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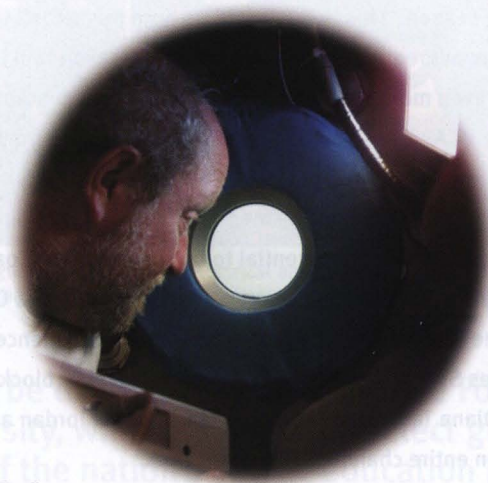
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COVER: South Campus is among the most popular residence communities for students living at UConn. —Photo by Paul Horton



A Message from the Editor

THE SOUNDS OF WINTER: SQUEAKING SNEAKERS & THUMPING BASKETBALLS

For more years than I care to remember, I have defined fall and winter not by the change of weather but by squeaking sneakers and thumping basketballs on a hardwood court. As a kid, I would hop a train from New Jersey into Madison Square Garden for the annual holiday college basketball tournament that featured the top college teams in the nation. Later on I spent more than a dozen years riding a bus throughout New England, doing play-by-play radio broadcasts for a small college team.

All of which makes me appreciate what has been accomplished by the UConn women's and men's basketball programs over the last 20 years and the uniqueness of the upcoming season. This is the first time both basketball teams at the same university are considered the top teams in the pre-season rankings by national consensus. It is even more remarkable when you take into account that since the beginning of the NCAA Division I basketball tournaments—from 1939 for men and from 1982 for women—UConn is among only three universities [Stanford and North Carolina are the others] to have won both the men's and women's championships.

The 2003-04 season has the potential to be truly historic. Coach Jim Calhoun has an experienced, tournament-tested team centered around Emeka Okafor (see. p. 25), who could achieve the level of the twin Bills of basketball excellence—Bradley the champion Rhodes Scholar and Russell the champion shot blocker. Coach Geno Auriemma has Diana Taurasi—Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Cheryl Miller rolled into one—and an entire championship team back.

In the 64 years of the men's tournament, 35 different schools have won the title and only nine have more than one title—including UCLA, with 10 of its 11 championships under the legendary John Wooden; five schools have more than one women's NCAA title, with UConn's four being second to only the team that wears those orange uniforms.

After years of talking with coaches and players and watching hundreds of games, I know that winning championships requires hard work, healthy players and, at times, a bit of luck. Winter should go by quickly. The games must be played. We get to watch. And we have Emeka and Diana—and the other teams don't.

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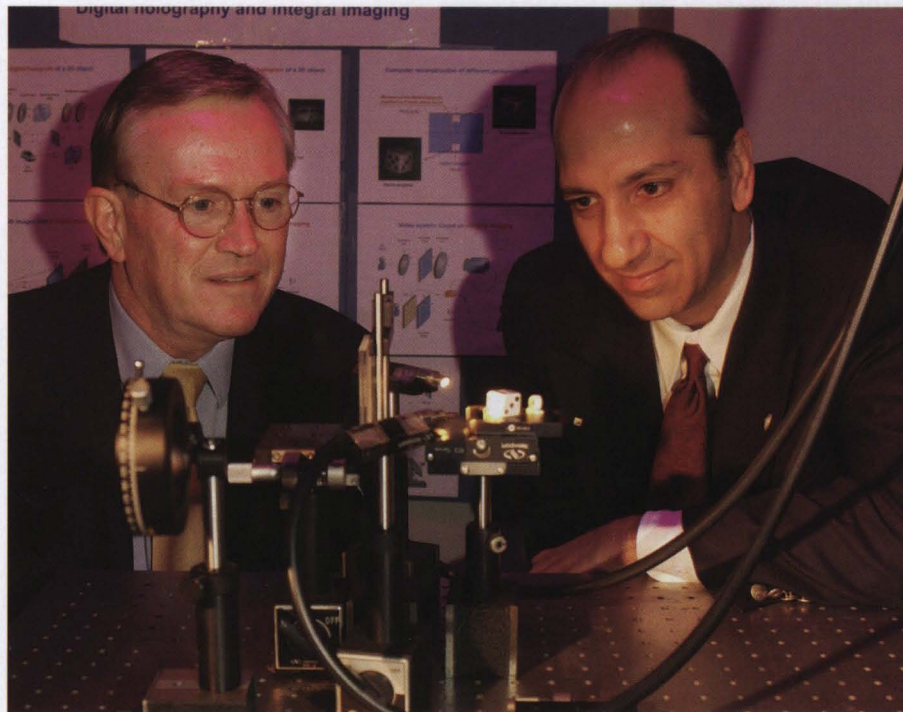
President

Searching for knowledge

Readers of *UConn Traditions* are accustomed to seeing the University of Connecticut described as a “top public research university.” Our alumni and students know a great deal about the quality of instruction and student life at all of UConn’s campuses. But many readers may be less familiar with our research program and what it means to the University’s overall excellence.

