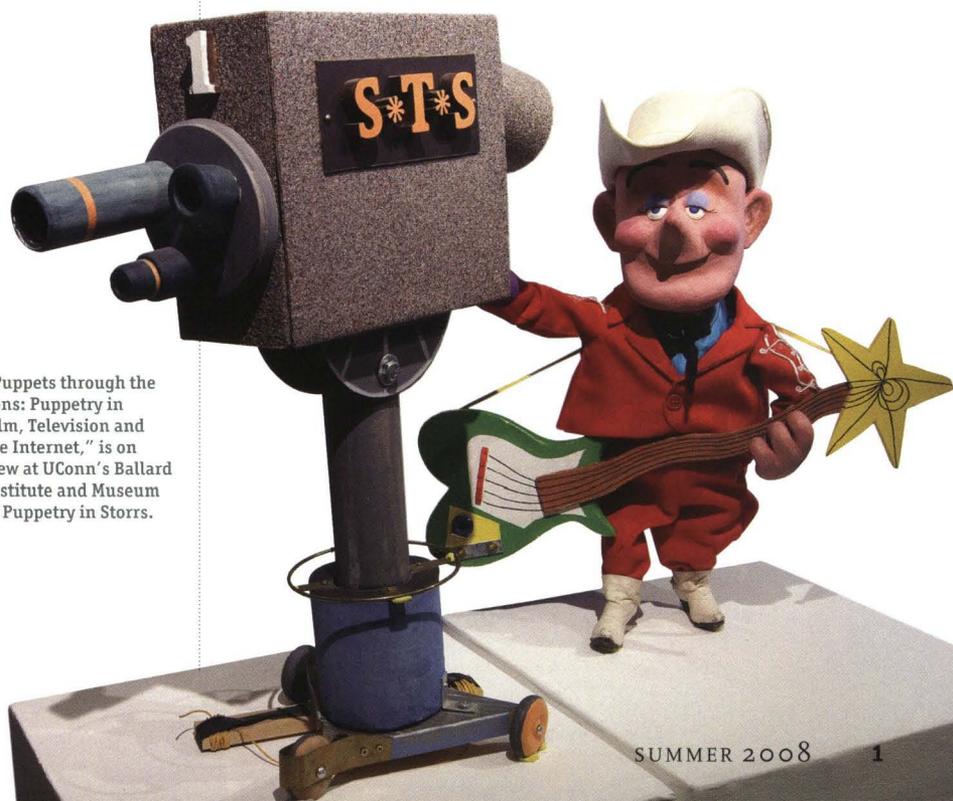


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Sharing memories

PUPPETS IN TELEVISION AND FILM AT BALLARD EXHIBIT

One of the sure signs of growing older is that the icons of one's youth may show up on display in a museum exhibition. For those who grew up during the early days of television, "Puppets through the Lens" at The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry will provide more than just a few happy memories. It joins the past with the present in a way that children of the 1950s can share memories with today's youngsters.

The art of puppetry has existed for thousands of years in many cultures and nations—often connected to religious ceremonies—but film and television provided new opportunities for the creative minds of puppeteers. Where puppets may have once served as a vehicle for staging a play, film and television offered the chance to create new puppets with their own personalities beyond those associated with ventriloquist dummies.

The "Howdy Doody Show" was a pioneer in television history, helping to establish the format for children's programs when it first aired in 1947, and continuing until 1960. The Ballard exhibition features a Howdy Doody marionette—that's the kind of puppet operated by strings—made for the film "Man on the Moon" under the direction of Velma Dawson, who with Rufus Rose were Howdy's original creators.

The last hand puppet of Lamb Chop used by Shari Lewis is also part of the exhibition, made for use in a 1992 show. Lamb Chop's friends Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse are there, as are some of Jim Hensen's Muppets—Scooter from the 1976 "The Muppet Show" and Baby Cookie Monster from "Sesame Beginnings."

Moving to films, the exhibition includes animatronic puppets—those using electronics for movement—Gopher, Bill Murray's nemesis in *Caddyshack*; Audrey II from *Little Shop of Horrors*; and a Compsognathus, a dinosaur that was about the size of a turkey resembling a tiny Tyrannosaurus Rex, from Steven Spielberg's *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, among others.

Video monitors are strategically placed throughout the exhibit so visitors may view historic footage from many of the early days of puppets on television and in films.

Alumni from UConn's Master of Fine Arts program in puppetry are represented at The Ballard Institute with puppets created by Jim Napolitano '93 (SFA) and Tim Lagasse '92 (SFA), who both have developed puppets for the PBS educational series "Between the Lions" as well as other national television and cable programs. The exhibit even features the miniature sculpted image of businessman Bob Kaufman '74 (BUS) in the form of "Little Bob," clad in a flannel shirt and overalls, created by Michael Bannon for some of the ubiquitous Bob's Discount Furniture television commercials that are familiar to residents of New England and the metropolitan New York region. There are also puppets made by the late Bradford Williams '81 M.F.A. for the Pinwheel Network, the forerunner of Nickelodeon, and by Pam Arciero '82 M.A., Heather Asch '90 (SFA) and Hua Hua Zhang '00 M.F.A.

One of the best ways to experience the "Puppets through the Lens" is to take the personalized tours offered by either museum director John Bell or Stefano Brancato, an M.F.A. candidate in the puppet arts program. The exhibition is open from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Nov. 30.



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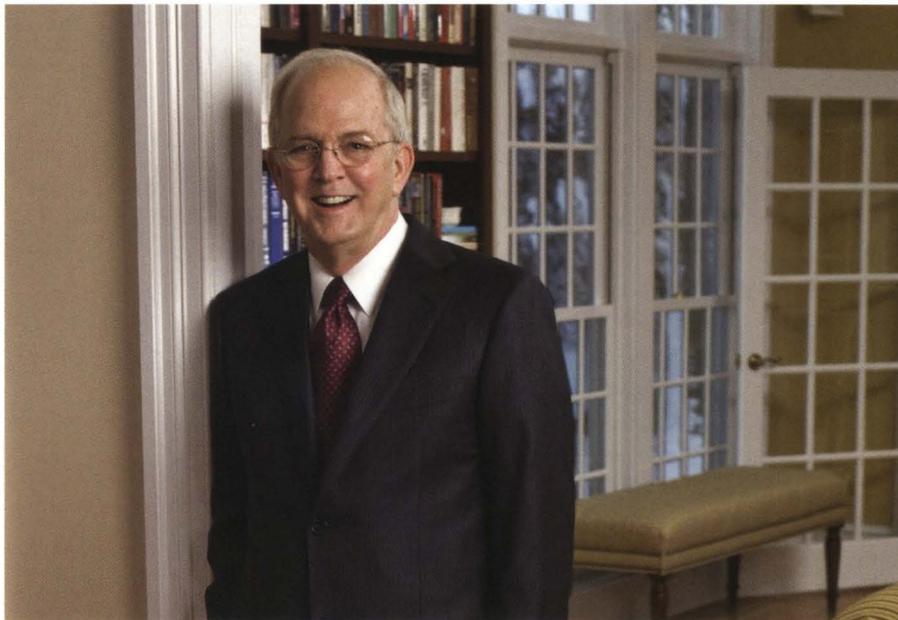
Hasheem Thabeet '10 (CLAS) rejects a shot in a game during the Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament at Gampel Pavilion. He was named NABC National Defensive Player of the Year and Big East Defensive Player of the Year for the 2007-08 season. He finished third in the nation in blocked shots last season and ranks No. 2 all-time on the UConn career list behind Emeka Okafor '04 (BUS). He will lead a veteran team into the new season for Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun.

STEPHEN SLADE

Season of changes

SHIFTING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AFFECTS UNIVERSITIES

Paul Horton



While summer at UConn marks a time for some reflection on the past year and planning for the next, there is plenty of activity going on. Summer courses are underway, research continues in our laboratories and the University is moving forward to meet new challenges that continue to arise.

Previously, I shared with you some of the initiatives we were working on at mid-year, primarily administrative reorganization at the UConn Health Center and in our University-wide research structure. I'm happy to report that these initiatives are moving forward. You'll read in this issue of *UCONN Magazine* about our new academic leadership in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Medicine, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and in the School of Social Work. I want to thank our colleagues who are stepping down: Ross

MacKinnon, dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences for 12 years; Peter Deckers, dean of Medicine for 13 years; Kirklyn Kerr, dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources for 16 years; and Kay Davidson, dean of Social Work for 10 years. We appreciate their legacy of dedication and leadership which has brought many changes and improvements to the University.

Our changing economy is affecting much of what we do. The national economy has shifted, and in six months the state went from projections of reasonably stable revenues to the reality of steep declines. The mortgage-lending crisis has affected all aspects of the financial markets, including the student-loan industry, with parents and students facing tightened credit and uncertain availability of loans. Record oil prices are raising the costs of an array of the goods we purchase and the services we provide.

Public universities across the nation are feeling these economic pressures. Fortunately, UConn is in better shape than most to meet these challenges. Our undergraduate enrollment—strong in numbers, in diversity and in our incoming students' talents and aspirations—will continue to provide the foundation for our academic good health and progress. Reduced revenues and increased expenditures to provide basic necessities—food, heating and cooling, and certain manufactured products—will require that we look carefully at how we expend the University's resources to advance our many objectives. It will be an opportunity to direct our available dollars to efforts that will continue to improve the quality of our academic programs while maintaining UConn's financial health.

Some choices will be obvious, others difficult; but they will make UConn a better University. I'm looking forward to frank and open discussions with the University community, with our partners at the statehouse and in private industry as we meet these new challenges. And I'm confident that we can meet them.

UConn has a solid foundation, is growing stronger, and our UConn family recognizes the value of a strong public research university in Connecticut. Our alumni, faculty, students, staff, parents and friends continue to be proud of the accomplishments and traditions we are building every semester, every year.

Michael J. Hogan
President



ANNE ADAMS

Thanks for the article

Thanks for printing the article "Manzanar Relocation Center, 1943" in your Spring '08 edition. I was greatly impressed with your comprehension of the resiliency of the internees in the relocation camps in the creation of artistic objects from natural and discarded objects found within the confines of the barbed-wire fences.

George M. Fukui '43 (CLAS), '48 M.S.

Mr. Fukui spent two years at the Tanforan Internment Camp in San Bruno, Calif.

Questioning athletes' academic achievements

RE: Academic achievements of athletes. As a college administrator (director of admissions) and instructor (English), I understand 3.0 is the new 2.0. How many/what percentage of your football, basketball, baseball, or hockey players made the Dean's list? Or graduated in four years?

Other than these quibbles, I thought the magazine an improvement over past newspaper issues and a balanced look at UConn student and faculty activities.

George Bailey '55 (CLAS)
Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired

You did not mention that the graduation rate for the men's basketball team is 22 percent. I do not see how that figure could be seen as "the high level of academic achievement at UConn."

Bill Carlson '74 (CLAS)

Both writers cite information from media reports published last April by the College Sport Research Institute at The University of Memphis, which used the NCAA Graduation Success Rate Report derived from information for scholarship athletes who entered college from 1997 to 2000. The Spring '08 Editor's Note cited data from the Fall 2007 semester at UConn. This past May, the NCAA certified that UConn meets its Academic Progress Rate (APR) in all 24 of its sports based on data from 2003-2007. The men's basketball team, the women's basketball team and the football team each placed higher in APR standards than the national averages for their sports in public institutions, according to the NCAA. — K.B.

Glenn W. Ferguson

I was surprised and disappointed at the very brief mention of Glen W. Ferguson's passing. Dr. Ferguson was president

during all four of my years at UConn, years that were marked by great social change and some protests; it was the end of the Vietnam war, the call for the impeachment of President Nixon, and the height of the feminist movement. Certainly Dr. Ferguson's illustrious career at UConn and elsewhere deserved more of a respectable good-bye.

Phyllis M. Levinson '77 (CLAS)

Thanks for the article

I was very pleased to see that the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) is studying the benefits of fruits and vegetables. Obesity is a huge problem nationally and at the university. While this is a step in the right direction, it seems like a token gesture at best, in light of the school's continued focus on meat and dairy production. Diets rich in meat and dairy products are root causes of America's obesity and health problems. By taking state and industry funds to perform research to make cows produce more milk and "pioneering" in the raising and killing of animals for food consumption, and by feeding these harmful foods to its students, UConn is directly contributing to this problem. Until the University is willing to make significant changes, all UConn can hope for is that our alumni and students can read about CANR's nutritional study as they waddle over to the Dairy Bar.

Tom Leibowitz
'90 (CLAS), '93 M.S.

Nutritionists say a balanced diet consumed in moderation continues to be the best approach

for minimizing nutritionally related health problems. No milk or livestock from the University's teaching and research facilities is used in the dining halls, however free-range chicken eggs are used. Under the supervision of a registered dietitian, campus dining halls have a daily selection of "Healthy Husky" menu items and options, including vegan and vegetarian foods that potentially contain fewer calories and less fat. Dining services also provides meals for students with special dietary needs. — K.B.

CDN not the first

Loved your article about the new a capella groups on campus. CDN is not the "university's first male group." I'm not sure if there were others, but I remember a group of male music majors performing under the name "Leading Tone" around 1989. They were fantastic.

Kristina Waldron '93 (SFA)

The writer was a member of the "Husky Voices" female a capella group.



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ALUMNI ADDRESS GRADUATES AT SERIES OF SEPARATE CEREMONIES

Nearly 7,000 students received associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral, juris doctor, dental or medical degrees during the commencement ceremonies, which for the first time were held as separate events for all schools and colleges.

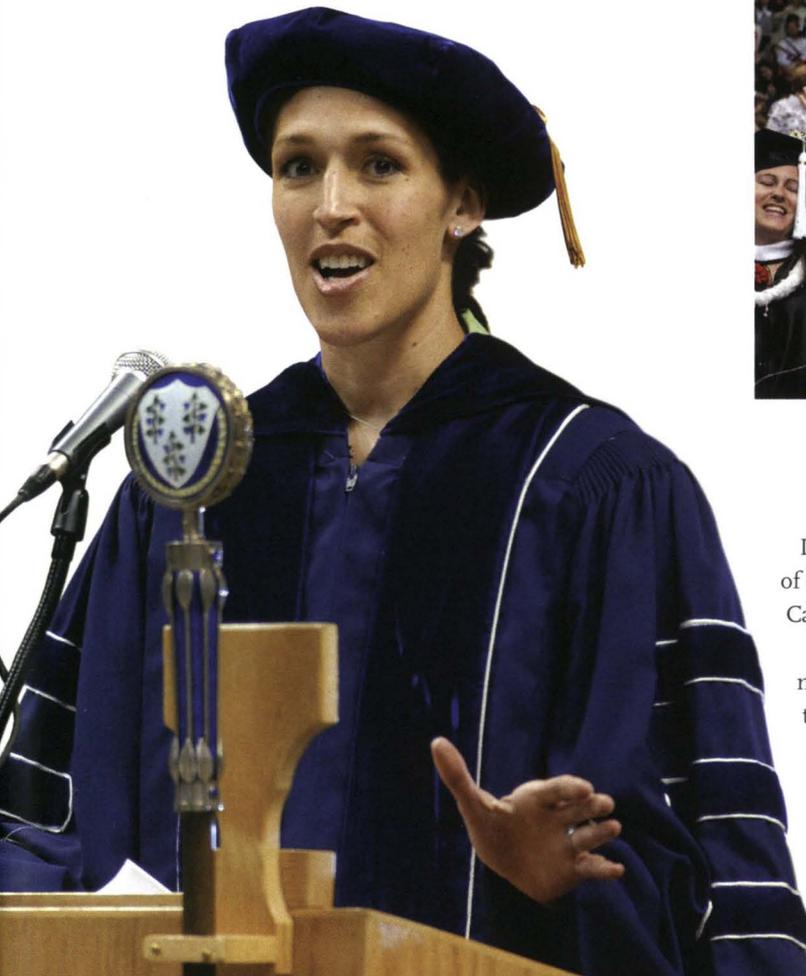
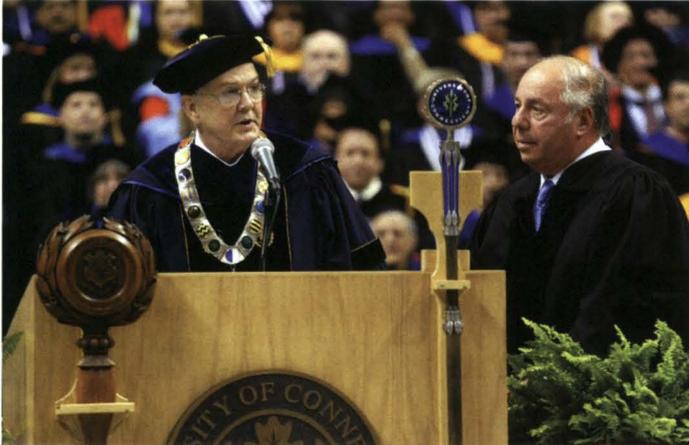
Several alumni were among the speakers to address graduates or receive special recognition:

UConn trustee and ESPN basketball analyst Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS) drew laughter, applause and a standing ovation from graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Gampel Pavilion in the day's largest ceremony.

Philanthropist Gary Gladstein '66 (CLAS), retired chief operating officer of Soros Fund Management and a member of the UConn Foundation board of directors, received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during Graduate School commencement.

Entrepreneur Samuel Kalmanowitz '61 (PHR), a leader in the practice of community pharmacy, addressed the School of Pharmacy commencement and received the University Medal, one of UConn's highest honors. Mr. Kalmanowitz passed away just days after receiving the honor.

Clockwise From Upper Right: Lauren Grimley '08 (CLAS) added some style to her cap and gown during undergraduate commencement ceremonies for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The student a cappella group Rubyfruit sang the national anthem during ceremonies in Gampel Pavilion for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Graduate School students from the Neag School of Education celebrate their achievements during commencement. UConn trustee and ESPN basketball analyst Rebecca Lobo '95 (CLAS) addresses the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony. President Michael J. Hogan recognizes Samuel Kalmanowitz '61 (PHR), right, with the University Medal during undergraduate ceremonies for the School of Pharmacy. Mr. Kalmanowitz passed away just days after receiving the honor.



Peter Morenus

Denis J. Nayden '76 (CLAS), '77 M.B.A., managing partner of Oak Hill Capital and former chairman and CEO of GE Capital, addressed graduates of the School of Business.

Roger Newton '74 (CANR), co-discoverer of Lipitor and now managing director of Esperance BioVentures, addressed the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture.

Kevin Bouley '80 (BUS), president and CEO of Nerac Inc., addressed graduates of the School of Engineering, where he serves as a member of the advisory board.

'Puppets through the Lens'

Lamb Chop and Howdy Doody from television and The Muppets' Scooter and *Caddyshack's* Gopher are among the familiar puppets included in the special exhibition "Puppets through the Lens:

Puppetry in Film, Television and the Internet" at The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry through Nov. 30.



UConn celebrates inauguration of President Hogan

President Michael J. Hogan and his family are led by the UConn Marching Band down Hillside Road after leaving the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, where he was inaugurated as the University's 14th president. Students, faculty, alumni and staff heard remarks from Gov. M. Jodi Rell, Ryan McHardy '09 (CLAS), president of the Undergraduate Student Government, Francis X. Archambault '68, M.A., '69 Ph.D., president of the UConn Alumni Association at the time, John T. DeWolf, professor of civil and environmental engineering in the School of Engineering, and Dr. John W. Rowe, chairman of the board of trustees, before enjoying a University-wide picnic.

Turfgrass programs earn national ranking

The turfgrass programs in the Department of Plant Science of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources were nationally ranked in 2007 by *TurfNet*, *the Magazine*.

Both the baccalaureate and associate degree programs were ranked among North America's top turf schools. The four-year turfgrass science program was rated seventeenth, and the two-year turfgrass management program rated eighth.

While both programs are fairly new, they have roots going back to the 1960s and 1970s when Robert Peters, professor of plant science emeritus, and William Dest, associate extension professor of plant science emeritus, taught turf courses. The turfgrass science program was established in 1998, and the turfgrass management program in 2002.

"What is remarkable about these rankings is that many of the schools with which we were compared have had comprehensive turf programs for 75 or more years," says Karl Guillard, professor of plant science.

Both of UConn's turf programs are well respected within the industry. Students majoring in these programs often find employment in the golf industry, athletic field management, conservation and wildlife habitat, and commercial and residential landscaping.

"It's a great success story," says Guillard. "We're pleased to be ranked in the top programs, but we're not satisfied. We want to be number one."

For a detailed story about the turfgrass programs, see the Summer 2004 edition of UCONN Magazine at www.uconnmagazine.uconn.edu

Neag School of Education moves up in U.S. News rankings

The Neag School of Education is ranked the 21st best graduate school of education in the U.S. and the 12th best at a public university in the nation, according to the latest *U.S. News & World Report* guide to colleges and universities.

The magazine's individual assessment of the Neag School's core programs placed fourth among the nation's top 20, including: elementary education (13), secondary education (17), curriculum & instruction (19), and special education (20).

The Neag School's overall ranking (21) has climbed since 2003 when it was ranked 50. Last year, it was positioned at 31.

Another recent study, sponsored by the Teachers for a New Era (TNE) program, shows that an overwhelming majority of Neag School graduates stay in the classroom for 10 years or more, and in far greater numbers than their colleagues nationwide.

Using data from the Connecticut State Department of Education, the study looked at more than 66,000 teachers who were working in Connecticut between 1994 and 2005. The group included 1,100 UConn graduates from either the Integrated Bachelor's/Master's program or the Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates in the Neag School of Education.

Other UConn schools ranked in the *U.S. News* top 50 include Pharmacy (29); Social Work (42) and Law (46), with Business ranked 52. Graduate programs, in addition to education, ranked in the top 50 include the master of public affairs program in public finance and budgeting (7), speech pathology (25), audiology (31), primary care medicine (43), public affairs (49) and environmental engineering (50).

Then & Now

Celebrating UConn's literary tradition

With a longstanding tradition dating back to the Eclectic and Ionian Societies in 1893, literary societies have been an integral part of the University. In the early 20th century, campus literary journals were published, including *Pencraft* (1935), *Touchstone* (1949), *Fine Arts Magazine* (1956) and *Penny Paper* (1964). Today, the annual publication party of *The Long River Review*, the University's literary and arts magazine, was celebrated in the Co-op with a standing room only event to hear readings by student authors such as Christopher Venter '06 (CLAS), '08 M.A., who read "Our Savior in the Year 2000," which won the Long River Graduate Award.





PETER MORENUS

Mounting a Husky dynasty in women's polo

The Women's Polo Club Team captured its fourth consecutive national championship in April and seventh in 13 years beating Texas Christian University 19-13 in Lexington, Ky., a victory that capped the squad's 18-0 season. The winning team took time for a portrait at the barns on Horsebarn Hill. From left: Lizzie Wisner '11 (CANR), Kelly Wisner '08 (ED), Elizabeth Rockwell '08 (CLAS), Marcos (horse), Lindsey Marrotte '08 (CANR), Jim Dinger, coach and associate professor of animal science in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Lee: Do the right thing with education

Award-winning filmmaker Spike Lee delivered a keynote address on the importance of education as part of a three-day conference on the Harlem Renaissance organized by UConn's Institute of African American Studies.



UConn Health Center seeks partner to build new hospital

The UConn Health Center is seeking one or more partners to help replace the aging John Dempsey Hospital, a move triggered by a recommendation by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) to the state legislature that a new hospital is needed to support excellence in academic medicine.

The partnership request was made available to all the hospitals in Connecticut and to others throughout the country in response to the report, prepared in March at the direction of the General Assembly, that concluded that John Dempsey Hospital is outdated and too small.

"The request for proposals supports our ongoing efforts to engage other hospitals in conversations to define common ground and shared interests," says President Michael J. Hogan. "Hospitals now have the opportunity to come forward and suggest ways in which a new, state-of-the-art hospital can be constructed and financed on our Farmington campus."

According to the report, formalizing and strengthening relationships with clinical care partners, coupled with construction of new clinical facilities on the UConn Health Center campus, "provides the Health Center with the opportunity to strengthen undergraduate and graduate medical education, grow research opportunities, and continue to provide high-level clinical care."

The report details the UConn Health Center's significant contribution to the region's economy and underscores its untapped economic potential for the region and says: "Growing the UConn Health Center is, simply stated, a smart investment."

Hogan says the report recognizes the unique contributions of an academic health center and the opportunity for the UConn Health Center to become a leading academic and research center. "The report makes clear that a flourishing UConn Health Center, working in partnership with area hospitals, can elevate the quality of health care for the region, enabling it to become a recognized center for health care excellence," he says.

Under the "aggressive timetable" recommended in the report, UConn has eight months to develop a vision for establishing partnership agreements and to formalize plans. CASE has been appointed by the legislature to act as an independent monitor to report on progress.

The report is available at www.ctcase.org

FRANK DUELMETER



Honey of an experiment

UConn beekeepers are working with 100,000 bees as part of an experiment to make honey for use in University dining halls.

Students on campus spoon nearly 1,000 pounds of honey into their tea and onto their toast every year and University chefs in nine dining halls use another 2,800 pounds of honey each year in marinades, sauces and baked goods. It is believed to be the first such effort at a college or university in the country.

PETER MORENUS

Working in harmony

Kenneth Fuchs, center, UConn professor of music in the School of Fine Arts, works with Edward Cumming, music director of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, and Richard Todd, principal horn of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, during a rehearsal for the world premiere of Fuchs's "Canticle to the Sun, Concerto for Horn and Orchestra" at The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford last April. The classical composition by Fuchs is the title track from his highly praised 2008 compact disc, "Canticle to the Sun/United Artists," which was recorded by the London Symphony Orchestra.

PETER MORENUS



New era opens in academic leadership

Successors to four long-serving deans will expand a new era in academic leadership at UConn that began last year with newly named leaders in business, engineering, law and nursing.

Jeremy Teitelbaum, a mathematician and senior liberal arts and sciences administrator at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the University's largest academic unit. Cato T. Laurencin, a nationally prominent orthopaedic surgeon, professor and administrator from the University of Virginia, is the new vice president for health affairs at the UConn Health Center and dean of the School of Medicine. Gregory Weidemann, dean of the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences and associate vice president for academic programs at the University of Arkansas is the new dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Salome Raheim, senior associate to the president and director of the School of Social Work at the University of Iowa is the new dean of the School of Social Work.

"These four accomplished individuals join an outstanding group of deans who are leading the University of Connecticut to greater recognition among the top public institutions in the nation," says Peter J. Nicholls, provost and executive vice president of academic affairs at UConn. "I am excited about these appointments and look forward to working with them as part of the UConn family."

The new deans replace Ross D. MacKinnon in liberal arts and sciences, who retired after 12 years; Peter J. Deckers in medicine, who retired after 13 years; Kirklyn Kerr in agriculture, who retired after 16 years; and Kay Davidson, who returned to the faculty after 10 years.

Teitelbaum earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics summa cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and a doctorate in mathematics from Harvard University. He has been a Sloan Research Fellow and a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow and Postdoctoral Fellow and has lectured and taught in China, Israel and Germany. He is a co-investigator on a National Science Foundation grant that is designed to increase the number of minority students seeking degrees in technical fields such as math, science and engineering.

Laurencin will also hold the Van Dusen Distinguished Endowed Chair in Academic Medicine and will be a professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is an expert in shoulder and knee surgery and an international leader in tissue engineering research. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Orthopaedic Surgeons, is widely published in scholarly



Law library named for former Governor Meskill '56 J.D.

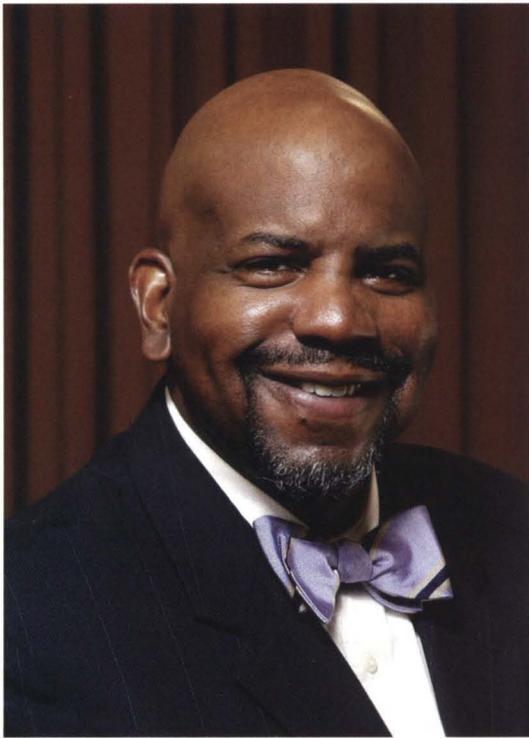
The School of Law library will be named for Thomas J. Meskill '56 J.D., former governor of Connecticut, U.S. Representative in Congress and member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, who died last fall at the age of 79.

The Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the library following a suggestion from Gov. M. Jodi Rell, who is an ex-officio member of the board.

Meskill served as governor from 1971 to 1975. He also was mayor of New Britain from 1962 to 1964, a U.S. Congressman from the sixth district from 1967 to 1971 and a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals from 1975 to 1993. He served as the court's chief judge from 1992 to 1993 and held senior status on the court from 1993 until 2007.

In 1972, the School of Law Alumni Association presented him with the Distinguished Graduate Award and, in 1982, the *Connecticut Law Review* presented him with the Law Review Award.





Left: Gregory Weidemann, dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Top: Cato E. Laurencin, vice president for health affairs at the UConn Health Center and dean of the School of Medicine.

Above: Salome Raheim, dean of the School of Social Work.

Right: Jeremy Teitelbaum, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

from the Catholic University of America in 1976 and her doctorate in communications studies from the University of Iowa in 1990. Her research interests include cultural competence, social justice, human rights, social and economic development, and organization and community practice.

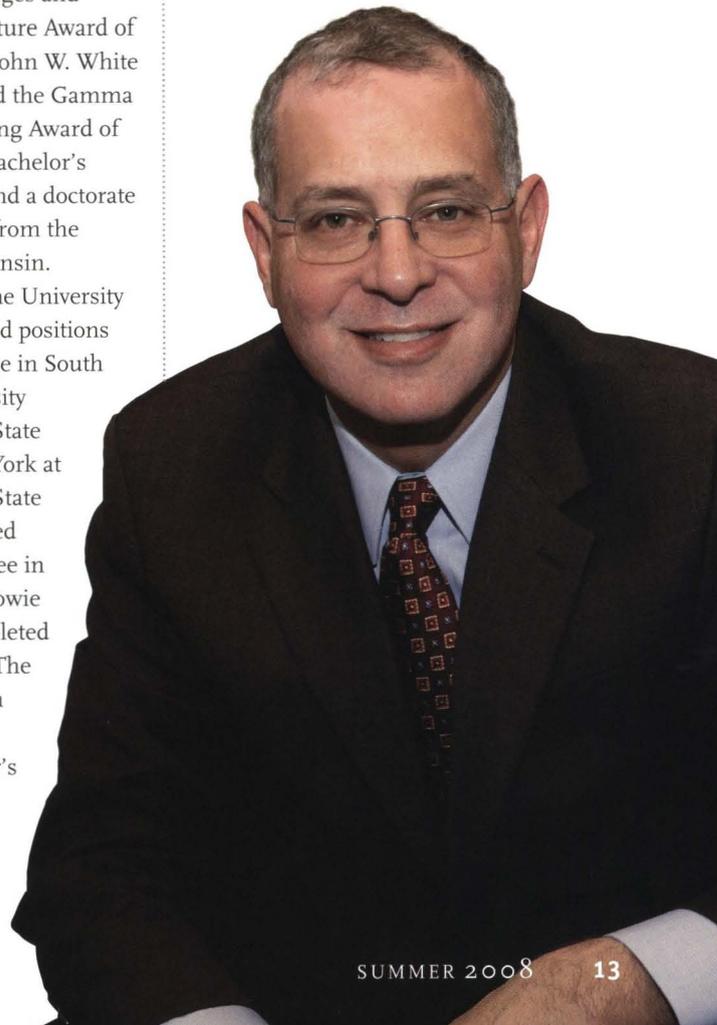
journals and holds more than 20 U.S. patents. He earned his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, where he was a magna cum laude graduate and the recipient of the Robinson Award for Excellence in Surgery. During medical school, he also earned his doctorate in biochemical engineering/biotechnology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Weidemann joined Arkansas's Department of Plant Pathology in 1983. As a faculty member, his research focused on the taxonomy and biology of plant-pathogenic fungi and biological control. As a teacher, he has received several awards, including the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Award of Merit in 1990, the John W. White Teaching Award and the Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award of Merit. He holds a bachelor's degree in zoology and a doctorate in plant pathology from the University of Wisconsin.

Prior to joining the University of Iowa, Raheim held positions at Augustana College in South Dakota, the University of Sioux Falls, The State University of New York at Albany and Bowie State College. She received her bachelor's degree in social work from Bowie State in 1974, completed doctoral studies at The George Washington University in 1983, received her master's

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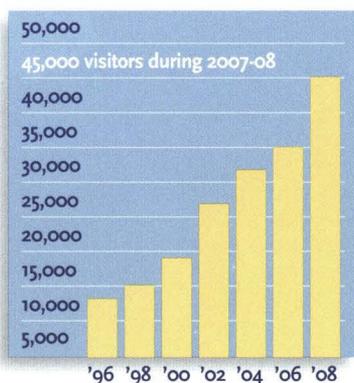


110 feet

Height of the Biology/Physics Building, the tallest building on the Storrs campus

45,000

Number of people touring the campus through the Lodewick Visitors Center during 2007-08



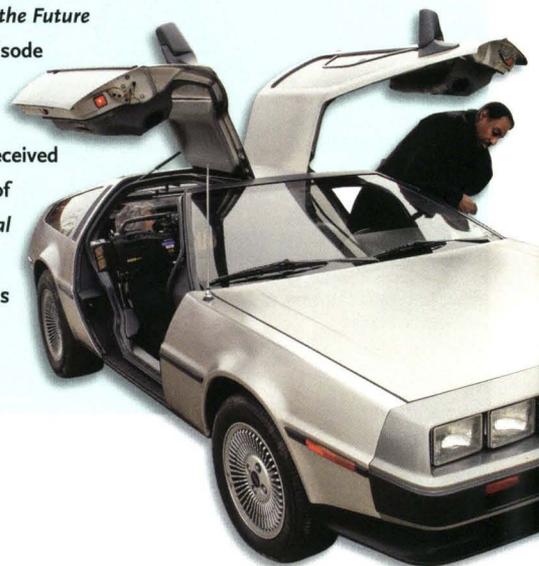
Students and faculty treat Mapuche children

Jessie Richter '08 D.M.D., left, was among five students from the School of Dental Medicine who spent two weeks in Curarrehue, Chile, earlier this year providing dental care to Mapuche Indian children. The students worked under the supervision of Alan Lurie, professor and head of oral maxillofacial radiology; Joanna Douglass, associate professor of pediatric dentistry; and Rodrigo Haristoy, graduate student in dental science and oral maxillofacial radiology resident. The UConn cohort was joined by faculty and students from the Universidad del Desarrollo in Concepcion, Chile, including Marisabel Simpson, right. The group performed 185 examinations on pediatric patients and completed 349 procedures.



Back To The Future: Time Travel In Style

Ron Mallett, professor of physics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was filmed entering a 1981 DeLorean, the automobile which was unsuccessful as a product but made famous as the time machine in the *Back to the Future* film series. Mallett will be featured in an episode of "Naked Science" titled "Time Machine," scheduled to air later this year on the National Geographic Channel. Mallett has received international renown since the publication of his book, *Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality*. The production company of director Spike Lee has acquired the film rights to Mallett's book.



Raveis gift expands cancer program

A \$750,000 pledge from the William Raveis Charitable Fund, Inc. will expand the Navigator Care Program at the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, a part of the UConn Health Center.

The program, which pairs newly diagnosed patients with trained volunteers who assist them through the treatment process, is currently focused on breast cancer. The Raveis support, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, will provide for full-time, on-site Navigator staff and expand their focus to other cancers as well.

Nancy Baccaro, a nurse practitioner who coordinates the existing program, says Navigator makes a substantial difference for patients at any stage of their journey through diagnosis, treatment and care.

“When patients enter the health care system with a complicated condition like cancer, it’s overwhelming. Through the Navigator program, we have an opportunity to decrease that anxiety, guide and direct a patient and, most importantly, give the patient knowledge,” Baccaro says. “With knowledge comes power

and control in a situation where patients often feel powerless. The Navigator acts as an adjunct to the professional provider and serves as the eyes and the ears of the patient throughout the process.”

“We’ve seen how useful Navigator has been for patients with breast cancer and recognize the need to provide this service for all of our patients,” says Carolyn D.



Runowicz '73 (CLAS), director of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center.

“This program is a real resource for our patients and empowers them to become more active partners in their treatment and recovery. This support is so important because it allows us to expand the scope of our program and help more of our patients.”

Carolyn Deal, president and COO of William Raveis Real Estate, Mortgage & Insurance, is a cancer survivor who knows firsthand about the strong emotions resulting from a cancer diagnosis. She believes a Navigator program would have been helpful in her own case, and she sees great possibilities for the future.

“When you’re first diagnosed, you only halfway hear the things people are telling you. You don’t even know what questions to ask,” she says. “And you quickly find that the more you ask other people, or the more you look online, the more overwhelmed you get, because everyone’s cancer is different. When I learned about the Navigator program, I remember thinking how useful this would have been for me. Supporting the Navigator program lets us make a difference to thousands of cancer patients today.”

Lorraine Megenis, vice president of operations at Raveis, adds that many of the company’s 1,900 sales associates have either been diagnosed with breast cancer or have family members or friends who have faced the disease.



‘Looking at Birds’

An interdisciplinary, multimedia exhibition and related symposium titled “Ornithology: Looking at Birds” was a collaboration between the University’s Contemporary Art Galleries, part of the School of Fine Arts, and the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences during this year’s spring semester. Both the exhibition and symposium focused on the importance and symbolic value of birds in art production, scientific research and human psychology. The programs were underwritten by a generous grant from Pratt & Whitney, a leading developer of air travel technologies that has a long history of supporting programs in the UConn School of Engineering. “Ornithology: Looking at Birds” was the company’s first project in the fine arts.



\$250,000 gift sustains Litchfield County Writers and Artists Project

The largest ever gift to support programs at UConn's Torrington campus will help to sustain the Litchfield County Writers and Artists Project (LCWAP) through an endowed fund and also renovate the M. Adela Eads Classroom Building.

The anonymous \$250,000 gift will convert one room in Eads into a dual-purpose teaching and gallery area while also supporting an endowment that provides fellowships for writers and artists. Additionally, the endowment will support events for LCWAP, which has become a touchstone of the University and brought dozens of highly acclaimed authors and artists to campus.

An exhibition featuring the works of Robley E. Whitson, a distinguished writer and artist from Litchfield County who helped to coordinate the gift, will be the inaugural display in the renovated facility.

Involving the Litchfield County community plays a large role in the success of the LCWAP, which is the primary outreach effort of the Torrington campus. The lectures attract audiences from across Connecticut to the northwest corner of the state to hear presentations by such authors as Frank McCourt and the late Arthur Miller.

"I don't think there's any other community quite like this one," says Davyne Verstandig, director of LCWAP, who notes that the surroundings of Litchfield County itself may provide some of the artistic and literary inspiration for the program to thrive. "There are dozens of award-winning authors in this area and it's fascinating to see that talent come together with this community. The fact that our project is free and open to the public matters a great deal. At each lecture, one can find a wide range of backgrounds, perspectives and viewpoints."

Helping hand for students at Waterbury campus

Dorothy Bessette-DeSomma '61 (ED) and Martin DeSomma '66 (CLAS), who met while they were undergraduate students at UConn's Waterbury campus, have established a \$100,000 endowment to assist financially challenged students attending the Waterbury campus.

"UConn has helped us move through life and it was a wonderful experience for both of us," says Martin DeSomma, who established a successful dental practice in Woodbury, Conn. "Because of where we came from, and having developed a work ethic early in life, supporting students who have a financial need just makes sense."

The DeSommas, who both attended the Waterbury campus from 1957 to 1959 and graduated from Storrs, first became acquainted while serving in student government. Martin was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Europe for several years before completing his degree.

"When I was growing up, Waterbury was a strong industrial town, with lots of different groups living and working together," he says. "The Waterbury campus, with its renovations, has become an even bigger boost to the city. We're very impressed with what we see. I hope that our gift will allow young men and women to possibly gain their footing to get into the middle class."

Natales endow scholarship in fine arts, leadership

A \$50,000 gift from an alumni couple has endowed two new permanent scholarship funds for fine arts majors and student leaders. The J. Peter & Jennifer Natale Student Leader and Fine Arts Scholarships will be awarded to high-achieving students who take on leadership roles, such as peer mentors, community assistants or student government representatives.

"Our hope is that students who benefit from our gift will in turn give, and continue the cycle of giving for generations of UConn students," says J. Peter Natale '82 (CLAS), '83 (CLAS), '85 M.B.A. and Jennifer (Young) Natale '92 (CLAS), who are longtime supporters of the UConn track and field team. "Our primary mission is to provide support for students interested in pursuing opportunities that we both found to be of such great value: athletics, fine arts and leadership."

The scholarships reflect the Natales' wide-ranging passions, and the couple credits their leadership training at UConn with their success.



Both were involved in student government and the Department of Residential Life as resident assistants and hall directors. Peter is a former professional musician who now serves as chief information officer for Becton, Dickinson & Co., a Fortune 500 medical technologies company. He earned degrees in geography, geology and geophysics and an M.B.A. Jennifer, who earned a degree in psychology, was a member of the UConn track and field

team and now works with local charities and international philanthropic foundations.

"Both of us were actively involved in student leadership organizations while attending the University of Connecticut. The value of these experiences has paid dividends for us in the roles we have today," says the couple.

"Scholarships such as this expand and enhance the possibilities for students. They contribute significantly to the stature and quality of our program," says David Woods, dean of the School of Fine Arts, adding the fine arts scholarship will provide critical assistance for talented students.

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Nov. 2, 1 & 3 pm

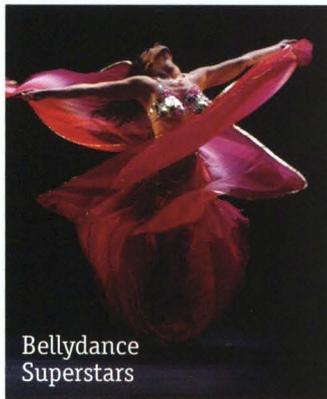
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Gallery on the Plaza, Aug. 25–Oct. 10

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Stevens Gallery, Aug. 25–Oct. 10

"A Reason to Remember," a Traveling Exhibit of the Hatikvah Holocaust Education Center

West Alcove, Aug. 25–Oct. 10

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Gallery on the Plaza, Oct. 20–Dec. 19

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EVERY POINT

Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art, Branford House:

Through Sept. 14–Works by Christopher Zhang, "I-Park artist" Annie Varnot, Melissa Smith and Leda Starcheva. Sept. 19–Nov. 2–Latin Network for the Visual Arts, artists from Latin countries. Nov. 7–Dec. 21–Works by William Shockley, Robert Hauschild, Susan Madacsi and Katherine Axilrod. For info: www.averypointarts.uconn.edu or call 860-405-9052.

STAMFORD

Campus Art Gallery:

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TORRINGTON

All Events: Francis Hogan Lecture Hall

All events: 6:30-9 pm
Sept. 24–Playwrights of Litchfield County: Bill C. Davis
Oct. 3–Roxana Robinson, author of the novel *Cost*.

UConn HEALTH CENTER

Female Athletes and Bone Health
Oct. 26, 1-3:30 pm. Also: Geno Auriemma on "Empowerment for Female Athletes," New England Musculoskeletal Institute. Info: 800-535-6232



Ying String Quartet

All-American chat

MAYA MOORE TALKS ABOUT AN UNPRECEDENTED FIRST YEAR AT UCONN

Maya Moore '11 (CLAS) became the first freshman, male or female, ever to be named Big East Player of the Year and only the second first-year player ever to be named to the Associated Press All-America First Team, as she led the women's basketball team back to the NCAA Final Four in April.

Coach Auriemma is known for expecting the most from talented players. How did you adjust to his coaching?

Once you come to the understanding that he's never satisfied and that he's always going to have something he wants you to improve, it makes it a lot easier to make progress. It's one of the reasons he is a great coach. He's always pushing you to get better. He's always going to be in your face. You have to get used to it.

What are you working on to improve yourself as a player?

My offensive aggressiveness, not necessarily shooting more or scoring more, but being more of an offensive threat. I want to get some of my fundamentals to a higher level. You have to be extremely sharp with ball handling, defense and dribbling. I want to tighten those skills.

What have you liked most about UConn?

The best part is the whole reality of being here. I feel so blessed to be in this situation. Academically it's a great school. I like to learn; I was one of those kids who asked tons of questions.

I'm an inquisitive person by nature. On the court I get to play with some of the best players in the country every day in practice and get to be coached by one of the best coaches in the world.

To know that I was one of those little kids watching all the women's college basketball games on TV and now I'm finally here. It's humbling and gives me the feeling I'm accomplishing my goals.

Is there anything you would change from this year?

I can't say that I would, other than the way the season ended. This year definitely fueled us. I got a chance to see what it was like to fight to get back on top. We're in a really good place to do great things.

What should people know about you that they may not know?

They should know I'm a Christian and that comes first in my life. Hopefully, that's what I portray—to be a good person. That's what I try to keep first and not get caught up with anything else.

What do you want to accomplish at UConn by the time you complete your degree?

To continue to focus on relationships, be a blessing to as many people as I can and take advantage of everything that college offers. After I graduate I want to go into broadcasting or journalism.



Husky[STATS]

TITLES, AWARDS AND TOURNEY PLAY

BASEBALL

The team finished 27-28 and 11-16 in the Big East. Pierre LePage '11 (BUS): All-New England, first team. Mike Olt '11 (CLAS): Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American and All-New England, second team. Elliot Glynn '11 (BUS): All-New England, second team. Peter Fatse '10 (CLAS): All-New England, second team.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The team finished 24-9 and 13-5 in the Big East and advanced to the NCAA tournament. Head coach Jim Calhoun: NABC Coaches vs. Cancer Champion Award. Hasheem Thabeet '10 (CLAS): NABC National Defensive Player of the Year, Big East Defensive Player of the Year, All-Big East, second team. A.J. Price '09 (CLAS): USBWA District I Player of the Year, USBWA All-America, second team; All-Big East, first team. Jeff Adrien '09: All-Big East, first team.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The team was 36-2 and 15-1 in the Big East. Won the Big East regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the Final Four of NCAA Championship. Head coach Geno Auriemma: USBWA and WBCA National Coach of the Year; Big East Coach of the Year. Maya Moore '11 (CLAS): USBWA National Freshman of the Year; USBWA All-America, first team; Associated

Press All-America, first team; State Farm Coaches' All America; Big East Player of the Year; All-Big East, first team. Renee Montgomery '09 (CLAS): Associated Press All-America, third team; State Farm Coaches' All America; All-Big East, first team. Tina Charles '10 (CLAS): Associated Press All-America, third team; State Farm Coaches' All America; All-Big East, first team. Ketia Swanier '08 (CLAS): Big East Sixth Man of the Year.