Great universities exist for two primary purposes: the transmission of knowledge to students and the generation of new knowledge for our own students and for society. Public universities have a third responsibility: service to the community at large. As a public research institution, UConn places priority on all three endeavors. We are proud to be designated as a Carnegie Foundation Research University, which puts us in a select group of only 4 percent of the nation’s higher education institutions. We are the only public university in New England that has its own Schools of Law, Social Work, Medicine and Dental Medicine. We also have 39 focused research centers that conduct inquiries into subjects ranging from regenerative biology to African politics and culture.

Since launching UCONN 2000 in 1995, annual sponsored grants and awards have grown from less than \$100 million to an anticipated \$200 million this year. This is both a tribute to the quality of our faculty’s work and a vital resource for the University’s academic program. The scholarship of our faculty in the humanities and social sciences is less likely to generate major grants, but is highly valued for its contribution to the fund of cultural excellence and human knowledge and one reason our private fundraising effort, *Campaign UConn*, is on target to meet its \$300



Peter Morenus

Bahram Javidi, right, distinguished professor of electrical and computer engineering, demonstrates his research in the field of three-dimensional image display for President Austin.

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million goal this coming June.

Throughout this edition of *UConn* magazine, there are examples of how talented faculty and students are pursuing knowledge across a wide range of disciplines, contributing to our state’s economic development and quality of life and to the University’s stature in the American academic community. Whether it is a health prevention study that is helping Pratt & Whitney to keep its workers active and fit, the undersea exploits of UConn marine scientists mapping sea mountains, or any of a multitude of other activities, UConn’s reputation as a leader in a wide range of research continues to grow.

Excellence in research and excellence in teaching are closely connected to one

another in a university dedicated to the pursuit of quality. As a public research university, UConn takes as a critical part of its mission the expansion of human knowledge in multiple areas. Thanks to a dedicated and talented faculty and student body, we are fulfilling that responsibility with an increasing degree of distinction.

Prinny Austin



Letters

Still enjoying Dairy Bar Ice Cream

What a real treat to find Jonathan's Supreme in the ice cream section of my supermarket! When I was on campus in the '50s, Dairy Bar ice cream was a must. In the ensuing years, my husband, Walter Kaercher '52 (BUS), and I always told visitors to the campus to be sure to make a special trip to the Dairy Bar. Now, we can all find UConn's wonderful ice cream in our own backyards.

Another special note is that Cameron Faustman, a former student of mine at Lyman Hall in Wallingford, Conn., is chair of the department of animal sciences at UConn. Cameron was instrumental in bringing (as our local newspaper

phrased it) "Storrs to Stores." Way to go, Cam!

*Phyllis (Mancini) Kaercher
'56 (CLAS)
North Haven, Conn.*

Japanese Americans

That was a delightful picture of—and fine article about—George Fukui in your Summer 2003 edition. George visits friends in Ithaca when he comes East, however I got to know him because his brother, Hank, was a soldier in my K Company, 442nd RCT, the most decorated U.S. Army unit. The soldiers were all fine men. I was one of their officers.

*Bob Foote '43 (CANR)
Ithaca, N.Y.*

Many UConn alumni who received the Summer 2003 *UConn Traditions* kindly contacted me through letters, e-mails and telephone calls to express their pleasure about the article on the Japanese American students who matriculated at the University of Connecticut during World War II from the internment camps. I also heard from people who saw the article in Japan and were appreciative of learning for the first time about the experiences of Japanese American students in the U.S. during that time.

My greatest surprise, however, was hearing from two former business colleagues, one who emigrated from Czechoslovakia and a second-generation American

of German heritage, who also experienced discrimination during World War II.

*George M. Fukui
'45 (CLAS), '48 M.S.
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First Dodd Prize awarded to U.K., Irish Prime Ministers

International human rights award presented to Blair, Ahern

The inaugural Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights was presented to Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom and Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Bertie Ahern of Ireland for developing the Good Friday Agreement, a blueprint for peace and justice following decades of conflict in Northern Ireland.

Ahern accepted the award Sept. 24 along with John Prescott, deputy prime minister and first secretary of state, who accepted the prize on Blair's behalf during presentation ceremonies held at UConn's Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.