CROSS COUNTRY

Will Sanders '09 (CLAS): All-Northeast Region from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

GOLF

The team's best finish of the year was second place in the fall New England Championship. Brian Travalja '08 (BUS): PING All-New England Region Team.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

The team finished 13-21-3 and 11-14-3 in Atlantic Hockey and reached the Atlantic Hockey quarterfinals. Beau Erickson '10 (CLAS): All-Atlantic Hockey, second team.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

The team was 22-8-5 and 13-5-3 in Hockey East and ranked in the top 10 nationally. Dominique Thibault '10 (CLAS): All-America, second team;

Hockey East Player of the Year and All-New England. Jaclyn Hawkins '08 (CLAS): All-New England, All-Hockey East, second team. Jennifer Chaisson '11 (ED): All-Hockey East Rookie Team. Jody Sydor '11 (CLAS): All-Hockey East Rookie Team.

ROWING

Varsity Eight Boat finished eight of 38 at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia and fifth at the Knecht Cup in Camden, N.J.

SOFTBALL

The team was 28-22 overall and 13-7 in the Big East, advancing to the Big East Championship semifinals. Micah Truax '09 (ED): Easton Sports All-American, second team; All-Northeast, first team; Big East Player of the Year. Allie Gendron '08 (ED): All Big-East Tournament Team, All Big-East, first team. Daniele Del Ponte '09 (CLAS): All Big-East Tournament Team. Jillian Ortega '09 (ED): All-Big-East, first team.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The team was 8-1 and won the Terrapin Invitational. Stephen Ferreira '11 (CLAS): NCAA Diving Regionals. Alex Davidson '11 (ED): All-Big East, 200-yard backstroke.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The team was 7-3 and won the Terrapin Invitational. Courtney Haney '08 (CANR): advanced to NCAA

Championship in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. Allison Coleman '08 (CLAS): Advanced to the NCAA Diving Regionals. Liza Marianni '08 (CANR): Advanced to the NCAA Diving Regionals.

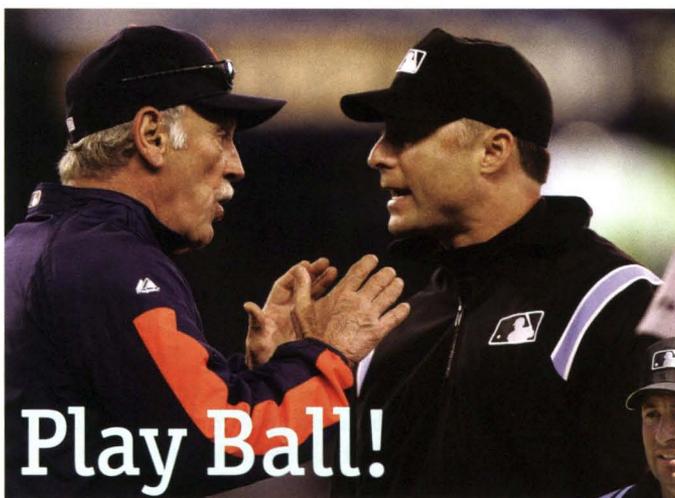
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The team won the Big East and New England Indoor Championships and finished second at both events during the outdoor season. Coaching staff led by head coach Greg Roy: Big East Indoor Coaching Staff of the Year. Brian Gagnon '09 (CLAS): Indoor All-America, 800-meter run. Mike Rutt '10 (ED): Indoor All-America, 800-meter run.

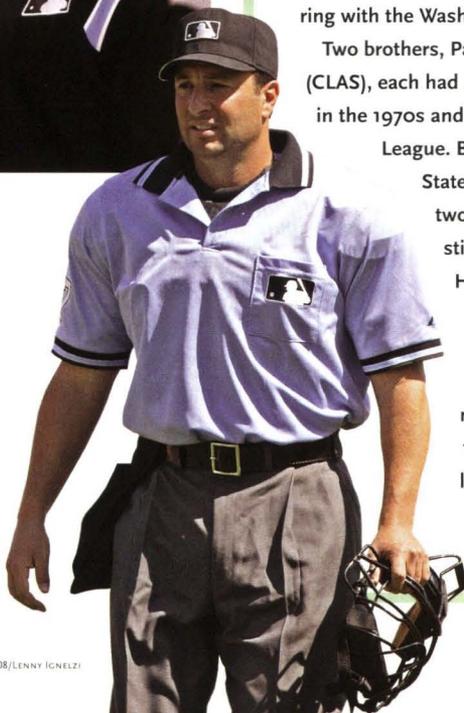
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The team won the Big East, New England and ECAC titles during the indoor season and New England and ECACs during outdoor season. Coaching staff led by head coach Bill Morgan '86 6th Year: Big East and Regional Indoor Coaching Staff of the Year. Clive Terrelonge: Northeast Region Assistant Coach of the Year. Tamara Highsmith '08 (BUS): All-America, NCAA Indoors in the triple jump; USA Under-23 National Team. Carin Knight '10 (CLAS): All-America, high jump. Phylicia George '10 (CLAS): ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District, first team.

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Major league umpires Dan Iassogna '91 (CLAS) and Jim Reynolds '91 (CLAS) are nearing completion of the 2008 baseball season. Reynolds, right, became a Major League Baseball umpire in 1999 and worked the 2005 American League Division Series between the Yankees and Angels and the 2004 All-Star Game. Iassogna, above, became a full-time umpire in 2004 and worked the 2005 American League Division Series between the Red Sox and White Sox.



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Giaquinto, Hunters enter Hall of Fame

Three accomplished Husky student-athletes who went on to play professionally were inducted into the UConn wing of the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame, located at UConn's Stamford campus, in June.

Nick Giaquinto '79 (ED), who still holds the Husky record for rushing yards in a game with 277 against Holy Cross, played for the Miami Dolphins and earned a Super Bowl XVII championship ring with the Washington Redskins.

Two brothers, Paul Hunter '83 (BUS) and Tim Hunter '81 (CLAS), each had All-American soccer careers for the Huskies in the 1970s and each also played in the North American Soccer League. Both Hunters were elected to the Connecticut

State Soccer Hall of Fame in 2004. Tim was a two-time All-American in 1972 and 1974, and is still in the top 20 all-time Huskies scoring list. He played professionally for four seasons.

Paul earned All-American honors in 1975 and 1976 and received the Squires Award, which goes to the Husky voted the consummate team player. His professional career, from 1977 to 1981, included his rookie year with the legendary New York Cosmos.

Learning the language of partnership

LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT PART OF PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM



LANNY MCGLE

The national and international reputation of the University's Department of Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is well established. The National Research Council's most recent study of graduate programs in linguistics—the study of the structure and variation of language—gave UConn's graduate program in linguistics its highest ranking.

So when Mamoru Saito, professor of linguistics at Nanzan University in Japan, was looking for institutional partners to form an international consortium on linguistics, he chose five from around the world, with UConn the only university selected from the United States.

"We listed the top linguistics programs

in the world and contacted five of them," says Saito, who heads the consortium and had collaborated with UConn researchers previously.

The consortium, which is funded by the Japanese government, has six participating institutions: UConn, the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, the Central Institute of English & Foreign Languages, Nanzan University, the University of Siena in Italy and Tsing Hua University in Taiwan.

"Each of the consortium participants has an excellent linguistics program and an impressive group of researchers," says Saito. "We are now doing even better by combining forces.

"The UConn linguistics program is the most established among the six," he adds, "and its participation makes the consortium very attractive."

Diane Lillo-Martin, UConn professor of linguistics, says in establishing the consortium, the Japanese wanted to replicate what happens naturally, having a large number of international students work together on projects and make comparisons across languages.

"At other universities, there are not as many international students," Lillo-Martin says. "The consortium creates a 'meta department,' a large

From left: doctoral student Koichi Ohtaki; linguistics professors William Snyder, Diane Lillo-Martin and Natasha Rakhlin '07 Ph.D.; and doctoral student Jean Crawford.

department in the sense that students and faculty work together and get together."

The UConn linguistics

department comprises nine faculty members and up to 30 doctoral students. It does not award master's or bachelor's degrees, but offers a number of general education courses and joint undergraduate majors in linguistics and psychology and linguistics and philosophy.

"The linguistics department is actively promoting international opportunities for doctoral students and is recognized on the international scene as a leader in doctoral education in the field of linguistics," says William Snyder, head of the department.

The consortium's research focus is on two areas of specialization at UConn—language acquisition, or how we learn to speak and syntactic theory, the

development of the rules of sentence structure.

Saito says comparative research is a key to the field of linguistics because the goal of linguistics is to uncover what all human languages have in common.

“For this reason, major projects often take the form of international joint research,” he says. “The consortium provides an opportunity for graduate students to get

similar experiment with children acquiring Mandarin Chinese,” says Snyder. “They want to adapt experiments Natasha had done in the U.S. for use in Taiwan.”

Another doctoral student, Jean Crawford, is studying African languages and linguistics. As a result of her experience in Japan, she is studying Japanese linguistics and hopes to conduct child language experiments with Japanese students.

more personal scale than at conferences.

“We also had classes with other students, which gave us a means of meeting them and engaging in dialogue about our work and the lecture topic,” she says, noting that she particularly enjoyed a class given by Luigi Rizzi, professor of linguistics at the University of Siena in Tuscany, Italy, who is one of the leading experts on syntax and psycholinguistics, an area of



training in this kind of research.”

Since its founding in 2006, the consortium has held four joint seminars and seven workshops with graduate students. Last spring, four UConn doctoral students were selected to attend a workshop in Japan on the topic of language acquisition. They were chosen on the relevance of their research and a written proposal outlining their contributions to the workshop. Natasha Rakhlin '07 Ph.D. focuses on how children acquire an understanding of English sentences with quantifiers—the words that precede and modify nouns.

“There is strong interest from people at Tsing Hua University who are doing a

“Thanks to the consortium, I now have a network of colleagues all over the world,” Crawford says, “and I now have the resources to look at problems from a range of perspectives.”

A third doctoral student, Sandra Wood, conducts research on home-sign systems (gesture systems that deaf children develop on their own) and on the acquisition of sign languages. Wood, who made her presentations in Japan using American Sign Language, also made contact with a Nanzan University student who does research on Japanese Sign Language. Wood says she appreciates the opportunities the consortium provides for networking on a

study that examines the comprehension and production of language using tools from both linguistics and psychology.

Lillo-Martin says participating in international research collaborations will help UConn graduate students in their careers. Not only will they be better qualified to apply for academic jobs, but they can also secure international endorsement through the consortium.

Adds Saito: “I am sure that these students will continue to collaborate even after they complete their Ph.D.s, and contribute to the development of the international research community.”

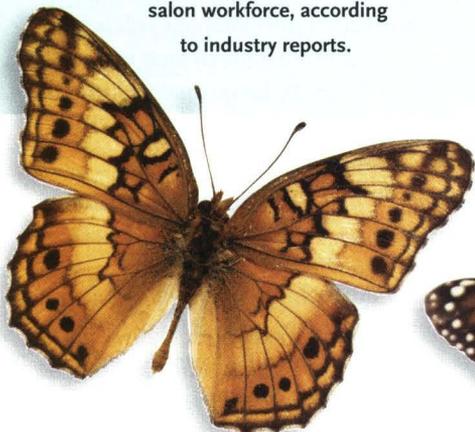
— Elizabeth Omara-Otunnu



Potential hazardous price of pretty nails

The Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the UConn Health Center is working to develop better safety guidelines and information for workers in nail salons. The polishes, acrylics and other products used in nail salons contain about 20 chemicals flagged by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as having potential symptoms and health effects. Studies show that when laboratory workers are exposed to similar solvents without proper ventilation, there is a small but increased risk of miscarriages, birth defects and, at high levels, learning deficits similar to fetal-alcohol syndrome. The Health Center is partnering with the Connecticut Pregnancy Exposure Information Service to provide nail salon workers with clinical evaluations and expertise in reducing or preventing workplace exposure that may affect fertility, maternal health, pregnancy and fetal development.

Women make up 96 percent of the nail salon workforce, according to industry reports.



Improving teamwork with technology

Companies are always trying to find new ways to use technology to enhance productivity, improve efficiency and expand business. Today, corporate managers are using the Internet to foster teamwork.

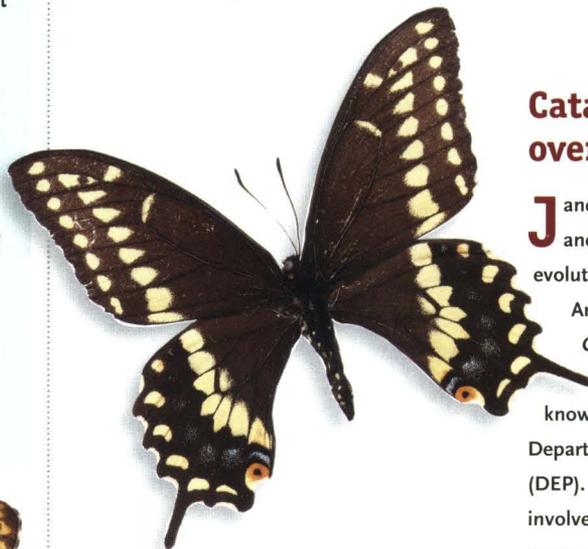
Professor John Mathieu '80 (CLAS), the Robert Cizik Chair in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business, says companies are adapting Web portals for use as sites for discussion groups aimed at sharing ideas for problem solving or brainstorming.

"The Internet is bringing people together from around the world to generate a lot of knowledge, learning and sharing," says Mathieu, whose research on teamwork has explored the worlds of firefighters, nuclear power plants, pharmaceutical salespersons and aerospace engineers, among others. "Organizations have been trying to leverage that and align it with organizational goods."

He says online discussion groups typically are open forums where anyone can participate with common interests share their ideas, information or opinions. Yet, recently organizations have tried to harness the benefits of such forums by creating communities of practice among their employees aligned with organizational needs.

"Instead of a conference call, a company can create a portal to get experts from around the world and focus them on a task," Mathieu says. "How you manage it becomes the key. It's global, so it's a 24/7 clock. Who should be included, who shouldn't? The philosophy is that portals are self-organizing. What managers need to do is figure out the balance between keeping their hands off versus channeling employees' efforts to organizational issues. One size does not fit all. Nobody's figured out the ideal balance yet."

Among the business and government agencies for which Mathieu has served as a consultant are Boeing Helicopter, Alcoa, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Defense.



Cataloging wings spread over Connecticut

Jane O'Donnell, biology collections manager, and David Wagner, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, both in the College of Liberal

Arts and Sciences, collaborated on *The Connecticut Butterfly Atlas*, a colorful 376-page reference to Connecticut's 117

known butterfly species, published by state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). O'Donnell chaired the project, which involved more than 350 volunteers who spent five years gathering nearly 8,500 specimens or photos with accompanying data cards. Wagner served as co-editor of the book with Lawrence Gall of Yale University's Peabody Museum of Natural History. The project was a joint venture of the DEP, the Connecticut Entomological Society and the Connecticut Butterfly Association.





Sampling wind & water

Tracking pollution from smokestacks to icebergs

Chemical oceanographer Penny Vlahos, assistant professor of marine sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is part of a multinational research team sampling wind and water in an effort to understand how pollutants reach the most remote parts of the globe, thousands of miles from where they were generated. The scientists are also studying how carbon dioxide is exchanged between the ocean and atmosphere under various wind, waves and other conditions. In 2005 she sailed on an icebreaker from Sweden to Barrow, Alaska, across the Canadian Arctic to gather air and water samples. Earlier this year, Vlahos joined scientists on an expedition to the Southern Ocean surrounding Antarctica, one of the harshest environments on earth, to conduct research.



International acclaim for Weiss

Robert Weiss, UTC Professor of Advanced Materials & Processing in the School of Engineering, received the International Award from the Society of Plastics Engineers in recognition of his lifetime achievements in polymer research. Weiss, who also is Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, has devoted his career to manipulating polymers to produce an array of useful products, from better golf balls to improved proton exchange membranes for fuel cells. His research focuses primarily on ionomers, a type of polymer containing bonded salt or acid groups. This summer, an ionomer that Weiss developed from biodegradable substances is being used in plates, cups and utensils at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Flair for networking

CAMILLE PATTERSON '09 (CLAS) FOCUSES ON A CAREER IN LAW

After arguments during a moot court exercise a decade ago in Broward County, South Florida, the judge hearing the case took Camille Patterson '09 (CLAS) aside. "You're so intense for a sixth grader," the judge told her.

Smiling at the memory, Patterson recalls she has wanted to be a lawyer since she was 6-years-old. She doesn't remember what first attracted her to the law but she has focused, at every stage in her life, to gain the skills she will need as an advocate for clients.

Sitting in the Bridgeport law firm of Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder, where she was serving as a student intern, Patterson calmly outlines her road to the law, which has moved from an early childhood in Florida, teenage years in Bridgeport, and then to UConn. After earning degrees next year in political science and psychology, Patterson says she plans to attend law school in New York City.

Patterson says whatever she does provides another set of skills that will help her in the law such as improving her networking capabilities.

When her family moved from Florida to Bridgeport before the seventh grade, Patterson initially was disappointed when she could not enroll in a specialized magnet program. Rather, she attended Florence E. Blackham School, where a teacher introduced her to a lawyer at Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder. She later participated in Trumbull's agriscience magnet program for four years. She became involved in Future Farmers of America, eventually becoming a district leader.

As an undergraduate at UConn, Patterson was selected to participate in the Leadership Legacy Experience, where she has worked hard to understand the tools of leadership. She was a Peer Leadership instructor



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and in teaching a class in leadership she discovered students learn best when they can relate global issues with their personal goals and struggles.

"In our society, we tend to look to experts to figure out big problems," she says. "When you can tie an issue to a person's private life—about racism or ethnic issues, for example—they realize they have the answers right there. It's all about being able to relate."

This same philosophy is applied to her internship in law. As part of her work with Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder, she assists lawyers on medical malpractice suits, in part by reviewing videotapes the firm prepares for cases and offering advice on how to make the videos more powerful.

"I can separate the knowledge I have gained of the law thus far and look at an

issue as the average person would," she says.

College life has included a number of extracurricular activities. She has worked on projects for Habitat for Humanity through UConn's Community Outreach Program, has served as a senior building manager at the Student Union and traveled to London through a University program with other UConn students. She also worked for the presidential campaign of U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut. "It was intense," she said. "You have to really want it to succeed in politics. It was hard work, but definitely fulfilling."

But these are just stops along the road to the law. Her vision is clear. "I want to live in Fairfield County and work in New York," she says. "That's the plan."

— Charles Euchner

Daniel Lin '09 (BUS) lends a helping hand

As a mentor, undergraduate student representative, and Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Daniel Lin '09 (BUS) has found many opportunities at UConn. Poised to graduate next year with a degree in finance and a minor in economics, he is now considering a new career path that is more rewarding.

"I've always dreamed of having one of those rigorous investment jobs on Wall Street," says Lin, a member of UConn's Honors Program, "but now I'm thinking of embarking on a more humanitarian path, possibly in the Peace Corps."

The turning point for Lin came during the summer of 2007 when he traveled to the Musicians' Village in New Orleans and assisted in rebuilding efforts stemming from Hurricane Katrina.

"I helped rebuild houses, clean streets, and met with other volunteers; it was such a rewarding experience," says Lin. "We stayed in an abandoned elementary school. I remember the appreciation from every person there. These people would do anything for you and it was gratifying."

But rebuilding houses is not Lin's only forte; he is also a gifted mentor. Lin was selected for the University's Leadership Legacy Experience and is the only undergraduate student on the advisory board for the Asian-American Cultural Center.

Lin mentors five students as part of the Center's Asiantation Mentoring Program, which allows students to become more culturally aware and comfortable with their identities. He credits Angela Rola, director of the Asian-American Cultural Center, with guiding him to assist others. "When Dan was first approached about being a mentor, he was hesitant. It wasn't long before you witnessed his strong leadership skills and commitment to helping students transition to college life," says Rola.

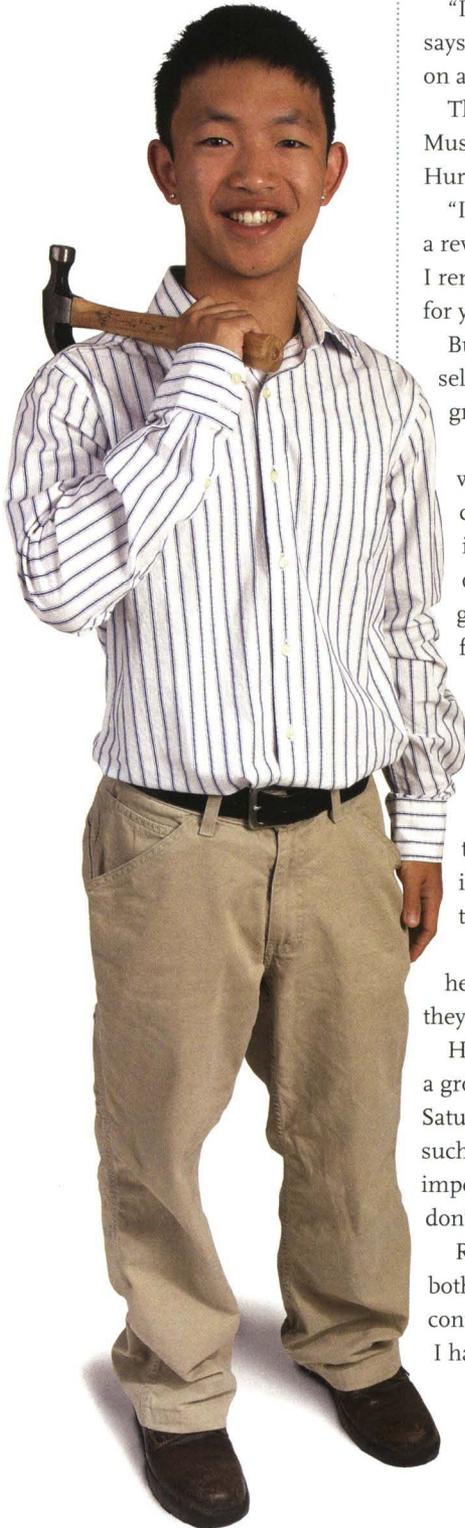
Lin says he found that there are differences between living in a small town and the much larger community he found at UConn. "When I arrived here, I wasn't immediately comfortable," says Lin, who is from East Lyme, Conn. "My goal was to change that for myself and each student who felt that way. I believe I've done that."

He helps the UConn students he mentors adjust to their new environment, helps them to find their way around campus and answers questions and concerns they may have.

He is also a member of the Killingly, UConn, Brooklyn Experience (K.U.B.E.), a group of volunteers who travel to schools in Killingly and Brooklyn and spend Saturdays with middle school students helping them with their studies, participating in such activities as bowling, and generally serving as a mentor. "Being a role model is very important," says Lin, who participated in numerous activities with the students, "You don't realize it, but you're helping them beyond the time you spend there."

Reflecting on his three years at UConn, Lin believes he's become well-rounded, both in his coursework and his extracurricular activities. "Right now, I really want to continue helping others," he says. "There's a satisfaction in it that's just so enjoyable. I have to do it." — Jeffrey Warzecha

“...I’m thinking of embarking on a more humanitarian path, possibly in the Peace Corps.”



The EcoGarden produces hearty vegetables without the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers for food prepared in UConn dining halls, opposite page, right.





THE BLUE & WHITE GOES

GREEN

Activist students help drive sustainability movement on campus

By Jim H. Smith

It is just a little piece of land, an acre carved out of expansive UConn agricultural fields, just north of the main campus in Storrs. But on it Zbigniew “Polik” Grabowski ’08 (CLAS) and a team of young farmers are striving to grow a future that, in some respects, looks remarkably like the past.

Grabowski, a senior ecology and evolutionary biology major, is a leader in the University’s EcoGarden Club that works closely with the EcoHusky student group (www.ecohusky.uconn.edu) to organize “green” campus initiatives and events. A word you will encounter frequently on links to the student group’s pages is “sustainable.” It is a term used more and more as the dialogue over global warming and alternatives to fossil fuels continues to heat up.

EcoHusky is nothing less than an engine driving a vision of sustainability that is utterly transforming the University, says Grabowski.

“Much of the change that’s necessary at the University needs to come at a very fundamental, individual level,” he says. “But the feedback between individual behavior and the individuals participating in the University is also a critical factor in determining what kind of future we all get to live in.”

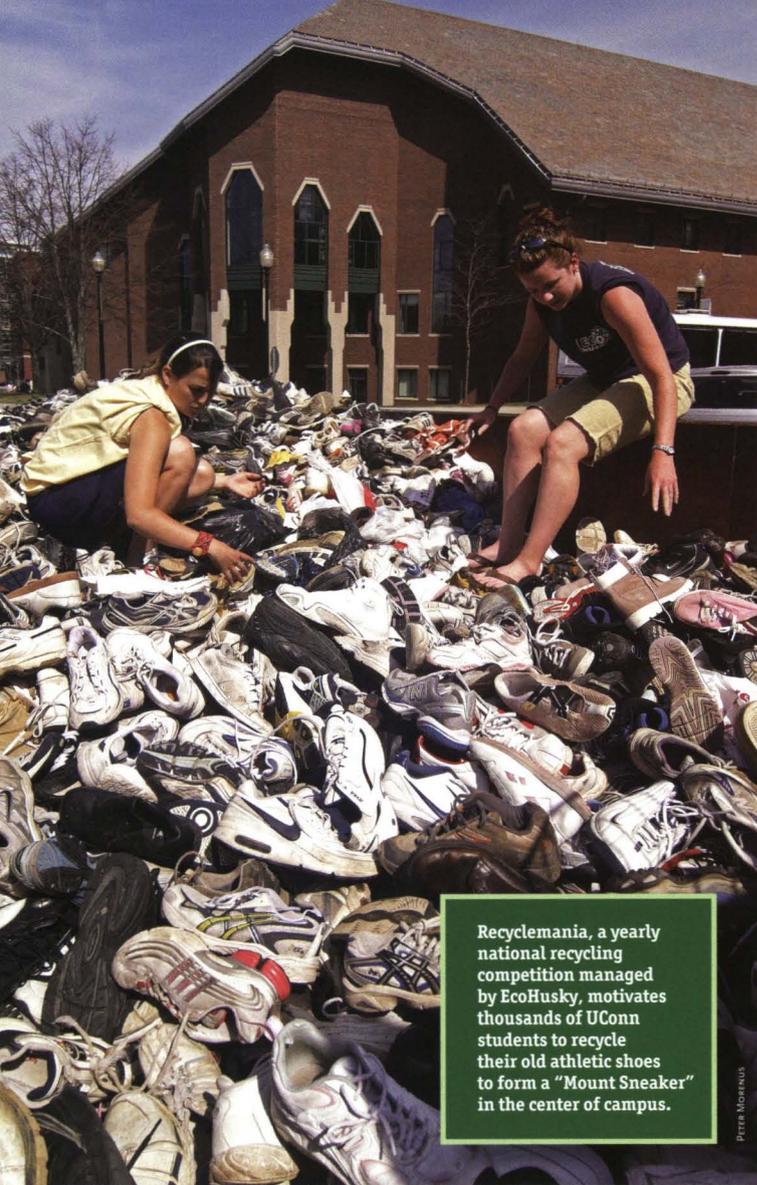
Sustainability is the hallmark of the EcoGarden, where students employ time-honored agricultural practices—such as composting, crop rotation and companion planting—that help to conserve water while producing hearty crops without pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. Sustainability, says Grabowski, also means fresh, locally grown products for which consumers don’t have to pay

the surcharges tacked on products grown or manufactured far away and shipped hundreds or thousands of miles. In fact, food produced by the EcoGarden is used in the UConn dining halls.

While sustainability may be viewed differently by others, there is a clear and consistent thread—it is about being environmentally friendly, using various resources more efficiently, and reducing dependence upon petroleum-derived fuels that threaten to bankrupt the nation and contribute to climate change that could make Earth decidedly less hospitable for life as we know it.

Martin Fox, professor of electrical and computer engineering, and some of his students are working closely with the EcoGarden





Recyclemania, a yearly national recycling competition managed by EcoHusky, motivates thousands of UConn students to recycle their old athletic shoes to form a "Mount Sneaker" in the center of campus.

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Last spring EcoHusky played an instrumental role in the management of UConn's initial participation in Recyclemania, a 10-week national college and university recycling competition; the EcoHusky 5000 Road Race, a fund-raiser for sustainability initiatives; and the University's wildly diverse Earth Day. That annual celebration of spring and renewal includes a cook-out featuring locally grown food; an outdoor market; "Mount Sneaker," an effort to collect thousands of pairs of used athletic shoes for a recycling project sponsored by the Connecticut Recyclers Coalition and Nike Corporation; a bike ride to generate awareness for the UConn Community Bike Plan, an initiative launched last year in cooperation with the UConn Transportation Institute and the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) to encourage greater use of bikes on campus; an eco-fashion show; and a sustainable living book fair and conference with a slate of prominent writers at the UConn Co-Op.

With increasing student advocacy for the environment, the cross-currents between their often innovative programs and official UConn programs are generating a host of collaborations that are changing the face of the University.

When, for instance, Rebecca Gorin joined UConn's Department of Dining Services four years ago, she brought with her both formal training at the Culinary Institute of America and extensive experience working with natural foods in both restaurants and a retail store. At Whitney Dining Hall, she has gradually been transforming the University's approach to food acquisition and consumption, developing a program called Local Routes, which supports use of organic and locally grown food products.

"At Whitney Dining Hall, we source ingredients from several local farms and producers," she says. "Our produce vendor, The Fowler & Hunting Company, has a strong commitment to supporting local and regional growers." Last January, chefs, culinary managers and food service administrators throughout the Northeast flocked to Whitney for a National Association of College and University Food Services workshop about ways to use sustainable foods during winter months.

This demonstrates how things have progressed since Richard Miller was named the University's director of environmental policy six years ago in the midst of the extensive transformation of the campus under the UCONN 2000 and 21st Century UConn programs.

"My mission was to improve the University's environmental performance, overseeing compliance issues related to construction and operational activities as well as the development of policies and plans to reduce our ecological footprint. Back then, most people didn't know what sustainability meant. We had a 15-year-old recycling program, but it was underutilized and in need of a serious overhaul," says Miller, who also worked closely with Facilities staff and multiple departments across campus on water conservation initiatives that have become standard practice for the University's operation of its water supply system.

Early on, Miller recognized the University had a tremendous

Club to develop a sustainable building that will serve as a meeting place and office for the program as well as a prototype for what he hopes will be many more such buildings on campus. "It will incorporate as many ideas about sustainability as possible," he says. "Energy is linked to everything. Water, food, products, transportation—it's all energy."

The EcoHusky student program, launched in 2004, plays a central role in fomenting and focusing student engagement. It is guided by a core group of highly committed students and has helped to significantly improve the University's recycling program and raise awareness about issues such as energy efficiency and water conservation. Beyond that, it helps to manage environmental outreach activities year-round, holds regular weekly meetings and disseminates information about sustainability initiatives through a growing group of nearly 500 students.

"I've been involved with EcoHusky for four years, and every year, we get bigger turn-outs at our events," says co-coordinator Bianca Lopez '08 (CLAS), a senior ecology and evolution biology major. "There are many more groups now than when I was a freshman. This idea has really caught on."

opportunity to define itself as an environmental leader. One initial step was taken with the planning for the Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman Training Center, which became the first athletic facilities in the nation to earn a Silver rating under the U. S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. It was the first such structure certified at UConn and it followed the creation of a Green Campus Fund by the UConn Foundation, which allows alumni and others to direct their donations toward sustainability efforts at the University. The fund was another first among U.S. public universities.

Miller notes that while many of the sustainability changes at UConn are the result of new policies, many more developed from the engagement of an increasingly activist student body. Indeed, students have embraced the "green revolution" more enthusiastically than any social movement in years, says Dan Britton, sustainability coordinator in the University's Office of Environmental Policy, which has a 25-member senior advisory council that recommends ideas to President Michael J. Hogan and works to engage the University community in environmental stewardship.

"Student awareness of environmental issues is much greater today than it was just a few years ago," Britton says. "We see more and more students who want to get involved with these issues and who are pressing for stronger environmental policy."

At UConn, sustainability is not only a philosophical idea that has found a rapt audience, but also a vision of environmental health that is reshaping the University in myriad ways. On March 25,

President Hogan signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (PCC), which pledges UConn's support, along with other public research universities nationwide, to develop specific action plans, including both academic and operational goals and metrics, to create more environmentally sustainable campuses. It also commits the University toward becoming a carbon-neutral campus by reducing the use of fossil fuels through a comprehensive plan that will call for more renewable energy sources, alternative fuels and energy efficiency measures, among many other systemic and behavioral changes over the next 40 years.

And, last April, it was not surprising that the environment was a prominent part of the revised academic plan setting the direction and priorities for UConn's future.

"A major goal of the new plan is to promote environmental education for environmentally responsible citizens," says Veronica Makowsky, vice provost for undergraduate education and regional campus administration.

Many professors are already approaching the issue from different vantage points. Over the past year there were more than 10 courses covering environmental and sustainability issues and no fewer than 34 degree options in many different academic disciplines.

With the continuing activity of students and faculty, it appears that—with an assist from the yellow sun—Husky Blue is turning the UConn campus Green.

Students and faculty are working together to find ways for UConn to reduce its carbon footprint—the toll that human activities have on the environment.

Norman Garrick, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, is advising a group of students researching a plan for a bike-share program that would make it easier for UConn commuters to park on the campus periphery and borrow bikes to go from place to place.

"Our over-dependency on cars is perhaps the leading reason why so many of our central cities are struggling to regain urban vitality," says Garrick, who compares the UConn campus to a small city and is known for commuting on his bicycle.

"The campus is the right size for a bike-share program, especially if we don't continue to spread out," he says. "The challenge here is to find ways to avoid sprawl-type development on the periphery."

In the process of developing these kinds of environmental options, UConn professors are challenging their students to understand sustainability as they seek ways to redefine our relationship with energy.

In late March and early April the University's Biofuel Consortium—a team of students and professors in chemical engineering, chemistry, plant sciences, economics and business—hosted its third annual sustainable energy symposium. In two years,



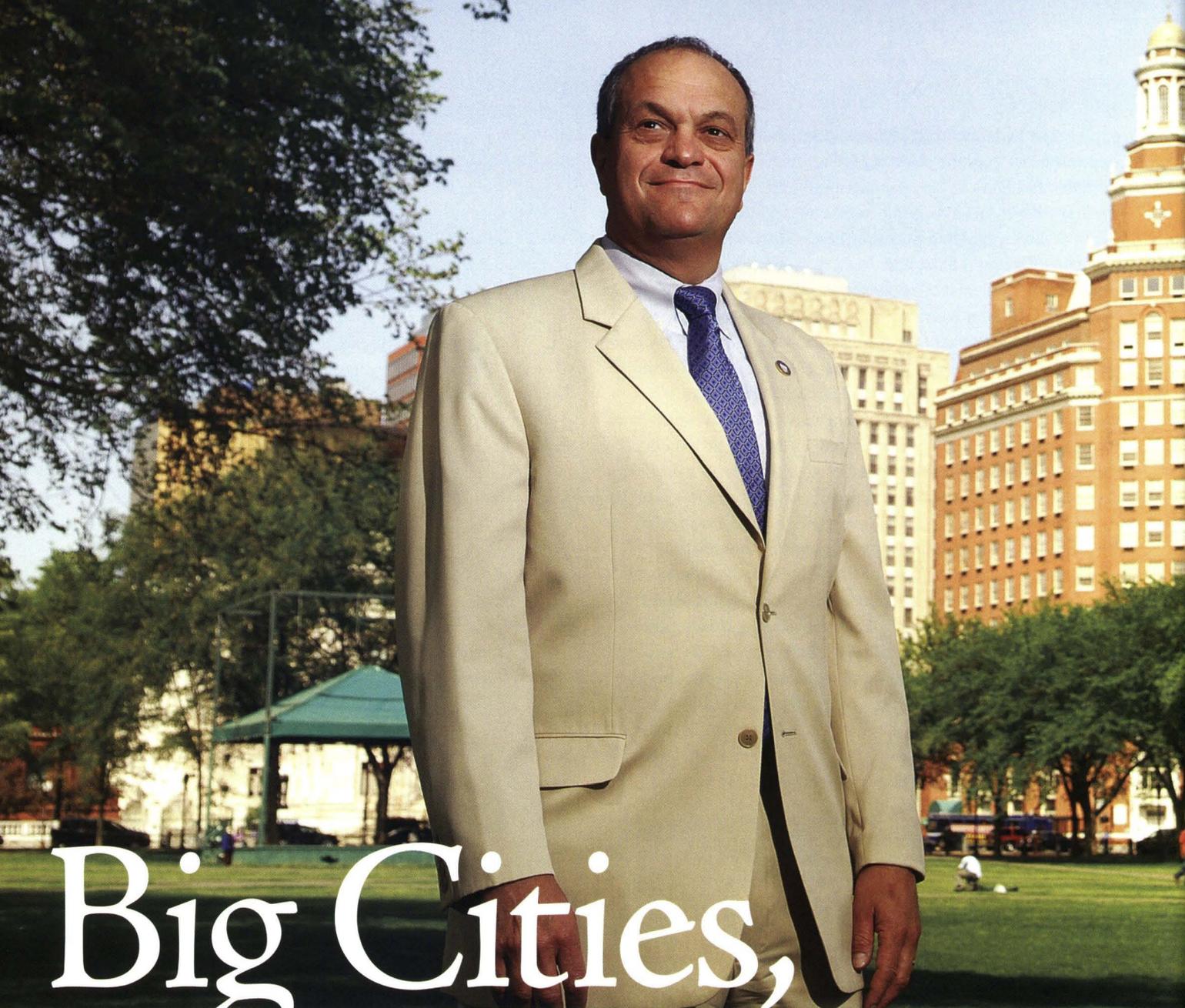
attendance at the event, which attracts industry and government leaders and representatives of the investment community, has increased by 200 percent. For the first time, the agenda this year was expanded to two days to accommodate an array of research initiatives showcasing UConn's place on the cutting edge of such clean energy technologies including fuel cells, solar energy and biodiesel fuel, many of which are rapidly transforming the Connecticut economy.

The genesis of the Biodiesel Consortium was another student-driven inspiration. Three summers ago, chemical engineering students Greg Magoon '06 (ENG) and Joanna (Asia) Domka '04 (ENG), '06 M.S. began exploring the idea of turning waste vegetable oil from Dining Services into pure biodie-

sel fuel. With help from Richard Parnas, associate professor and director of chemistry materials and biomolecular engineering, and Joe Helble, adjunct professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, they developed a small facility that produced six gallons of the biofuel that summer.

From that humble beginning, biodiesel has quickly become a kind of engineering capstone. "Every major university is interested in biofuel," says Parnas, "but few have integrated it into the formal curriculum as we have." Some chemical engineering students, such as Matthew Boucher '07 (ENG), now a UConn graduate student, have adopted it as the launching pad for their careers. Boucher built a prototype for a new biodiesel reactor as part of his thesis. By this fall, the department will be generating 50 gallons of biodiesel weekly, recycling used oil from UConn dining halls as well as from Pratt & Whitney, which sponsors a biodiesel lab where up to 10 undergraduates can be found at any time around the clock. Tested to quality standards, the fuel powers the University's shuttle buses.

"This interdisciplinary approach to environmental issues is an extremely important component of the new academic plan," says Gregory Anderson, vice provost and dean of the graduate school. "We have an opportunity to demonstrate leadership in the area of environmental sustainability and it's very important that we seize that opportunity."

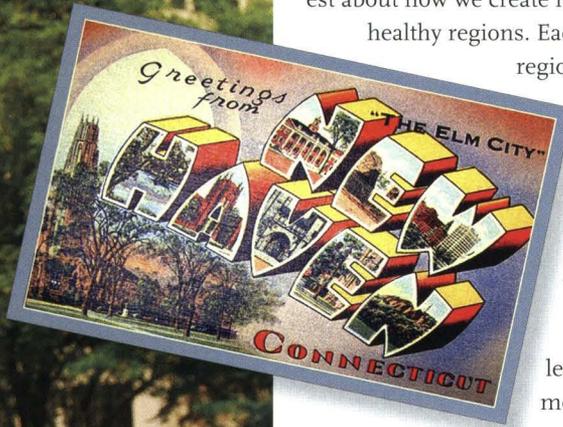


Big Cities, Big Challenges

John DeStefano Jr. '77 (CLAS), '80 M.P.A. is in his seventh term as mayor of New Haven. Bill Finch '79 (CANR) was elected last November as mayor of Bridgeport, after having served previously as a member of the City Council and as a state senator. *UCONN Magazine* brought the two mayors together for a discussion about the challenges they face leading two of Connecticut's largest and most complex cities.



Mayor John DeStefano Jr. '77 (CLAS) on the historic New Haven green in the heart of his city.



DeSTEFANO: There are five cities with populations over 100,000 in Connecticut (Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, Waterbury and Stamford). The one thing we share, however, is we're the centers of the economies of the regions in which we are. We each employ tens of thousands of more people that don't live in our communities. The businesses in the communities around us are dependent upon the core competencies and industries in the center of each of these cities, so there is a mutual interest about how we create not just healthy core communities, but healthy regions. Each of these cities is the capital of its region, and for Connecticut's economy to be strong our communities and regions need to do well. We come together out of that mutual self-interest.

What kind of leadership is required for cities in the 21st century?

DeSTEFANO: The fundamental challenge is maintaining social and economic mobility for families and for kids in our communities. Our communities have always been gateway communities. That's to say that people arriving in America or arriving in Connecticut tend to first come through the front doors of Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, Waterbury and Stamford. A key role we've always played is seeing that people who are willing to work hard have a chance to do better. What's particularly disconcerting now is that in many of our communities you see a dramatic change in the character of work as we transition from a manufacturing economy to service economies. Some of that manifests itself in our budget issues, but really the challenge is to create economically competitive environments for the people who live and work in our communities.

FINCH: We said this the other day when we testified before the legislative education committee in Hartford. When people are trying to either immigrate into this country or elevate themselves into the middle class, it all starts where housing is affordable. The problem is that the future of our children is dependent on the wealth of their parents' land. What we've got to do is come to grips with the over-arching question, which is, "Why do we leave the education of some of our most challenged students up to the poorest citizens in the poorest towns?" It's not logical. Right now, we are under-educating a significant percentage of Connecticut's population, and not doing much to change that. We're going to wake up one morning and see a lot of the opportunity to move into the middle class is gone. China and India are growing rapidly in terms of their middle class, and we're still educating people the way we did in the 1700s or 1800s.

The Urban Caucus Group was established so you could have political leadership and city leadership trying to help each other. How did that come about and what are the shared issues as you see them?

FINCH: It was kind of a natural thing. We as mayors talk all the time. We're in a state that is over reliant on property taxes, and both New Haven and Bridgeport have very small land masses. There are some differences between New Haven and Bridgeport, but very few. Bridgeport may be a little bit more residential, New Haven may be a little bit more commercial, but all-in-all, we're stuck in this bind of an over-dependent property tax system and not enough property tax revenues to maintain all the requirements of city government. It's just natural for us to all sit in the same room and try to work out some of our problems and present them in a more united front.

To a large extent many mayors don't have a lot of control over education because the boards of education operate the school systems in most communities. Is that part of the need for change?

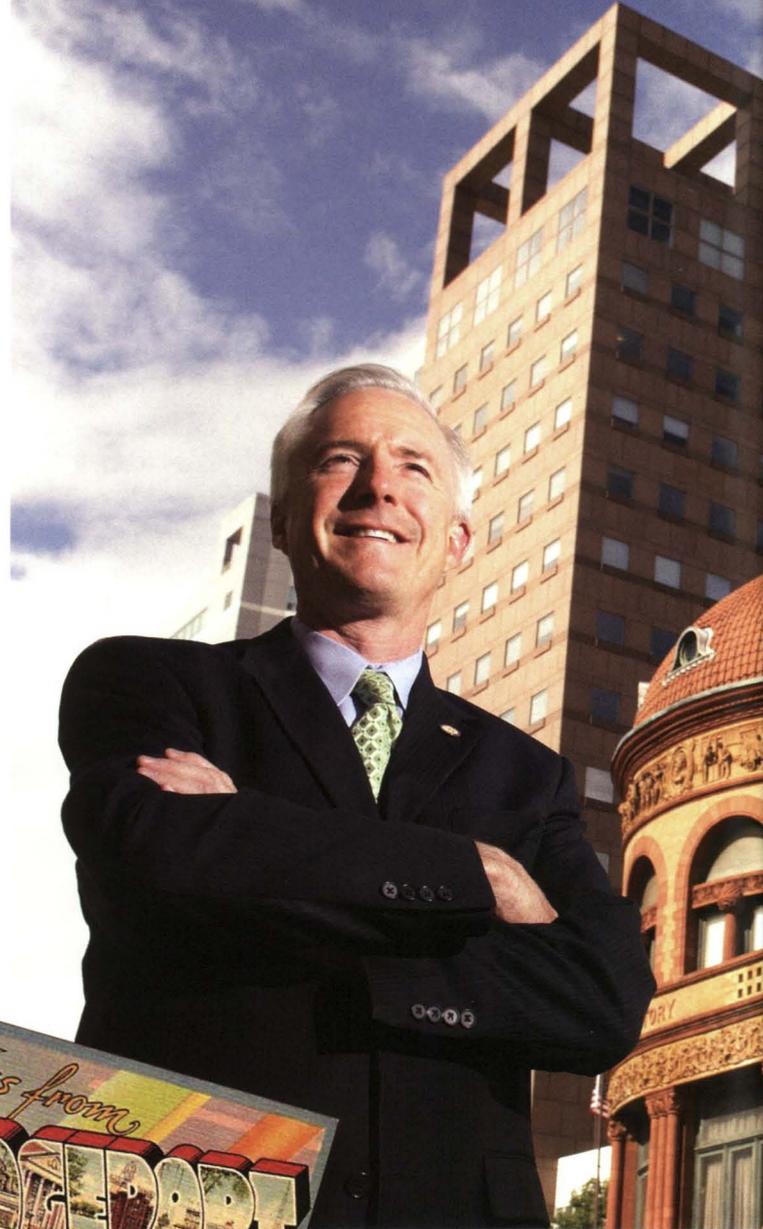
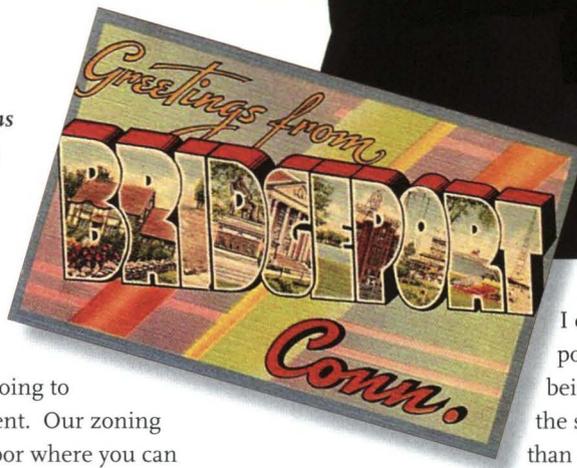
DeSTEFANO: I appoint the school board in New Haven and I'm a member of the school board. Over the last 15 years, there's been a fundamental change in our emphasis. Eighty percent of our children entering Kindergarten have a pre-school experience. We place a strong emphasis on early reading—first, second and third grade. And at the same time, we've moved to decentralize our high schools. We have nine high schools. They have strong focuses on different kinds of curricula. Lots of mayors—irrespective of how the school boards are appointed—are getting much more involved in what's happening in public schools, see them as key to workforce development initiative. For both Bridgeport and New Haven, something that's happening that's very important is the role of community colleges. Community colleges are, to my point of view, the fundamental vehicle for workforce development, for training and for people re-entering the workforce who have been out of the workforce for a period of time.

FINCH: Let me just say that John has done a better job reforming his school system than my predecessors have. We've definitely got to look at New Haven and Stamford to see what other school systems are doing to improve, because we're behind. There's no doubt about it.

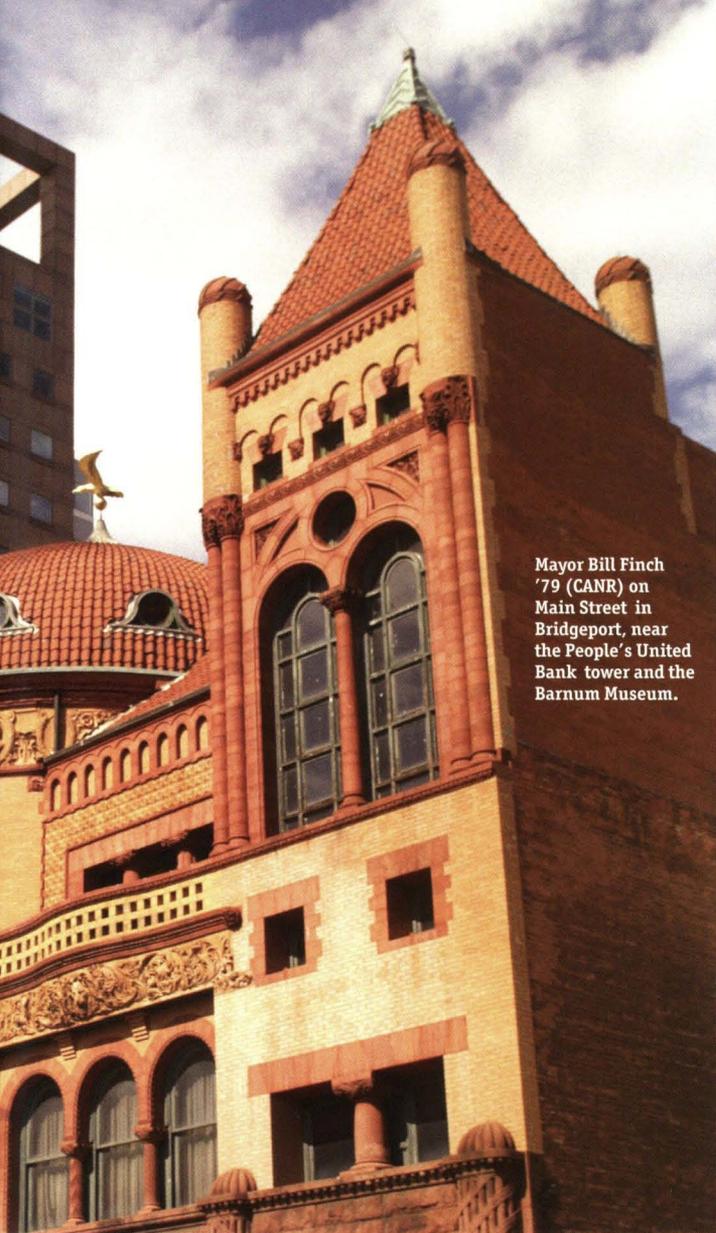
Both cities have been undergoing transformations over the last 20 or 30 years in terms of where the economy is based, downtown revitalization and other areas. What are the major changes planned in the near future?

DeSTEFANO: The area that is most dramatic is how we're going to make our cities the green places to live because we're going to have to—we need transit-oriented development. Our zoning board recently created zones around the harbor where you can go up 50 stories. Whether or not that will happen or not remains to be seen, but I think we're going to go up quite a bit higher than we normally would have. As the price of oil rises, there will be a greater need for centralization, for environmentally compatible development that requires less petrochemicals and less distance between people. So, I think that both New Haven and Bridgeport—not only do we have deep water ports, but we're in transportation intersections. Both of our cities have tremendous transportation resources.

FINCH: John, if I could add one other thing. I'm new to the whole business of being mayor, but the amazing thing about the U.S. Conference of Mayors—John's been involved for many years—is that you have no clue what somebody's party is. Mayors are all in this at the same level. I get so frustrated sometimes that



I can't change a lot about Bridgeport, but then I think back at being a state senator. I can change the state of Connecticut a lot less than I can change Bridgeport. Where is change coming from? It's coming from mayors. What is the change that's coming? It's the new green revolution—the next great industrial revolution in the United States is going to be a green revolution. It's going to create millions of jobs and add billions of dollars to the U.S. gross national product. Green roof tops, solar energy, changing your vehicle fleet to hybrid, collecting rain water run-off, doing something about storm water run-off and making sure that we continue our investments in the Clean Water Fund, and changing building codes so that people can get quicker approval ratings, quicker approvals on top of the pile or density considerations or tax consideration. We need to bring people closer to the urban core and develop the land much more intensely. This is not a new concept. The theory of concentric rings is something John and I both studied in our UConn classes.



Mayor Bill Finch '79 (CANR) on Main Street in Bridgeport, near the People's United Bank tower and the Barnum Museum.

DeSTEFANO: Our core responsibility is to make these places safe. I don't think anyone is going to live in a place or locate a business to where they do not perceive it is safe. The second thing is to have public schools that work for people. Our major investment when I took office was in our schools. We didn't build a baseball stadium and a hockey arena. We've re-built or built 30 new schools, and we'll have 42 done by 2014. We're spending \$1.5 billion dollars doing this. I think that's part of the reason why we've seen the school drop-out rate cut in half, why 80 percent of our kids go on to two- or four-year colleges.

Is there anything that UConn can do to help improve cities?

DeSTEFANO: Frankly, it's more of what the state can be doing to help UConn to promote the economic well-being of the state, including our cities. The state ought to properly fund the University so that they're able to do what Yale is moving to do, which is to make a tuition-free environment and to provide greater access for kids coming out of our communities who may face barriers of tu-

ition. We're not going to compete in Connecticut with the muscle in our arms. There will always be cheaper labor, but our competitive advantage is going to have the best-trained workforce and the best educated workforce. And to the extent we make investments in things like infrastructure—the state university and community college system—those are investments that are going to pay dividends for years. Every taxpayer in Connecticut contributed to Bill's education and to my education. I like to think we add value back to the communities in which we're respectively a part of. It seems to me, that's about the smartest investment that the State of Connecticut and all of us as residents can make.

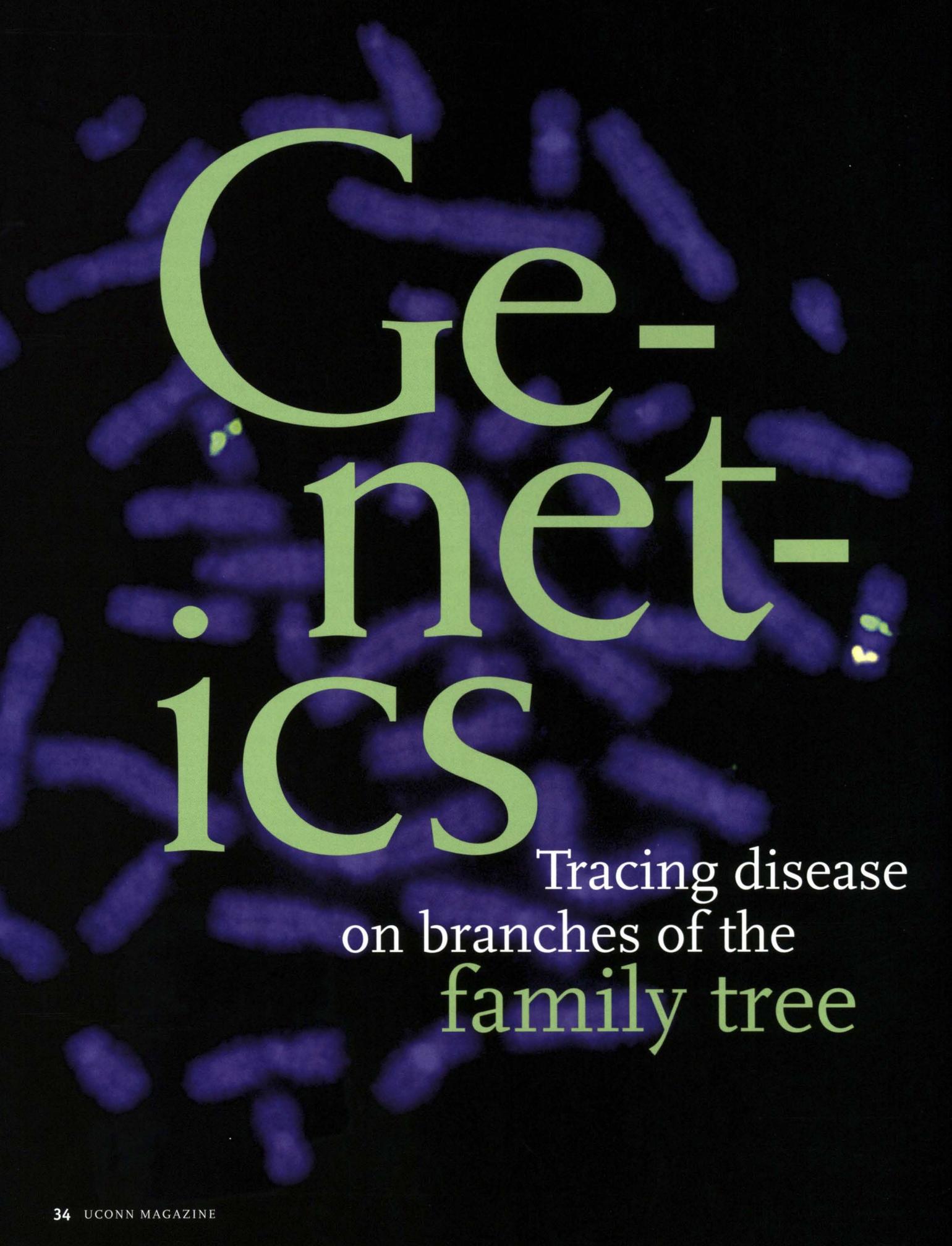
FINCH: If I really dream about what I'd like to see for my city, I would love to have a branch of UConn in Bridgeport. People wanted to put a casino in Bridgeport, but I want to look for an economic engine that would give us the credibility, the respect and the economic driver. I'd want to have UConn here.

Mayor DeStefano, is there any advice that you would give Mayor Finch in his early days in office right now?

DeSTEFANO: Bill's been around for a while and he has the benefit of having stood in other places that will help him, help me and help our colleagues become better mayors. The large issue here is we go through life looking at a zero sum game, which means to say that in order for me to put bread on my table, I've got to take it off yours. When you're a mayor, you learn pretty quickly the distinctions of class and race and political party are really meaningless. What's important are the values we share as residents of our community and of the state, and to act on those values in service to one another and become a whole that's more than sum of the part.

FINCH: I had a phenomenal experience being a member of the state Senate. It's certainly one of the most enjoyable political experiences you could ever have. But there's a disconnect between the levels of government. It shouldn't be the state blaming the localities and the localities blaming the state. We've got to make government more seamless. I think one of the things that I have to try to do is to continue to work with the General Assembly to get them to understand how difficult it is being a First Selectman or a mayor in Connecticut. The buck always stops at the local government level. They didn't call me when there was a fire when I was a state senator. Now they call me. They want action. They want something fixed. It's a great feeling, but it's also one that I think other levels of government need to be reminded of and, like John said, not look at it as a zero sum game.

Discussion moderated by Kenneth Best. Special thanks to the UConn Oral History Program for transcription services.



Ge- net- ics

Tracing disease
on branches of the
family tree

By Kristina Goodnough

As a teenager in the 1960s, Sheila Saxe was jolted by the death of four aunts, one after the other. “Within six years, four women in my grandfather’s family died: two of ovarian cancer, one of breast cancer and one of an unknown cancer,” she says. “I thought, gosh, did they catch it from each other? Was the family cursed?”

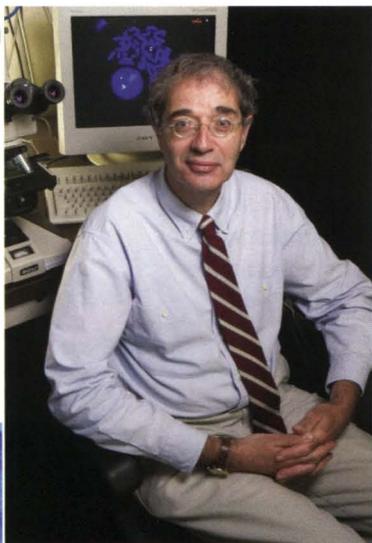
Cancer moved into the next two generations. It skipped her mother, but touched her mother’s cousin. Then her own cousin was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 28.

Finally, in her 50’s, through testing at the UConn Health Center, Saxe learned that her family *did* have a higher cancer risk—one caused by genetic code. She carried a mutation in one of the breast cancer suppression genes (BRCA) that can greatly increase the risk for developing breast and ovarian cancer at an early age and can be passed to children, thereby increasing their risk for developing the disease.

“Frankly, it was a relief,” says Saxe, who, with the test results, received guidance about its implications from Robin Schwartz, a genetic counselor at UConn’s Division of Human Genetics. Saxe promptly had surgery to remove her ovaries. While the operation uncovered no obvious signs of disease, a subsequent pathology exam showed cancerous tumors on both ovaries.

“So I had a complete hysterectomy and chemotherapy. Tests now show me to be cancer free and I have follow-up exams every three months. My cousin lived only 15 months after diagnosis. I am very lucky,” says Saxe.

Saxe is one beneficiary of the advances in molecular biology that have vastly expanded our knowledge about human genetics and disease.



LANNY FRAGLER

Peter Benn, professor of genetics and developmental biology and director of the human genetics laboratory.



A family photo taken circa 1948 includes the four aunts and two cousins of Sheila Saxe who were diagnosed and died at an early age from cancer.

“It was only about 50 years ago that we figured out the precise number of chromosomes in a cell, which opened the door to identifying chromosomal abnormalities,” says Peter Benn, professor of genetics and developmental biology and director of the human genetics laboratory. Some major chromosomal abnormalities, such as missing or an extra chromosome, can be detected under a microscope to diagnose disorders like Down syndrome. Other inherited disorders, such as sickle cell anemia or cystic fibrosis, are the result of single gene abnormalities that can be found only with more sophisticated molecular analysis; while still other diseases, such as diabetes, have been linked to multiple genes. And, more recently, scientists have begun to learn that environmental factors like chemical exposure, diet and other lifestyle differences can affect the function of genes and their contribution to certain diseases.

“We can help individuals and families understand their risk of many diseases and often we can offer them counseling and tools to help manage that risk,” says Robert Greenstein, director of the Division of Human Genetics.

For Holly and Kevin Potter, counseling led them to specialized genetic testing that helped them start a family. Kevin has cystic fibrosis, an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. The Potters worried about passing the disease to their children. “We discussed adoption, but we thought we would like to have our own children,” says Holly. Because her husband had the disease, Holly underwent testing to determine her status. “I found out that I also was a carrier for cystic fibrosis.” When both parents carry the gene, there is a greater chance of passing the disease to their child.



Kevin and Holly Potter, both cystic fibrosis carriers, turned to the Center for Advanced Reproductive Services at UConn's Health Center for help with genetic diagnosis prior to in vitro fertilization. Their son Aiden was born free of the disease.

For help, the Potters turned to the Center for Advanced Reproductive Services at the UConn Health Center for pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD), a test used during in vitro fertilization to identify embryos with genetic disorders. The test makes it possible to transfer only those embryos without the disorder into the woman's uterus. "Without this testing, we wouldn't have dared to have children," says Holly. Their son, Aiden, was born without cystic fibrosis, though they learned he too is a carrier. "My husband is very lucky he has a mild case of cystic fibrosis, but it is not something you want to pass along to your children. The doctors told us that PGD reduces the chances of having a child with the disease to about 5 percent. Still we were on pins and needles until we got the results of Aiden's test."

"Without this testing, we wouldn't have dared to have children." — Holly Potter

Genetic testing on newborns is another significant milestone for treating disease. In the 1960s, genetic testing was introduced for babies born in hospitals to identify phenylketonuria, a metabolic disorder resulting in mental retardation that can be effectively treated by early diet therapy. Since then, the number of disorders for which newborns are tested has increased steadily in most states. In Connecticut, more than 40,000 babies are screened annually for hearing loss and for more than 40 genetic or metabolic disorders within days of birth, says Greenstein. The Division of Human Genetics is a designated treatment and management center for babies with disorders detected by the screening program. About 2,100 screened babies, or 5 percent, will have a positive result that requires more testing.

"Our ability to develop screening tests for inherited diseases and metabolic errors has been extremely useful," says Benn, who with colleagues in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology published their research. The study, which appeared in the *Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology*, concluded that noninvasive screening procedures like blood tests and ultrasound for pregnant women can detect fetal chromosomal abnormalities such as Down syndrome and neural tube defects almost as effectively as more

invasive procedures such as amniocentesis—the removal of amniotic fluid—which have a higher risk of miscarriage. "Either you get a negative result, which can provide considerable reassurance, or you get a positive result and obtain additional diagnostic tests."

Traditionally, according to Benn, there has been a consensus among scientists and physicians that genetic screening should be offered only for conditions for which there is an available intervention or therapy. However, research is causing a change in such thinking.

"We are now at a point where we can test for many more disorders than we can effectively treat," says Benn, who cautions that the screening tests don't come without a cost. "It's not just the economic price, which can be considerable, but the cost of false positive results, which can increase stress and emotional suffering. Screening tests are introduced when the benefits are considered to outweigh these disadvantages."

Screening and genetic diagnosis for some disorders may be appropriate for some families and not others. For example, it would be reasonable to consider genetic testing for breast and ovarian cancer for a woman with a family history of the disease, but not necessarily for all women. And, says genetics counselor Jennifer Stroop, not all cancer is hereditary. Breast cancer, for example, is diagnosed in 200,000 American women every year, but hereditary breast cancer is rare, accounting for only about 5 to 10 percent of the cases.

"If the cancer is hereditary, that information can empower people," says Stroop, who meets with patients to interpret the test results and discuss the implications for them and family members. Stroop tells of one woman who was diagnosed with breast and then ovarian cancer. She had genetic testing before she died because of concerns about her two daughters. When the daughters were tested, they learned they didn't have the altered gene.

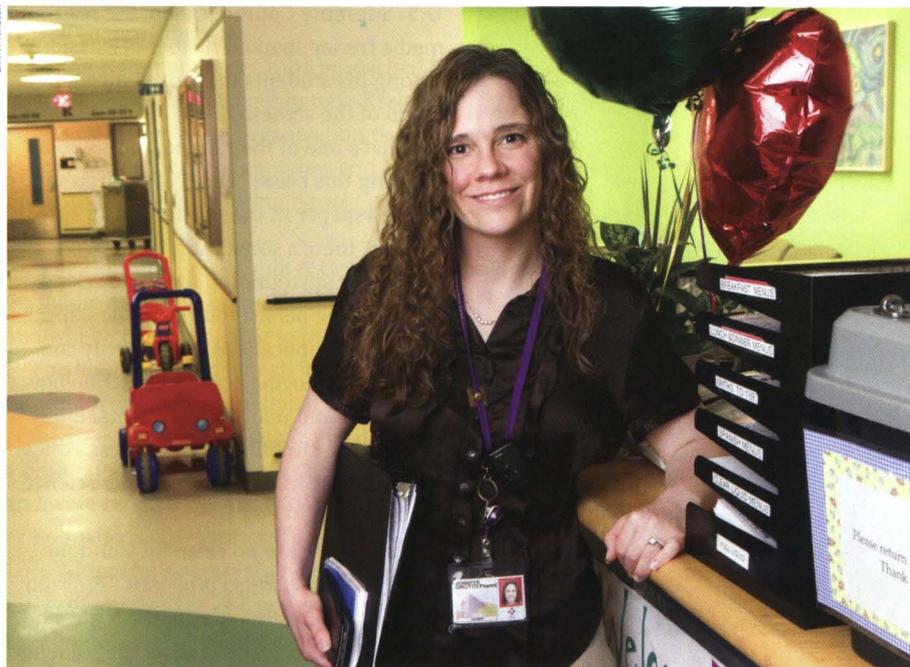
"In some ways," says Stroop, "the information becomes a gift."

Jennifer Stroop, left, and Robin Schwartz, are genetic counselors at UConn's Division of Human Genetics.



Giroto finds remedies for students and patients

PEDIATRIC PHARMACIST SEEKS IMPROVED DRUG TREATMENTS FOR CHILDREN



Even as she spends most of her time teaching UConn pharmacy students about pediatric drug therapies, Jennifer Giroto '00 (PHR), '02 Pharm.D. is seeking to improve drug therapy management for children with infectious diseases by conducting a number of research studies, including skin and ear infections.

In one recent retrospective study she looked at groups of children who were admitted to children's hospitals with skin and soft tissue infections, mostly abscesses. Typically, the infection is drained and treated with intravenous antibiotics. Giroto and her fellow researchers wanted to know if initial therapy with a powerful antibiotic like vancomycin was associated with a difference in outcome if given within the first 48 hours of treatment.

Her preliminary research showed that using a powerful antibiotic or combinations of antibiotics was not associated with a difference in the first 48 hours, suggesting that the empiric use of such power-

ful antibiotics may not be needed. Instead, drainage combined with more traditional antibiotics may be more appropriate.

"The concern is that if you go to the big drugs with everybody, you're going to encourage resistance to certain antibiotics and not have them for infections that you really need them," Giroto says of the study that was presented in September 2007 at the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group meeting. Her research into the subject is timely because skin and soft tissue infections have often been associated with the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*. A specific resistant form of this bacteria, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) was associated with the "superbug" scare that caused worry last year in Connecticut.

Giroto also conducted a meta-analysis to evaluate different antibiotics as single antibiotic therapy options for empiric treatment of neutropenia with fever in children. This study, which was presented at an American College of Clinical

Pharmacy meeting, showed no difference between the two commonly used agents ceftazidime and cefepime when compared to other therapies and, more importantly, when they were compared to each other.

Giroto says as a student she thought of research as "a daunting prospect" even as she developed a passion for it.

"Doing undergraduate research helped me develop self-confidence and the ability to look at some outcomes," she says. "I remember being very excited being able to work on a research project from start to finish and then to see it published."

Now, as a teacher, when Giroto determined that she would not be able to meet with the students who wanted to enroll in her pediatric pharmacy class during her maternity leave this past spring semester, she arranged an online course in order to maintain a continued level of involvement with them.

"Pediatric pharmacy is my passion and I want to be able to give that back to the students," says Giroto, assistant clinical professor of pharmacy practice in the School of Pharmacy and a clinical specialist at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. "I didn't want the students to miss out because of my maternity leave, so in working with other people, we found a creative way to make sure they got the experience."

After graduating from UConn, Giroto completed her residency in pediatric pharmacy at Children's Hospital in Boston. As luck would have it, as she was finishing her residency, UConn was seeking a new specialist in pediatric pharmacy.

Giroto, a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist, was named 2005 Pharmacist of the Year by the Connecticut Society of Health-System Pharmacists, for which she previously served as president.

— *Alix Boyle*

Questions for new technology

GERALD ENGEL'S STUDENTS CONNECT COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL ETHICS



PETER MOHRERUS

Whether you are buying the most up-to-date digital camera or striving to become an overnight expert on the latest and greatest computer program, you'll inevitably find that, before long, you've fallen behind the times.

But understanding how to operate updated digital gadgets is not the only concern surrounding new technology that seems to emerge each week. Along with every version of a computer program or hi-tech device, a new and unfamiliar ethics issue often surfaces.

For Gerald Engel, Leonhardt Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at UConn's Stamford campus, staying ahead of these issues and knowing how to handle them is essential for today's computer science students. He teaches a course focused on the social, ethical and professional issues of computer science and engineering, also addressing issues of public policy.

Engel initiates discussions among his students about real-world ethical scenarios,

urging them to explore how technology and ethics intersect. "Tell me what field the computer hasn't influenced," he says. "The computer affects everything we do. If we don't have some knowledge of what's going on with it, we're in trouble."

Students initially might doubt the value of such debates, says Engel, recalling the

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weeks before the 2000 U.S. presidential election, when he asked his students to consider what role technology could play in the voting process. His questions: How might computers be used in an election? Should they be used to count votes? What would the implications be?

"The comment from the students was, 'None of this is real. None of this ever happens,'" Engel recalls. Yet when controversy erupted in Florida over the election results, which included electronic

voting, a divisive recount process and a U.S. Supreme Court decision, the resulting media frenzy sparked further discussion among his students that lasted through much of the semester.

"That's one of the exciting things about teaching this class," Engel says. "You read the newspaper in the morning, and sure enough, there's something there."

Debates surrounding the use of electronic voting persist today, but the ethical and social implications and security concerns of employing computer technology also reach into many other realms. Engel seems to be supplied with limitless ethics questions for his future computer science professionals.

There often are no clear-cut solutions to the dilemmas Engel proposes. "Probably the most interesting questions to me, and the most difficult problems for the students, are those that simply do not have an answer," he says.

One of the topics he covered this past semester focused on whether Internet access should now be considered a basic human right. "Is it necessary to provide Internet access, including necessary equipment, to all citizens?" he asked his

students. "Is it necessary to ensure low-cost access to high-speed Internet service? If the answer to these questions is no, then how do you adequately address the questions of the digital divide?"

Ultimately, Engel wants his students to consider the potential consequences of their decisions in a wide range of hypothetical scenarios. "It will be the obligation of these students, as citizens and as professionals, to inform the public debate on such issues," he says. "Where's the line, and how do you decide these things? That's what I try to bring out."

— Stefanie Dion Jones '00 (CLAS)

Documenting the history of the modern press

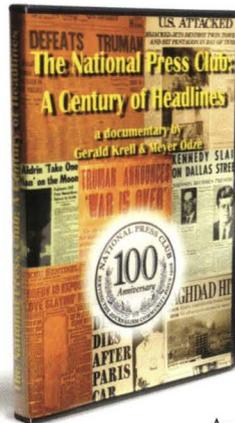
As a member of the National Press Club, veteran documentary producer Jerry Krell '57 (SFA) thought the organization's members would be interested in learning more about the history of what has become a Washington, D.C., icon for newsmakers as well as news reporters.

As the National Press Club approached its 100th anniversary in 2008, the club's leadership took Krell up on his suggestion to develop a history of an organization that also mirrored the nation's history with a legacy of speeches and events linked to many of the 20th century's towering figures in politics, culture and American life.

"The National Press Club: A Century of Headlines" premiered on public television in the Washington, D.C., area earlier this year and will be made available to public television stations nationwide.

The hour-long film, which won the top creative excellence award in 2008 from the International Academy of the Visual Arts, looks at the role of the Press Club in the development of journalism as a profession and shows how changes in society at large impacted and were reflected in this institution. Footage of Watergate reporter Bob Woodward, former CBS anchor Walter Cronkite, legendary UPI White House correspondent Helen Thomas and others reveal facets of journalism as a profession and changes in the field.

"There was a transition from print to the electronic medium," says Krell, "Radio and television reporters didn't get into the club



right away. The print journalists felt they were the real journalists. Then they let the radio reporters in and those from TV. Now blogging and the Internet are changing the game again. I was not trying to make an inside piece on the club. We were interested in how the Press Club reflected journalism both in Washington and throughout the country."

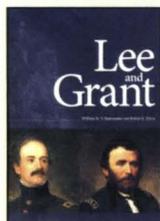
Krell, who received the 2008 Alumni Award from the UConn School of Fine

Arts in April, says events at the National Press

Club also reflected changes in American society, such as the struggle of women and black journalists to gain equal opportunities in covering news.

As in his previous public television documentaries on differences in religious faith and other topics, Krell develops a real-time narrative by sifting through hundreds of hours of historic footage and more than 150 hours of original interviews with club members to weave the history of the organization as told by its members.

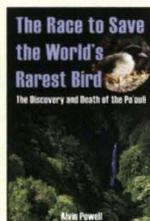
The filmmaker now is beginning work on the third installment of his religion trilogy, which compares similarities and differences in religious beliefs. — *Kenneth Best*



Lee and Grant
William M.S. Rasmussen
and Robert S. Tilton
(D. Giles Ltd.)

**Generals Robert E. Lee and
Ulysses S. Grant are without
a doubt two of the most**

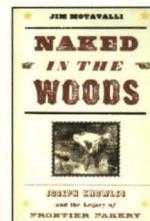
important and heavily published about figures in American history. Their often controversial characters, lives and careers are intrinsically linked with the American Civil War, and subsequent written histories on both individuals have frequently been shaped by the positions and roles both took up during that conflict. Tilton, head of UConn's English department, and Rasmussen, curator of art at the Virginia Historical Society, have written a major reassessment of these two figures together and compared them over an extended period of time. Together with historic illustrations from a touring exhibition, this well-researched and well-written narrative provides a major re-assessment of the careers and historical impact of Lee and Grant.



**The Race to Save the World's
Rarest Bird: The Discovery
and Death of the Po'ouli**
Alvin Powell '83 (CLAS)
(Stackpole Books)

**Thirty years ago researchers
discovered a previously**

unknown species of bird in the rain-soaked and remote mountains of Hawaii. As they studied the creature—which sported a black mask and was called the po'ouli—they soon learned that its population was shrinking quickly, and they worked frantically to find out what was killing the species and how they might prevent its extinction. In this fast-paced account of their work, done in one of the world's most inhospitable environments, Powell, senior science writer at Harvard University and first-time author, describes a stirring fight for survival. A real-life scientific adventure, the book offers a thought-provoking examination of how the country's Endangered Species Act works—and how it fails.



**Naked in the Woods: Joseph
Knowles and the Legacy
of Frontier Favery**
Jim Motavalli '75 (CLAS)
(DaCapo Press)

**Motavalli's latest book recounts
the untold story of Joseph**

Knowles, a 45-year-old part-time painter, ex-Navy man, friend of the Sioux, and onetime hunting guide who stepped—nearly naked—into the woods to live off the land and his own devices. From 1913 to 1916, Knowles issued dispatches describing accounts of bear clubbing and quiet contemplation, setting off major newspaper wars and fears of modernization. Motavalli, former editor of *E/The Environmental Magazine*, has a wonderful time with his subject, concluding, "He may have been at least partly a fraud, but he was nonetheless successful in communicating a powerful and useful message to an anxiety-stricken age." Part adventure story, part cultural investigation, the book reveals a whole new dimension of our natural history.

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; or online at www.uconnalumni.com.

Save the dates!

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009
June 5–6, 2009

Reconnect with the Class of 1959, the UConn Alumni Marching Band, Alumni Cheerleaders, Student Leader Alumni, African American Alumni and other groups to celebrate Alumni Weekend 2009. Schedule will include tours of campus, keynote speakers, New England Clambake and much more.

If you are from the Class of 1959, or if you have a specific group (i.e. fraternity, sorority, student organization, intramural team, etc.) that you would like to get together for Alumni Weekend, please let us know and we'll add you to the schedule. All classes and groups are welcome!

Alumni volunteers are also needed for the Alumni Weekend 2009 Planning Committee. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Lachut '90 at (888) 822-5861 or by e-mail at kimberly.lachut@uconn.edu.

From the Alumni Association

In his inaugural address, President Mike Hogan shared his vision of the University's future and the work to be done in developing the next generation of leaders for our state, our nation and our world. Using a theme of "strength through unity," he called for collaboration across the University and acknowledged the efforts of former faculty, staff, students, legislators and donors for UConn's amazing progress.

When I talk to alumni, it's clear they share President Hogan's pride in UConn's past and anticipation of its future. Often, they want to know how to translate that pride into action that makes a difference for UConn. Mike Hogan's theme of "strength through unity" seems a very fitting answer.

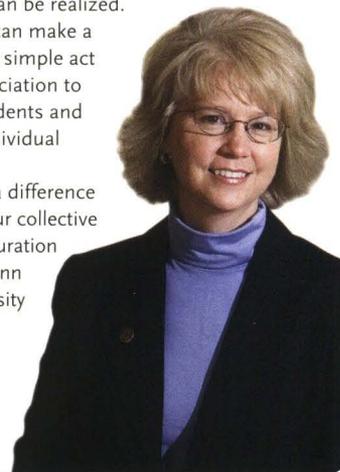
The power of alumni impact lies in the collective action of a large, talented pool of former students. Individually, alumni have a single voice. When alumni gather together and become involved as a united group, your voice grows and the exponential impact on UConn's future can be realized.

Groups of engaged alumni, working through the Alumni Association, can make a significant difference in determining UConn's trajectory. It starts with the simple act of joining the Alumni Association. Alumni membership enables the Association to work on behalf of all UConn alums in connecting alumni, supporting students and strengthening the University. As members, the alumni are channeling individual efforts into collective action that benefits current and future graduates.

Alumni members will find many more ways, large and small, to make a difference for UConn. I invite you to learn more about how you can become part of our collective effort at uconnalumni.com. While there, check out Mike Hogan's full Inauguration address and learn more about his vision for UConn. There are 195,000 UConn alumni like you living around the world. Imagine the impact on your University if we can translate your pride into action. There is strength in our unity.

Lisa Lewis
Executive Director, UConn Alumni Association

Connecting Alumni. Supporting Students. Strengthening UConn.



1930s

Nathan Norkin '39 (CLAS) served in the U.S. army during World War II as an engineer officer and was awarded the Bronze Star. He is married to **Ethel Norkin '80 (CLAS)**.

1940s

Carolyn Malone '44 (CLAS) is settled in Connecticut after leaving Florida to travel the country with her husband in their motor home.

Ina (Rude) Mish '48 (CLAS) and **Lawrence Mish '49 (CANR)** are involved in many hobbies and activities within their Buzzards Bay, Mass., community. They have been married 57 years and have four children and eight grandchildren.

1950s

Sidney Grossman '50 (BUS) is the chairman of the Public Employees Relations Commission in Delray Beach, Fla.

Carroll Abrams '52 (ENG) is the author of *Diverse Verse*, a book of poetry released in October 2007 by iUniverse.

Robert A. Gardner '52 (BUS) is the author of the book *Digressions*, published by AuthorHouse in December 2007.



Nathan Cervo '54 (CLAS) is retired after teaching English for 50 years at institutions including Boston College, Louisiana State

University and Franklin Pierce University. He is a published author whose most recent book, *The Roman Poems*, was released by Rat and Mole Press in 2002. He has lived in the Monadnock region of New Hampshire for 35 years.



Richard Kallerman '55 (BUS) is transportation issues chair for the Texas state chapter of the Sierra Club and chairman of

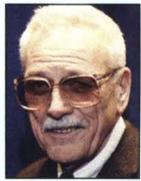
the board of directors of Save Our Springs Alliance, an organization dedicated to the protection of Texas' Edwards Aquifer. He retired from IBM in 1989.

Joseph McGarvey '55 (ENG) is self-employed as an aircraft engineer consultant after 25 years as a

fatigue specialist with the Federal Aviation Administration. He has over 52 years of aircraft engineering experience. He lives with his wife in Glenview, Ill.

William LaRoue '57 (ED) was named a 2008 Distinguished Advocate by the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism in recognition of his efforts as head docent at the New London Custom House Maritime Museum.

Joseph R. Werner '57 (CLAS) serves on the board of directors of the Academy For Lifelong Learning at Cape Cod Community College.



Donald Powers '59 M.S. retired after nearly 50 years in the field of electron beam welding, contributing numerous technical papers

and articles on the subject. He received the 1988 Honorary Membership Award from the American Welding Society and was selected as a Counselor of the American Welding Society in 2002.

John Severino '59 (CLAS), past president of ABC and CBS

television networks, is a media consultant to WeR1 World Network dealing with programming for Central China TV in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. His wife, **Sally (Ingalls) '59 (CLAS)**, is an artist and a volunteer caregiver at UCLA Children's Hospital.

Robert R. Spillane '59 M.A., '67 Ph.D., vice president and executive director of the Center for Education at CNA Corp., received the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Neag School of Education. He previously served as superintendent of schools in Fairfax County, Va.; Boston, Mass.; New Rochelle, N.Y.; and Glassboro, N.J., and served as New York State Deputy Commissioner of Education for four years. He has taught and lectured at several universities, including Harvard, Columbia, Fordham and New York.

Lewis Turco '59 (CLAS) is a poet and author whose work has been published in many anthologies and periodicals. He was a judge for the 2007 Founder's Award of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies and the 2007 Charles Dickson Chapbook Contest of the Georgia Poetry Society.

1960s



Bruce Cagenello '60 (CLAS), a commercial broker with Prudential Connecticut Realty, was named the UConn School of Business 2008 Center for Real Estate Individual Partner of the Year.

Dave Hills '60 (ED), '65 M.A. is a retired high school history teacher who served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He recently published his memoir and enjoys traveling, motorcycling and flying his airplane.

Donald Scott '61 M.S.W. retired after a 46-year career in human services, including the last 16 years as the first president and CEO of Emerald Heights, a nationally recognized continuing care retirement community in Redmond, Wash.

Dom Armentano '62 M.A. is the author of the books *Antitrust and Monopoly* and *Antitrust: The Case for Repeal*, both of which have recently been translated into Russian. He also writes op-eds on public policy for the Vero Beach,

Fla., "Press Journal" and for [lewrockwell.com](http://www.lewrockwell.com).

Peter Nelson '63 (SFA) retired from teaching art at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass., and at the University of Connecticut Hartford and Storrs campuses. He still paints and continues to show his work.

Stanley Weissler '63 (PHR), associate clinical professor of pharmacotherapy and outcomes sciences at the Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy in Loma Linda, Calif., was appointed to the California State Board of Pharmacy in November 2007.

David Baldessari '64 (BUS) is a global consulting engineer and customer program manager for Celestica Inc., after retiring as an engineer with Hewlett-Packard after 27 years.

Herb Bunnell '64 (RHSA) retired after 30 years of service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

Martin Godgart '64 Ph.D., professor emeritus of education at Manchester Community College,

Finding a relevant career in law

After his second year of law school, **Alan Bennett '69 (CLAS)** began to question the direction where his career might lead.

As an intern working on securities law at a New York City law firm, Bennett found himself in a printer's shop at 3 a.m. proofreading copies of documents that were going to be filed with the Securities Exchange Commission.

"I found myself watching a film titled 'Your Financial Printer and You,' and a light bulb went off in my head," recalls the former UConn political science honors student. "I don't want to do this. I want to do something more relevant, more politically aware."

Consequently, after graduating from Columbia Law School, Bennett went to Washington, D.C., where he "knocked on the door of every government agency that sounded interesting."

He was hired by the Office of the General Counsel of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), an experience that he describes as a "terrific job to have right out of law school."

Bennett, who was named the UConn Alumni Association's 2007 Distinguished Alumnus, served as a trial and appellate lawyer and legal advisor to several bureaus within the FDA for many years. He then served as legislative assistant to the late Senator Jacob K. Javits. Today, he is a managing partner at the law firm of Ropes & Gray in Washington, D.C., where his practice is focused on the thickets of scientific, medical, economic, political and legal issues intertwined with the marketing and

development of new medical products.

"It is high-profile work, it's inherently interesting and you learn an awful lot," says Bennett. "It's fascinating to spend time with the people who run major medical institutions in this country and hear their opinions and expertise on all these issues."

A member of the University of Connecticut Foundation board of directors, Bennett recently endowed an honors

professorship in political science at UConn. Bennett credits the honors program for preparing him for the career he chose.

"The honors program was one of most meaningful things that happened to me when I was at UConn," he says. "We had some of the advantages of a small school, but within this large university. It made for a much more successful experience for me at UConn." — Gary E. Frank



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is a volunteer sergeant and training officer for parking enforcement specialists with the Boynton Beach, Fla., police department. He is a U.S. Navy veteran who served with a Mobile Construction Battalion (Seabees) overseas.

Jeremy Joyell '64 (CLAS) is the author of *A Lifetime Ago: Before the Death of Childhood*, released in January 2008 by iUniverse.

James Lyons Sr. '65 (ED), M.A. '71, '74 Ph.D. was appointed secretary of higher education in Maryland by Gov. Martin O'Malley. He previously served as president of California State University, Dominguez Hills.



Thomas Bowler '66 (ED), '81 6th year presented a seminar on *Risky Business: Gymnasiums, Playgrounds, Physical Education and Playing Fields—Calling in the Expert* before the Gloucester County Bar Association in Sewell, N.J.

Carolyn Schwab '66 (CLAS) is a historian for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Rhode Island.

David Salsburg '66 Ph.D., an independent consultant and author of *The Lady Tasting Tea: How Statistics Revolutionized Science in the Twentieth Century* (W.H. Freeman & Co.), received the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the UConn Department of Statistics. He was the first statistician hired by Pfizer Central Research and spent nearly 30 years at Pfizer. He is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and has received a lifetime achievement award from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturing Association.

Kumares Sinha '66 M.S., '69 Ph.D., Olson Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering at Purdue University, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering for contributions to the advancement of highway infrastructure engineering and management and to the education of transportation professionals worldwide. He has served for the past 12 years as the director of the Joint Transportation Research Program, a collaboration

between Purdue and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

John Fagan '67 M.S.W., '80 M.B.A. retired from Hartford Hospital after a 37-year career, most recently as vice president. He is a volunteer with the Senior Corps of Retired Executives.

Mildred (Comrie) Holcomb '68 M.A. is a member of the faculty in the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at LeTourneau University's Houston campus. She received her doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in 2002 and retired from teaching public school after 38 years.

Diane Oglesby '68 (NUR) received a doctorate in special education from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in May. She is senior projects associate for the National Association of State Directors of Special Education in Alexandria, Va., and lives in Woodbridge with her husband and three toy poodles.

Kathryn Scheirey '68 (NUR) retired from Elm Hill Convalescent Home in Rocky Hill, Conn., after 28 years. She married Edward Eichner in August 2006.



Matthew Stackpole '68 (CLAS), former executive director of the Martha's Vineyard Museum, is a major gifts officer at Mystic

Seaport in Groton, Conn. He lives with his wife Martha year-round in Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Sharon Sloane '69 M.A. is president and CEO of WILL Interactive, Inc., in Potomac, Md., which has produced a program used in schools to educate students about the abuse of prescription drugs.

1970s

Robert Brandewie '70 (CLAS) is senior vice president of identity and security solutions for Telos Corporation in Ashford, Va. He directs the company's efforts to assist government organizations in effectively meeting increased security challenges.

Roland A. Patry '70 (PHR), professor of pharmacy practice and chair of clinical practice and management in the department of pharmacy practice at Texas Tech University, received the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award in Academia from the UConn School of Pharmacy. He is a member of the advisory boards of International Pharmacy Abstracts, an indexed reference to worldwide pharmacy literature, and Becton Dickinson, a global medical technology company.

Alfred Towle '70 (ENG) is assistant dean of graduate education at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He is a certified facilities manager, a certified plant engineer and a certified energy manager.

James Cohen '71 J.D. is the president and CEO of the Valley Community Foundation, an affiliate of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. He previously was a partner in the Derby, Conn., law firm of Cohen and Thomas for 37 years.

Jim Walls '71 (ENG) is the new vice president of product development for QuoNova, a company developing anti-bacterial biofilm technology in Melbourne, Fla. He previously served as vice president of business development for Bacterin International, Inc.

Mark Borderud '72 (CLAS), an artist and photographer in Brooklyn, N.Y., teamed up with Lürzer's ARCHIVE magazine for a t-shirt and direct-mail campaign.

Mark Lettes '72 (BUS) has been appointed to the board of directors of Century Mining Corporation, with headquarters in Blaine, Wash. He is a financial consultant with nearly 20 years of industry experience in international natural resources. He previously held senior management positions at Apex Silver Mines as the senior vice president and CFO, and at Amax Gold Inc. as vice president of trading and treasury director.

Robert Makuch '72 (CLAS), professor of biostatistics at the Yale University School of Public Health, received the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UConn Department of Mathematics.

H. Fred Simons '72 Ph.D., retired university administrator and pioneer in multicultural education, received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Neag School of Education.

Debra Glassman '73 (BUS) is assistant director of development at the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. She most recently served as the organization's director of women's philanthropy.

Thomas Howarth '73 (CLAS) is director of the Father McKenna Center at Saint Aloysius Church in Washington, D.C., which serves the poor and homeless.

Mark Roby '73 (CLAS), '78 Ph.D. is vice president of research and development at Salient Surgical Technologies in Dover, N.H., a medical device company. Before

Abbreviation Key

School and/or College for baccalaureate degrees:

CANR – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

SAH – School of Allied Health

CLAS – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

BUS – School of Business

SFA – School of Fine Arts

ED – Neag School of Education

ENG – School of Engineering

SFS – School of Family Studies

BGS – General Studies

NUR – School of Nursing

PHR – School of Pharmacy

RHSA – Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture

Graduate/professional degree:

M.A. – Master of Arts

M.S. – Master of Science

M.D.S. – Master of Dental Science

M.B.A. – Master of Business Administration

M.F.A. – Master of Fine Arts

M.M. – Master of Music

M.P.A. – Master of Public Affairs

M.P.H. – Master of Public Health

M.S.W. – Master of Social Work

M.S.P.T. – M.S. in Physical Therapy

Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy

D.M.A. – Doctor of Musical Arts

J.D. – Juris Doctor

M.D. – Doctor of Medicine

D.M.D. – Doctor of Dental Medicine

Pharm.D. – Doctor of Pharmacy

6th Year – Sixth-Year Certificate

joining Salient, he was the chief operating officer of Promethean Surgical Devices, a development stage surgical products company.

Gary Wheeler '73 (SFA), president of Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, Mich., and **Susan (Gruenwald) Wheeler '74 (SFA)**, an exhibitor, designer and art professor, received the 2008 Alumni Award from the School of Fine Arts in recognition of their careers in education and art. They have co-authored numerous books including *TypeSense: Making Sense of Type on the Computer*, *The Visual Design Primer* and *Drawing Conclusions: An Artist's Guide to Adobe Illustrator*.



Bob Kaufman '74 (BUS), owner of Bob's Discount Furniture stores, received the 2008 Biomedical Achievement

Award from the American Red Cross at its National Convention in Baltimore, Md. The award is presented to a Red Cross volunteer who has cultivated innovative practices to reach the public and continue to collect blood from local volunteers.



professor of marine biology and fisheries at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel

School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, was a special address speaker at the World Summit on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The biennial event brings together creative minds from industry, science, healthcare, development technology and policy to discuss key issues in the world.

Kevin P. Newman '74 M.B.A., president of Kevin P. Newman Associates, LLC., was inducted into the UConn School of Business Hall of Fame.

Valory Ramsdell Omasta '74 (ED), co-owner of Western CT Physical Therapy in Danbury, Conn., received the 2008 Outstanding Kinesiology Professional Award from the Neag School of Education.

Stephen Embry '75 J.D., attorney at the Groton, Conn., law firm of Embry and Neusner, was inducted into the American Bar Association's College of Workers' Compensation Attorneys on March 29, 2008.

Martha (Bassett) Gauthier '75 (NUR), unit manager at Oneonta Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Oneonta, N.Y., received the Registered Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Facilities Association. She has been a nurse at the Center since 2002.

Susan Gerr '75 (SFA), potter and owner of Birch Mountain Pottery in Tolland, Conn., had one of her pieces accepted into the 17th annual National Ceramics Competition at The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, Texas. She exhibits regionally and nationally, teaches at her studio and at UConn's Community School of the Arts, and volunteers at The Hole in The Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, Conn.

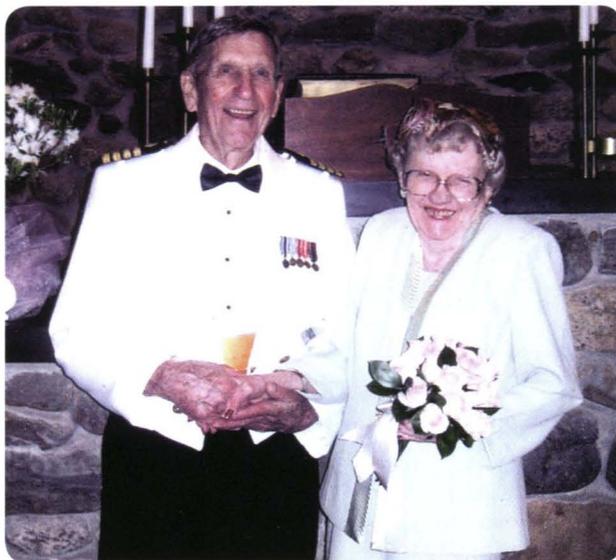
Edward Klonoski '75 (CLAS) is president of Charter Oak State College, a distance learning college in the Connecticut state college system. He is also executive director of the Board for State Academic Awards, which governs both the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium and Charter Oak State College.

Joyce Mordenti '75 (PHR), '83 Ph.D. is vice president of translational medicine for Medivation, Inc, a biopharmaceutical company. She previously was their senior director of translational medicine.

Eva Ogens '75 (CLAS), science curriculum supervisor for the Jersey City (N.J.) Public Schools, received her doctorate in educational leadership from Seton Hall University in May 2008.

Gerard Smyth '75 J.D. is an adjunct professor of criminology and criminal justice at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) and also joined the staff of the Center for Public Policy and Social Research at CCSU.

David Mark Fetterman '76 (ED), director of evaluation at the Stanford University School of Medicine, received the 2008 Outstanding Higher Education Professional



Lab partners for life

Althea (Davis) Stadler '38 (CLAS) married **Richard Clapp '39 (CLAS)** on May 17, 2007. They met as lab partners at UConn and kept in touch throughout the years.

Award from the Neag School of Education.

Stephen Glazier '76 M.A., '81 Ph.D., professor of anthropology and graduate faculty fellow at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, presented *Searching for the 'Sanctified Church' in the Caribbean: Zora Neale Hurston and Spiritual Quest in the Afro-Caribbean Church* at the 2008 ZORA! Festival, a multi-day celebration of the life and work of folklorist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston.

Deborah Messina '76 (CLAS) is scientific director of the Connecticut Forensic Science Laboratory, a division of the Department of Public Safety.

Howard Walitt '76 M.B.A. is enjoying retirement in Grand Junction, Colo., after 25 years at Aetna Life & Casualty Insurance.

Elise E. Wright '76 (ED), vice president of human resources at Aetna, Inc., was inducted into the UConn School of Business Hall of Fame in May.

Stephen Doxsey '77 (CLAS) received the 2007 University of Massachusetts President's Public Service Award for his efforts as co-founder

of the UMass Laboratories program for Worcester Area High Schools, which brings high school students to the Medical School campus for hands-on research experiences in state-of-the-art labs, while providing opportunities for faculty to encourage students to consider careers in the sciences. He is a professor of molecular medicine, biochemistry and molecular pharmacology and cell biology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.



Frank Longobardi '77 (BUS), a managing partner of Hagggett Longobardi, an accounting firm in Glastonbury, Conn., was elected

as chairman of the board of directors of the Arthritis Foundation, Northern and Southern New England Chapter. He has volunteered with the Arthritis Foundation for more than 10 years.

Don Smyth '77 (CLAS) is vice president at the Bristol County Savings Bank headquarters in Taunton, Mass. He also serves as chairman of the board of trustees of Bristol Community College and as chairman of the Greater Attleboro/Taunton Coalition on the Homeless.

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Theodore Crockett Jr. '78 (BUS) is director of information systems in the USIG division of MassMutual. He lives in Marlborough, Conn., with his wife, Rachel, and their two children.

Steven Hawco '78 (CLAS) is a member of the board of directors of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. He is the senior vice president of e-Commerce and Global Marketing Services for Group RCI, a Wyndham Worldwide company.

Barbara H. Deptula '78 (PHR) is the recipient of the UConn School of Pharmacy 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award in Industry. She is the executive vice president of global business development for Shire Pharmaceuticals of Chesterbrook, Pa., and is an executive board member of the Greater Philadelphia Life Sciences Congress of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Joseph Waz '78 J.D. is senior vice president of external affairs and public policy counsel at Comcast, which is based in Philadelphia.

Robin Beveridge '79 (ED) is the founder of RI Computer Learning Services, LLC., Newport, R.I., which conducts inexpensive semi-private classes for adults of all ages and means, helping them to become confident computer users. She also operates the Rhode Island franchise for CompuChild USA, the leading provider of technology education for children.

Peter C. Brandt '79 (BUS) was named president and chief executive officer of Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Miami, Fla. He previously was president of Pfizer's U.S. Pharmaceuticals Operations.

Nancy Herbert '79 (CLAS) is a grant writer at The Open Hearth, a shelter and residential transitional living program for homeless men in Hartford, Conn. She also attends classes at Hartford Seminary.

Arthur Landro '79 (BUS) is executive vice president of worldwide field operations for MontaVista Software, Inc., in Santa Clara, Calif., the leader in embedded Linux commercialization. He previously served as vice president of international field operations.

Geraldine Nappa '79 (ED) was appointed registrar for the Florida A&M University College of Law in Orlando, Fla.

1980s

Cheryl Bird '80 (ED) has retired from teaching in Flagler County, Fla.

John Buckheit '80 (BUS) is chief financial officer at The Chester County Economic Development Council in Exton, Pa.

Dale Fiore '80 (RHSA) is the general manager of the Evergreen Cemetery and Crematory in New Haven, Conn., and president of the New England Cemetery Association.

Diane (Gaudreau) Kauffman '80 (CLAS) received her Ph.D. in organization development from Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill., in August 2007. She is a district sales manager for Hewlett-Packard's imaging and printing organization, and lives in Deer Park, Ill., with her husband and two children.

Houston Lowry '80 M.B.A. is a member of the board of education in Avon, Conn.



Dennis O'Brien '80 (BUS) is operating partner at Gryphon Investors in San Francisco, where he is responsible for monitoring and

helping improve the performance of a group of Gryphon's portfolio companies. He previously served as president and chief operating officer at ConAgra.

Deborah J. Faucette '80 (PHR) is the recipient of the UConn School of Pharmacy 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award in Pharmacy Practice. She is a licensed pharmacist in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Florida, and is the senior vice president of sales and marketing for LearnSomething Inc., a leading provider of e-learning solutions for the food, drug and healthcare industries.

Kathleen (Day) Pietrocola '80 (SFS) is executive director at The Chelsea, a senior living community in East Brunswick, N.J. She lives in North Brunswick, N.J., with her three daughters.

Healing that speaks volumes

Most people take for granted the more than 100 physical components—including the jaw, facial muscles, lips and tongue—that allow us to speak. For those who stutter, a complex genetic and neurological disorder involuntarily tenses their vocal cords, making fluent speech difficult and a source of distress, shame and frustration.

"People see stuttering as a psychological, emotional problem. There are huge misconceptions about this disorder," says **Catherine (Otto) Montgomery '73 (CLAS)**, a speech-language pathologist whose holistic approach to treatment has earned her international recognition. "Stuttering remains one of the few disabilities people still laugh at."

Montgomery is executive director of the American Institute for Stuttering, a non-profit center she founded in 1998 after being in private practice for many years. She has treated thousands of clients from across the United States, Canada and Europe and is one of just 300 professionals recognized as a specialist in fluency disorders by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

The Institute treats stutterers of all ages—from preschoolers to teens and adults—and offers support for their families. Montgomery says stutterers can learn "how to coordinate the muscles and shift from automatic to manual control."

Montgomery stresses the importance of early intervention with young children affected by stuttering. "The earlier the better, especially if there's a family history," she says, noting that no longer are parents advised to take a "wait and see" approach to seeking treatment.

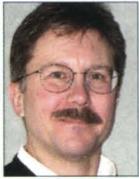
For those school-aged and beyond, treatment can be especially inten-

sive. Because stutterers so strongly associate negative experiences and reactions with their condition, they quickly learn to steer clear of specific words or avoid many social situations altogether. Although this disorder occurs through no fault of their own, they may feel guilty, incompetent, sometimes contemplating suicide; in fact, the suicide rate among stutterers is three times higher than those who do not stutter.

Treatment, therefore, focuses not only on learning how to manage one's speech mechanism, but also building self-esteem and empowering clients with knowledge about the nature and causes of stuttering. Treatment is what Montgomery appropriately refers to as "a healing process."

"We are talking about the human spirit here," she says. "The bottom line is, we want people to feel good about themselves." — *Stefanie Dion Jones '00 (CLAS)*





James Piotrowski '80 (CLAS) is a patent attorney with Henkel, Corp., in Rocky Hill, Conn., a global company operating

in laundry and homecare products, cosmetics and toiletries, and adhesive technologies.

James C. Williams '80 J.D. is a partner at the Los Angeles office of Proskauer Rose LLP, an international law firm with more than 750 lawyers worldwide.

Susan Carrano '81 (CLAS), '83 M.A. is a guest speaker at Saint John's School in Watertown, Conn., and a volunteer at Southbury Training School and the Woodbury Food Bank.

James Culmo '81 (ENG) is vice president of Airborne Early Warning/Battle Management Command and Control-Navy Programs at Northrup Grumman in Bethpage, N.Y. He has over 24 years of experience in the aerospace business.



John H. Driscoll, Jr. '81 (CLAS) is senior vice president, relationship manager at Webster Financial Advisors in Hartford, Conn.,

the wealth management arm of Webster Bank. He has more than 21 years of experience providing investment, tax, charitable giving, financial and estate planning advice.



Brian Heery '81 (ENG) was promoted to president and chief operating officer of Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc., in Warrendale, Pa. He previously served as vice president of the company's power systems group.

Gary Hendrickson '81 (CLAS) is president and chief operating officer of The Valspar Corporation in Minneapolis, Minn., a global leader in the paint and coatings industry. He previously served as the company's senior vice president.

Michael Splain '81 (ENG) has been promoted to executive vice president of the Microelectronics Group of Sun Microsystems. A veteran of 20 years with Sun, he also will continue to serve as a Sun fellow and as the company's chief engineer.



Louis Ursone '81 (CLAS) was awarded the Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship for 2008 by the Connecticut

Commission on Culture & Tourism, in recognition of his outstanding arts management abilities as executive director of Curtain Call, Inc., a community theater in Stamford.

Steven Wolfberg '81 (CLAS) is partner, president, and chief creative officer of Cronin & Company LLC, a marketing communications firm in Glastonbury, Conn. He lives in Avon, Conn., with his wife, Jennifer, and two children.

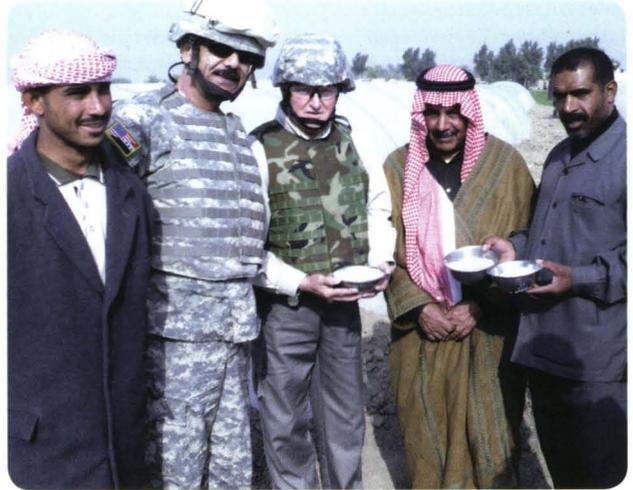
Judith (Sarin) Murray '82 (CLAS) is a psychotherapist at The Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph Castellano '83 (ENG) is a senior managing director in the Forensic and Litigation Consulting segment of FTI Consulting, Inc., a global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organizations protect and enhance their enterprise value.

Mark Ecsedy '83 (CANR) is vice president, mid-Atlantic region, for Vozzcom, a provider of broadband fulfillment services based in Coral Springs, Fla.

Jeffrey Ganis '83 (BUS) is a senior research consultant at LRA Worldwide, Inc., in Horsham, Pa., where he focuses on business development and client management. He has more than 15 years of experience in market research and consulting.

Kim Manning '83 (CLAS) is partner and chief operating officer of Cronin & Company LLC, a marketing communications firm in Glastonbury, Conn. She oversees the firm's client service function and leads all of the agency's strategic and brand planning initiatives.



Advising farmers in Iraq

George Stickels '70 (CANR), center holding bowl, volunteered earlier this year as an agricultural advisor in Babil Province, Iraq, part of an embedded provincial reconstruction team working with the 4th Combat Brigade Team, 3rd Infantry Division, just south of Baghdad. Stickels, automation branch chief in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, worked on several projects, including irrigation management, farm cooperatives and greenhouse vegetable production. Before volunteering to serve in Iraq, he supervised delivery of program software to the 2,550 county offices of the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

She lives in Cheshire, Conn., with her husband, Brad, and two sons.



Matthew O'Connor '83 (CLAS), chair of the Department of Finance and director of the Alternative Investments Institute in the

School of Business at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., has been appointed interim dean of the School of Business at Quinnipiac University for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Scott Peters '83 (CLAS) was named senior executive vice president for Regions Financial Corporation based in Birmingham, Ala. He serves as the chief marketing officer for Regions and manages business banking and private banking, product management, brand management, advertising, marketing communications, deposit strategy, consumer product management, and research and analysis.

Richard J. Augustine '84 M.B.A. was elected to the board of directors of U.S. Energy Systems, Inc. He is vice president, chief accounting officer and secretary of USEY and chief

executive officer of its subsidiary, U.S. Energy Biogas Corp.

Robert Femia '84 (CLAS), '88 M.D. is chairman of the department of emergency medicine at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

Mary Monroe Kolek '84 M.A., '02 Ph.D., deputy superintendent of New Canaan, Conn., schools received the 2008 Outstanding School Administrator Award from the Neag School of Education.

Brian P. McKeon '84 (BUS), executive vice president and chief financial officer of Iron Mountain, Inc., was inducted into the UConn School of Business Hall of Fame in May.

Thomas Prete '84 (ENG), '01 M.B.A., program chief engineer of military engines at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, Conn., was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Engineers.

Victor Rush '84 (CLAS) is vice president of TD Banknorth in West Hartford, Conn. He serves on the board of directors of Sand/Strive and on the advisory board of St. Francis Hospital, and is a senior pastor at Ebenezer Temple Church in Hartford.

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Wayne A. Eckerle '85 Ph.D., vice president of corporate research and technology at Cummins Inc., in Columbus, Ind., was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Engineers in recognition of his introduction of design and analysis tools for the new generation of diesel engines built by Cummins, Inc.



Liana Garcia-Fresher '85 (CANR), '85 M.S. is executive director of the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, a national family support organization based in Avon, Conn. She previously held executive positions with Prevent Blindness Connecticut, American Diabetes Association in Connecticut and Fresher Consultants, a non-profit management consulting firm.

Kathryn Grusauskas '85 (CLAS) is serving in the Peace Corps, focusing on community development in Ukraine. She previously was a lawyer.

Carol Martin '85 (CLAS) is executive director of the Housing Authority in Westport, Conn. She previously served as the authority's director of development.

Anthony Volpe '85 (PHR) is director of pharmacy services for the State of Connecticut Southwest Community Mental Health System. He is an adjunct professor of pharmacy at UConn and an adjunct professor of organic chemistry at the University of New Haven. He lives in Orange, Conn., with his wife of 21 years and their two children.

Sharon Darak '86 (CANR), '86 (CLAS) is a senior clinical specialist as an inpatient registered dietician, working at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for over 20 years. She volunteered with Project Hope in 2005, helping tsunami relief efforts in Indonesia while aboard the United States Naval Ship, *Mercy*.

John Gagas '86 (CLAS) is director of operations at Reflexite Corp. in Avon, Conn. His wife, **Janet (Alexander) Gagas '87 (SAH)**, is a pediatric physical therapist. They live in Middlebury, Conn., with their five children.

John Y. Kim '86 M.B.A. is executive vice president of New York Life Insurance Company in New York City and president and CEO of its investment management arm, New York Life Investment Management. He was previously president of Prudential Retirement.



Joseph Pelehach '86 (CLAS) was promoted to vice president of Motorlease Corporation of Farmington, Conn., and named to the company's board of directors. He has been with the company for more than 20 years and previously was northeast regional manager.

Kathleen Binkowski '87 6th Year, '95 Ph.D., superintendent of schools for Plainville, Conn., received the 2008 Outstanding School Superintendent from the Neag School of Education.

Mark Boxer '87 M.B.A. is one of *Computersworld's* 2008 Premier 100 IT leaders, recognized for his innovative solutions to business challenges and effective execution of IT strategies.

Ashley Gasque '87 (CLAS) was named regional director for Africa Business and Resource Development with Management Sciences for Health, an American non-profit organization working on public health issues in developing countries. She is based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Todd Germano '87 (BUS) is senior vice president, specialty insurance, of Allied World U.S., responsible for developing new products with a focus on specialty programs. He previously was executive vice president for American International Group.

Brian Kelley '87 M.B.A., president of TAMCO Technology, was appointed to the board of directors at TII Network Technologies, Inc. in Edgewood, N.Y.

Joseph Melfi '87 (BUS), '95 M.B.A. is corporate controller of Champion Energy Corporation in New Rochelle, N.Y. He also serves as treasurer for the board of directors of Rebuilding Together Stamford/

Greenwich, a non-profit organization that provides home repairs and restorations to elderly and low-income families.

John Powell '87 (ENG) is a hospital physician at Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, N.Y.

Richard Vogel '87 (BUS), a founding partner of Loeb Enterprises, has been appointed to the board of directors of Noble Quests, Inc., which plans to build a consumer advertising network in China.

Stephen Morse '87 M.S. is a geographic information systems manager for Chas H. Sells, Inc., based in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. He is a GIS manager/analyst with more than 17 years experience in data research, analysis, development and manipulation and in cartographic display.

Mary Jane De Souza '88 Ph.D., professor in the department of kinesiology at Penn State University, received the 2008 Outstanding Kinesiology Professional Award from the Neag School of Education for her leadership of women's health-oriented programs.

Jose L. Muñoz '88 Ph.D., deputy director and senior science advisor for the Office of CyberInfrastructure at the National Science Foundation, was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Engineers.

Scott Lindquist '88 M.B.A. is executive vice president and chief financial officer of Farmer's Group, Inc., based in Los Angeles. He previously was Controller at Genworth Financial.

Deborah Malone '88 M.B.A. is the controller and vice president of The Dime Bank in Norwich, Conn., where she oversees accounting, implements and monitors internal controls, and supervises financial reporting.

Sandra R. Barron '89 (CLAS), author of the novel *The Heiress of Water*, received a grant from the National Association of Latino Arts and Culture for the 2007-2008 cycle of the NALAC Fund for the Arts, which will support travel to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic to research her second novel.

Robert Griffiths '89 M.B.A. is director of sales at Chemsil Silicones Inc., based in Charlotte, N.C. He has been involved in the silicone industry for more than 10 years.

Douglas Hammel '89 (BUS) was appointed principal of Stanley T. Williams Elementary School in North Branford, Conn. He previously was an administrator and a principal of an elementary school in the Salem, Conn., school district.

Kathy (Stitts) Lagasse '89 (CLAS) and her husband, Larry, announce the birth of triplets born Dec. 1, 2007. Connor Lawrence, Avery Kathleen and Braeden Thomas were born at the UConn Health Center and join big sister, Lauren, 4. The family lives in Ellington, Conn.

Leon Losapio '89 M.B.A. is executive vice president of finance, chief accounting officer and acting chief financial officer at Escala Group, a consolidated global collectibles network based in West Caldwell, N.J.

Ayal Vogel '89 (CLAS) is executive vice president of global sales at Identica Corp., in Tampa, Fla., a leader in next-generation biometric identification and security solutions. He previously served as the president and CEO of Barantec, Inc.

1990s

Leah (Altieri) Alger '90 (CLAS) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Michael, on Jan. 17, 2008. The family lives in West Hartford, Conn.

Diana (Franco) Barry '90 (CLAS) and husband Douglas Barry Jr., announce the birth of twin daughters, Gina Grace and Erin Isabella, on Feb. 6, 2008. Diana works as a research scientist at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Wallingford, Conn.

Russell Dallai '90 (CLAS) is the principal of North Haven High School. He lives in North Haven, Conn., with his wife and two children.

Jorge González-Velázquez '90 Ph.D., professor of metallurgy and materials engineering at the Instituto Politécnico Nacional (National Polytechnic Institute) in Mexico

City and founder and director of the Pipeline Integrity Assessment Group, was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Engineers.

Alex Martinez '90 (CLAS), principal attorney at the Law Offices of Alex J. Martinez LLC in Stamford, Conn., is a winner of the 2008 New England Opportunity Association Achievers Award, which honors distinguished graduates of New England area educational opportunity programs.

Catherine (Dugan) O'Connor '90 (BUS) is counsel at the law firm Day Pitney LLP in Stamford, Conn. where she represents clients in intellectual property matters.

Stephen Refell '90 (CLAS) and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their son, Cameron Muller, born on Dec. 9, 2007, who joins brother Nicholas, 3. The family lives in Milford, Mass.

Elizabeth Willers '90 (BGS) is development coordinator at the Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland, Fla.

Holly Evans '91 J.D. is president of Strategic Counsel, LLC, in Alexandria, Va., a full-service government relations and environmental policy firm.

Majid Hedayati '91 M.B.A. is senior vice president of STV, a leading engineering, architectural, planning and construction management firm. He serves as director of STV's national transportation and infrastructure division within its northeast region and lives in Greenwich, Conn.

Kathy Luria '91 (BGS) is vice president of community affairs at Webster's corporate office. She previously worked as director of marketing at Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Holly E. Read, '91 M.A., '94 Ph.D., executive counselor of organizational management, in Hadlyme, Conn., received the 2008 Outstanding Professional Award from the Neag School of Education for creative use of principles of adult learning to assist corporations strategize, change and innovate to achieve success in the global market.

Phil Almquist '92 M.B.A. married Janet Shull in July 2007. He is a category analyst for Pinnacle Foods in Mountain Lakes, N.J. The couple lives in Warrington, Pa.

Marilyn Flores '92 J.D. is vice president of human resources at The Seven Hills Foundation in

Worcester, Mass., which offers a continuum of support and services to individuals with disabilities and life challenges. She previously was director of human resources for the Town of Stratford, Conn.



Paul Fontaine '92 (BUS) is vice president of accounting at Jamestown, a German private equity fund syndicator that invests in U.S. real estate. He lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, Erika, and two children, Rachel, 8, and Brian, 6.

Michael Forbes '92 M.B.A. is communications manager at The International Association of Outsourcing Professionals, a global membership-based association representing providers, customers and advisers of outsourcing services. He is also an adjunct professor of marketing at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Andrew Gere '92 (ENG) is chief of operations for San Jose Water Company in Silicon Valley, responsible for the direction of company-wide operations, water quality, maintenance and purchasing activities.

Joe Healey '92 (CLAS) and his wife, Beth, announce the birth of their son, Liam Henry, born Oct. 12, 2007. He joins brother, Quinn. The family lives in Louisville, Colo.

Sharon Johnson '92 (CLAS) is vice president/account director of Palio, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., an Inventiv Health Company. She previously worked as an account director at J. Walter Thompson New York.

Jeffrey Klaus '92 M.B.A. is president of Webster Bank for the greater New Haven, Conn., region. He has 25 years of experience in the Connecticut banking industry and served most recently as senior vice president in Bank of America's business banking division in southern Connecticut and New York.

Joshua Krulewitz '92 (BUS), vice president of public relations for college, news and network information for ESPN, was selected by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association as co-winner of the Katha Quinn Award, presented annually to individuals who have provided exceptional service to members of the media covering college basketball.

Samuel Moore '92 (CLAS) and his wife, Gina, announce the birth of a daughter, Brooklynn Ana, on Sept.

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17, 2007. The family lives in East Longmeadow, Mass.

Morgan Murphy '92 M.F.A. has launched an independent film production company, Whitebridge Farm Productions, based in New Hampshire. The company's first project is *Elysian Farm*, which explores the challenges of saving a 6-year-old girl.

Michele C. Nellenbach '92 (CLAS) is director of the Natural Resources Committee for the National Governors Association in Washington, D.C. She previously served as senior professional staff on the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.



Angelo Rossetti '92 (ED), head tennis pro at Milford Indoor Tennis in Milford, Conn., was named Regional Tennis

Professional of the Year by the U.S.T.A. He and his twin brother, **Ettore Rossetti '92 (ED)**, were ranked #1 in Men's Open Doubles in New England for 2007. Angelo and his wife, Pam, live in Hamden, Conn., with their daughter, Madison.

Tracy (Marshall) Whitmer '92 (CLAS) and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of a son, Maxwell Bruce, born April 16, 2007 in Charleston, S.C. He joins big brother, Marshall.

Mary Giusto Guastella '93 (BGS), '96 M.S.W. received the 2007 "Service is Our Passion" award from Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care in Florida in recognition of her work at the hospice.

Lee Goodman '93 (BUS) president and CEO of Jerome's Furniture in San Diego, Calif., accepted the 2008 Retailer of the Year Award from The Western Home Furnishings Association. Jerome's was recognized for its contributions to the home furnishing industry, service to the community and company leadership.

Thaddeus Gozdeck '93 (BUS) rejoined the practice of Deloitte & Touche LLP after serving as controller at a publicly traded

technology company. He lives in Boston with his wife, Karen, and their two sons.

Edwin Keating '93 (CLAS) is a partner of the Baltimore law firm Anderson, Coe & King LLP. He lives in Phoenix, Md., with his wife, Sheila, and their sons Eddie, 6, and Jack, 4.



Shannon Lennon '93 (CANR), '97 M.S. is an assistant professor of nutrition in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences at the University of Delaware.

Meg (Schmidt) Mayer-Costa '93 (SAH) and her husband, Carlos Mayer-Costa, announce the birth of a son, Mario Paul, on Oct. 6, 2007. He joins his big brother, Tomas Miner, 5. Meg works for the University of Pittsburgh as a dietitian in student health services. The family lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jen (Palancia) Shipp '93 (CLAS) and her husband, James Shipp, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Patrick, born Nov. 29, 2007. He was welcomed home by his sister, Shannon Grace. The family lives in Greensboro, N.C.

James C. Trainor '93 M.P.A. was promoted to assistant special agent in charge of the FBI office in Boston, Mass.



Tom Anderson '94 (BUS), '04 M.B.A., founder of the marketing research company, Anderson Analytics, has developed the method AA-TextSM software, which accurately analyzes large volumes of unstructured text data such as comments found on Web sites.

Rebecca Torns-Barker '94 (CLAS) and her husband, Jeremy Barker, announce the birth of their first child, Evan Pierce Barker, born on Dec. 31, 2007 in Manchester, Conn.

Jacqueline Bethune '94 M.A. married Gregory Clark McNeil in April 2007. She is an administra-



Huskies brighten Connecticut Sun

The WNBA's Connecticut Sun could start its own UConn alumni chapter this year. Led by Sun general manager Chris Sienko '88 (SFA), the current team roster includes four Husky alumni and WNBA All-Star Nykesha Sales '98 (BUS), who is taking this season off to recover from injuries. From left: Asjha Jones '02 (BUS), Ketia Swanier '08 (CLAS), Chris Sienko '88 (SFA), Barbara Turner '06 (CLAS) and Tamika (Williams) Raymond '02 (CLAS).

tive manager with The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness and he is a senior kitchen designer with Contemporary Cabinetry and Closet Concepts. They live in Sarasota, Fla.

Jennifer (Gardiner) Chiota '94 (SFA) and Chris Chiota welcome daughter Grace Diane, who joins big sisters Chloe Lind and Olivia Laeles. Jennifer is a freelance graphic designer in the Boston area. The family lives in Southborough, Mass.

Matthew Cleary '94 (CLAS) married Holly Nichols Hornor on Sept. 22, 2007. He is an account manager for Forrester Research in Cambridge, Mass.



Crystal (Wells) Cook '94 (BUS) is an associate at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell in Atlanta, Ga., where she practices financial products and real estate law.

Christian DeGeorge '94 (PHR) married Melissa Peloquin on Nov. 3, 2007. He is a pharmacy manager/pharmacist at Walgreens in Okeechobee, Fla.

Brian Hyman '94 (BUS) and his wife, Mandy, announce the birth of their son, Bryce Richard, in December 2007. Brian is the manager of planning, analysis, reporting and quality assurance at IKON Office Solutions in the Customer Care Center in Glastonbury, Conn.

Carol Maturo '94 Ph.D. is the author of "Visual Communication: Props and Costumes," an essay included in the book, *José Limón and La Malinche: The Dancer and the Dance*, released by the University of Texas Press in February 2008.

Lynn O'Marra '94 J.D. was promoted to tax principal at LGC&D in Providence, R.I. She also serves as treasurer on the board of the Providence Athenaeum, where she has assisted clients develop tax-saving strategies and navigate issues with state and local tax authorities for more than 14 years.

Jeremy Palmer '94 (ENG) was promoted to principal member of the technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M.



Zygmunt Dembek '95 Ph.D., '05 M.P.H., an infectious disease epidemiologist with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and a member of the Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission, has been promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He also served as the senior editor and contributing author for the textbook *Medical Aspects of Biological Warfare*, published by the Army Surgeon General's Borden Institute in 2007.

Edward DeWitt '95 J.D. is manager of the New Bedford (Mass.) Regional Airport, a general aviation airport. He lives with his wife, Kathleen, in Falmouth, Mass.

Jennifer Papa Kanaan '95 M.D., board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and critical care, has joined the Sleep Disorders Center at the UConn Health Center. She completed a fellowship in pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at the Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston. She did her residency and internship training at Rhode Island Hospital through the Brown University

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School of Medicine. She lives in Sandy Hook, Conn.

Marikate (Moriarty) Lynch '95 (BUS) is the executive director of Academy Point at Mystic in Mystic, Conn. She lives with her husband, **David Lynch '94 (CLAS)**, and their two children in Noank, Conn.

William Rivard '95 (CLAS) and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of a daughter, Amelia Grace, on Feb. 27, 2008. William is a librarian with Orange County Schools. The family lives in Orlando, Fla.

Jennifer (Burns) Hutton '96 (BUS) and her husband, **Bill Hutton '95 (BUS)**, announce the birth of a son, John William, on July 8, 2007. The family lives in Marlborough, Conn.

Chad Landmon '96 (CLAS), '99 J.D. was promoted to partner in the Hartford, Conn., office of Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP, an antitrust, intellectual property and complex litigation firm. He has litigated many high-stakes intellectual property and other complex cases and regularly counsels clients on patent and Hatch-Waxman issues.

Daina Senatore '96 (CLAS), director of sales at Standard & Poor's in New York City, has been named to the President's Circle for outstanding sales performance for three consecutive years. She lives in Stamford with her husband, **Matt Senatore '95 (BUS)**, and their daughters Mia, 4, and Emma, 2.

Inshik Seol '96 Ph.D., associate professor of management in the Graduate School of Management at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., has received a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at Sogang University in Seoul, Korea during the 2008-09 academic year.

Jennifer (Dorau) Souhrada '96 (CLAS) and **William Souhrada '97 (BUS)** announce the birth of their second child, Harper Marie, on Oct. 18, 2007. Harper joins brother Andrew, 3. The family lives in Southampton, N.Y.

Jeffrey Villar '96 M.A., '99 Ph.D. is the superintendent of schools for Rocky Hill, Conn., responsible for

programs in five schools with 2,576 students.

Elizabeth Appelman '97 M.B.A. is director of development for the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, Conn. She previously worked as associate development director and young adult director.

Scott Chalfant '97 (ENG) and **Mari-annella (Vela) Chalfant '98 (ENG)** announce the birth of their first child, Alejandro William Chalfant, on April 1, 2008. The family lives in Andover, Conn.

Joseph DeSimone '97 M.D. is a cardiologist on the staff of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

Gregory Fennell '97 (BUS) and **Felicia Griffin-Fennell '99 (CLAS)**, '05 M.A., '07 Ph.D. announce the birth of their son, Charles, in 2007. Felicia received her doctorate in clinical psychology from UConn's Graduate School in 2007.



Sharon Langshur '97 M.D. is the co-founder of CarePages Inc., a Chicago-based healthcare services company that provides a nationwide Web service for patients, families and healthcare providers. She is the co-author of *We Carry Each Other*, published by Conari Press.



Scott Sokolowski '97 (ED) has joined Barnum Financial Group in Shelton, Conn., an office of MetLife, as director of agency recruiting and development. He previously was co-founder and vice president of Park Avenue Group, a national recruiting company.

Katherine Tyros '98 D.M.D. is a partner at Chelmsford Dental Associates in Chelmsford, Mass.

Karen Dahl '99 (CLAS) and her husband, Brian Reich, announce the birth of their son, Henry James, born on Nov. 16, 2007. The family lives in Cambridge, Mass.

Renée (Northrop) Hawk '99 (CLAS) is an attorney with Barron and Stadfeld in Boston, where she primarily focuses her practice on family law and also handles employment discrimination, disability and civil litigation matters.

Wesley Most '99 (ENG) married **Meghan Landon '02 (CLAS)** in October 2007. Wesley is a software engineer with IBM Research. Meghan is pursuing a degree in nursing. The couple lives in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Jennifer Nichols '99 (SAH) is a senior account manager at Seidler Bernstein Inc., a full-service marketing communications agency specializing in healthcare and life technologies in Cambridge, Mass.

Jennifer Suozzo '99 (CLAS) is senior producer for MSNBC/NBC news, producing two hours of live, daily news coverage. She lives in New York City.

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Allison (Amorosi) DeNicola '00 (NUR), '07 M.S., a nurse practitioner in a pain management practice in Danbury, Conn., announces the birth of her first child, daughter Gabriella Rose, on March 4, 2008.



Robert Sbalbi '00 (BUS) is a senior consultant at The Bostonian Group in Boston, a consulting firm that develops customized solutions in the areas of benefits, financial and retirement security, and workforce management.

James Wang '00 (CLAS) married Sandy Rogel on Sep. 1, 2007 in Azusa, Calif. He is an accountant at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. The couple lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Portia Bonner '01 Ph.D. was appointed superintendent of schools for New Bedford, Mass. She was previously assistant-superintendent in the Waterbury, Conn., school system.

Dorothy Carlone '01 M.B.A. and her husband, John, announce

the birth of a daughter, Karolina Ann, on April 23, 2007. She joins brother, Kyle, 3. The family lives in Kensington, Conn.

Todd Johnson '01 (BUS) was promoted to controller at Pratt & Whitney International Aerospace Tubes in Indianapolis, Ind., where he lives with his wife, **Nicole (Crouch) '03 (BUS)**, an accounting supervisor with Otis Elevator.

John Miceli '01 (CLAS) and **Alison (DeLeo) Miceli '03 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their daughter, Alexa Leigh, on Nov. 6, 2007. The family lives in Darien, Conn.

Michael Rueda '01 (BUS) is one of the authors of the book, *Leveraged Buyouts*, published by Research and Markets in Fall 2007, a comprehensive guide that explains each variety of LBO in detail.



Shannon (Duffany) Sadowski '01 (CLAS) married **Adam Sadowski '02 (CLAS)** on May 26, 2007. Adam is employed by Phoenix Wealth Management and Shannon completed her master's degree in clinical health psychology in May 2008. The couple has relocated from Philadelphia to Hartford, Conn.

Cyril Cassan De Valry '02 (BGS) is the co-founder of the Connecticut Coffee Society, a club for coffee enthusiasts with more than 160 members. He has been a coffee master with Starbucks for the past three years and is a member of the East Coast Roasters.

Michael Coyne '02 Ph.D., associate professor of educational psychology in UConn's Neag School of Education, is the recipient of the Council for Exceptional Children's 2008 Early Career Research Award, which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding scientific contributions in special education and in basic and/or applied research, within 10 years of receiving their doctoral degree.

Kristin (Volpe) Lentini '02 (ED), '03 M.A. and **Bryan Lentini '01 (PHR), '03 Pharm.D.**, announce the birth of their first child, Ashley Elizabeth, on July 8, 2007.

Laban Marsh '02 (CLAS) is a real estate broker and the owner of his family's real estate firm. His wife, **Megan (Ware) Marsh '02 (CLAS)**, is in her third year as a mortgage consultant, educating buyers and sellers about the tax benefits of real estate. The couple lives in Erie, Pa.



Shea Ralph '02 (ED) was named an assistant coach for UConn women's basketball with responsibility for working with

guards, recruiting and player development. She returns to UConn after serving five years as an assistant coach at the University of Pittsburgh.

Keith M. Bellizzi '03 Ph.D., behavioral scientist and program director at the Office of Cancer Survivorship at the National Cancer Institute in Rockville, Md., received the 2008 Lorraine Wetherell Family Studies Alumni Society Distinguished Service Award from the UConn Department of Family Studies. He has taught at the University of Connecticut, Quinnipiac University and Yale University, and is involved with many committees focused on the study of cancer.

Desmond Bohan '03 (CLAS) was promoted to assistant vice president at C.L. Frates Reinsurance Intermediary Inc in Stamford, Conn.

Christa Homola '03 (CLAS) and **Ryan Allard '02 (ENG)** were married in October 2007. Christa is a communications assistant at the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Hartford,

Conn. Ryan is a civil engineer at H.W. Lochner in Rocky Hill. The couple lives in Rocky Hill, Conn.



Jeanette E. Moore '03 (CLAS), a fourth grade teacher in Westchester County, N.Y., received a dual master's degree in elementary education and special education from The College of New Rochelle in May 2007.

Sarah Niles '03 (CLAS), '05 M.A. is an academic counselor for the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston University and lives in Quincy, Mass.

Jack Sheedy '03 (BGS) is a news editor at *The Catholic Transcript*, the monthly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Dawn Voyer '03 M.A., a world geography teacher at Cypress Lake Middle School in Fort Myers, Fla., was awarded a 2008 Golden Apple from the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, which recognizes teaching excellence.

Susan Fair '04 (CLAS) is a compensation analyst at Daymon Worldwide.

Recognized as a researcher, teacher and caring nurse

When **Mikki Meadows-Oliver '06 Ph.D.** heard she was to receive the Mary E. Mahoney Award for Excellence, given by the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association and named for America's first black registered nurse, she was surprised. "I was just amazed that anyone was paying attention to my career," says the pediatric nurse practitioner.

Yet a quick review of her achievements and it is no surprise why Meadows-Oliver is honored by her peers. She coordinates care for children with lead poisoning at Yale New Haven Hospital's Children's Environmental Health Program, serves as an assistant professor at Yale School of Nursing and works with Yale-New Haven's Adopt-a-Doc program, where pediatric residents visit New Haven-area families in need. Meadows-Oliver also has volunteered in New Haven's soup kitchen, homeless shelters and child-care centers and she mentors in the city's public school system.

As a child, Meadows-Oliver learned the importance of giving back. "My mother was a minister, and she was always helping others, doing what she could. We were taught that if you're blessed with a little bit more, then you should help those less fortunate," she says.

Caring for others drives both her volunteer and her professional work. As an LPN in the Army Reserves, Meadows-Oliver saw the difference between nursing and medicine. "I love the patient contact and the caring in nursing, and I wanted to see how far I could go [in the profession]."

After receiving dual master's degrees in nursing and public health from Yale in 1998, Meadows-Oliver enrolled in the nursing Ph.D. program at

UConn. She found the program invigorating.

"The faculty have a very cohesive plan for what they want their students to know," she says, noting that her advisors, Carol Polifroni, now associate dean of nursing, and Cheryl Beck, professor of nursing, were "particularly inspiring."

Meadows-Oliver did her doctoral dissertation on homeless teenaged mothers, and she continues that research through the Yale School of Nursing.

Today, the hardest part of her job, she says, is finding the balance between her roles as a researcher, teacher and clinician.

"It's hard to find the time to do all three," says the married mother of two, adding that it is the contact with patients where she finds the most professional satisfaction. "My clinical work informs the rest of what I do." — *Mary Howard*



Justine Greenwald '04 (CLAS) is the founder and director of Park Prep Academy in Jersey City, N.J., a private preschool that serves Hudson County. She graduated from Bank Street College of Education in 2006 with a double master's in early childhood and elementary education.

Josh Reitz '04 (BUS), '05 M.S. is a financial analyst at Summit Partners in Boston, Mass.

Kristin Zepp '04 (BUS) is an assistant director of government affairs and continuing education at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.



Maksim Chupashkin '05 M.B.A. is financial manager for Greif, a world leader in the production of industrial packaging in Moscow, Russia.

Bridgette Gordon-Hickey '05 M.A., instructional consultant for Windham Center School in Windham, Conn., received the 2008 Outstanding School Educator Award from the Neag School of Education.



Janice Luise-Lutkus '05 (BGS) is the owner and producing director of AspenDream Productions, LLC a traveling dinner theatre, and a writer for *New England Entertainment Digest*. She lives with her husband, Dave, in Burlington, Conn.

Chenghua Luo '06 J.D. is an associate at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, a law firm based in Washington, D.C.

Srividya Madhusudhan '06 M.B.A. is director of environmental and property management for North-east Utilities. He was previously a project manager for several reliability projects.

Robert Nims '06 (BUS) recently received his M.B.A. from Youngstown State University and is a project manager in underwriting and new business for Lincoln Financial.



Michael Nork '06 (CLAS) is a Peace Corps volunteer living in Lugoj, Romania. He teaches English to students grades 8-12 and writes articles for *Redestep-tarea*, the local newspaper in Lugoj. His Peace Corps service will end in August 2009.

David Portnoy '06 M.A. is a doctoral candidate in psychology at UConn and the recipient of the Clarence J. Rosecrans Scholarship for his proposal, "Cognitive Processes of Decisions about the Future."

Janet Robinson '06 Ph.D. is superintendent of schools for the Newton (Conn.) School District. She worked previously as superintendent in the Derby public school system.

Jonathan Shaffer '06 (CLAS) is the 2007 Ambassador for the New Jersey Watershed Ambassador program, designed to raise awareness of watershed issues in New Jersey. He will work with the citizens of Cumberland County in community-based environmental activities and help residents to make informed decisions regarding their watershed.

Maria Clements '07 M.S. married Steven H. Provencher Jr. on Oct. 20, 2007. She is an instructor of ornamental horticulture at SUNY Cobleskill.



Brian Coyle '07 (CLAS) is a financial services representative at Barnum Financial Group in Wethersfield, Conn.

Robert Hagmeier '07 (BUS) completed a six-week tour of France as part of a post-grad internship during which he met with French economic officials to discuss economic diversification of France's agriculture industry.

Alumni News & Notes compiled by Emily Rosenkrans '09 (CLAS) and Tina Modzelewski.

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Americans' continuing desire for change is bad news for the GOP

By Stuart Rothenberg '78 Ph.D.

Almost two years ago, voters responded to Democratic calls for change by handing 30 Republican House seats and six Senate seats to the Democrats, giving that party majorities in both houses for the first time since the 1994 elections.

Under normal circumstances, that might be enough to change the public's mood. But these aren't normal times.

Given the public's continuing dissatisfaction with the war in Iraq and a weakening economy, accompanied by growing unemployment, higher gas prices and a credit crunch, it shouldn't be surprising that national polls continue to show that Americans are unhappy and pessimistic about the future.

Fewer than three in 10 Americans approve of President George W. Bush's job performance, and Congress's job rating is even lower. Many polls show only 15 to 20 percent of Americans believe that the country is headed in the right direction.

All of this turns out to be bad news for Republicans who, fairly or unfairly, get most of the blame.

Republicans hope that Democrats, who now control Congress, will be held at least partially responsible for the mess, but history suggests that the President's party invariably suffers the most. And polls show that voters both have a better opinion of the Democratic Party than of the GOP and that they prefer the election of a Democrat as President next year.

Since Democrats are once again better positioned to take advantage of the public's desire for change, their party is headed for another good year in November's Congressional elections.

Stuart Rothenberg '78 Ph.D. is editor and publisher of the Washington, D.C.-based Rothenberg Political Report, a biweekly, nonpartisan newsletter, and a columnist for Roll Call, a Capitol Hill newspaper. He wrote this analysis of the 2008 election exclusively for UCONN Magazine.

The combination of Republican retirements, a significant Democratic financial advantage, and an apparent Democratic advantage in enthusiasm (measured both by turnout in Presidential primaries and in national polls) means Democrats are widely expected to gain at least a handful of Senate seats and a dozen House seats or more in November's balloting.



The Democratic Party's multiple advantages, however, don't guarantee that Sen. Barack Obama is a sure winner over Sen. John McCain. McCain's maverick image and obvious strength in talking about national security and the war on terror inoculate him at least somewhat from his party's current problems. And Obama's relative inexperience and liberalism are considerable liabilities to many voters.

But any assessment of the parties, the Presidential nominees and the electoral map is sure to conclude that Obama has an easier route to the White House than McCain.

The economy has emerged as the nation's top issue, and that is not to McCain's advantage. He simply is not as articulate and passionate talking about interest rates, unemployment

and tax policy as he is about terrorism.

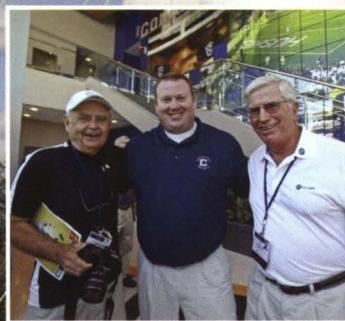
Moreover, while few states in the electoral map are likely to change color in November, Obama has a better chance of turning a handful of GOP states from red to blue than McCain does of attracting Al Gore/John Kerry states into the Republican column.

For Democrats, the 2008 election is an opportunity to complete the takeover of Washington that they started in 2006. But they and their supporters should be cautious. In both 1988 and 2004, Democrats somehow found ways to pull defeat from the jaws of victory and, even if they win the White House and both houses of Congress later this year, it's far from clear that they can solve the nation's ills.

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