The Dodd Prize is named for Sen. Christopher J. Dodd's late father, who was a Connecticut senator from 1959 to 1971 and was executive trial counsel at the Nuremberg Trials. Both Dodds have fought on behalf of human rights in the United States and abroad.

"Whether human rights means the right of a young child to walk safely to school or the right of an entire nation to determine its own future, there are few who have done more in recent history to advance the cause of human rights than Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern," said Dodd. "Together, they devoted their time, their energy, and their hearts to bringing peace to a part of the world that has been ravaged by conflict. The Good Friday Agreement simply would not have happened were it not for the steadfast dedication and deep personal commitment of these two outstanding individuals."



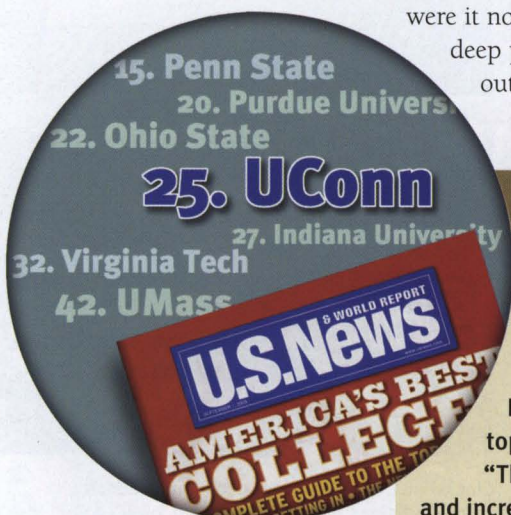
Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland receives the Thomas J. Dodd Prize in International Justice and Human Rights from U.S. Senator Christopher J. Dodd during a ceremony held Sept. 24.

ONE OF THE BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION

UConn ranks among the top 25 public universities in the nation, having jumped six places in the most recent *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. And for five years running, UConn is also distinguished as the best public university in New England.

The University is ranked number 25 among public universities, joining Ohio State, Penn State, Texas, Maryland, Michigan, Virginia and the University of California among top institutions.

"The rankings confirm the decisions high-achieving Connecticut students and their parents, and increasingly, top out-of-state students and parents are making about the University," says James D. Morales, director of admissions. "Every trend line measuring UConn quality has been upward, and the gains made in just the last year alone are dramatic. The momentum is continuing and accelerating."



U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges 2004 places UConn among the finest public universities in the nation.

The Dog House

Rentschler Field, the new home of UConn football, opens in style



Three hours before the first opening kickoff at Rentschler Field, the Husky hardcore were in full grilling mode. Bag chairs clustered around the open tailgate hatches of SUVs and vans, with plumes of smoke wafting through the air, sending the aroma of sausage and bacon across the expanse of runways that were being used as a parking lot behind a shiny new stadium for UConn football.

Inside the UConn Alumni Association reception tent, located behind the scoreboard, longtime UConn football fans Ed Yeaton '52 (BUS), Frank Giaquinto '53 (CLAS) and Ned Ahearn '51 (BUS), shook their heads with wonder at the 40,000-seat, state-of-the-art stadium, which UConn christened with a 34-10 victory over Indiana.

"It's awesome," says Yeaton.

"I never expected anything like this. I was dazzled," says Giaquinto.

"This is beyond my wildest imagination," says Ahearn. "It's great they can have 40,000 people feel like one big family."



Peter Morenus

Clockwise from top right: Coach Randy Edsall on the sidelines with Tony Atkinson '04 (CLAS); tailgating by UConn alumni and fans; cheerleaders leading the crowd in a chant; the UConn student section showing its enthusiastic support for the Huskies.

Across the parking lot, in an area with a banner proclaiming it as Huskyville, the guitarist for a local rock band crashed chords out to the crowd with his face painted Husky blue and white. Opposite the stage, children ran through an inflated obstacle course with a football theme.

An hour before kickoff, the rata-tat-tat beat of the UConn Marching Band sounded as the band lined up for its last minute instructions.

Inside the stadium, quickly dubbed "The Dog House," the post-tailgater crowd slowly moved toward their seats, looking around with wide eyes, as the players from UConn and Indiana warmed up on opposite ends of the field.

Just after noon, with the National Anthem, ceremonial bell ringing by a group of alumni football players and the ritual coin toss completed (won by UConn), the marching band formed a corridor outside the locker room tunnel adjacent to the UConn student section. Seconds later the crowd exploded into a roar as the stadium announcer introduced the Huskies and the team ran onto the field.

After his team's victory, Coach Randy Edsall summed up opening day: "You couldn't have asked for a better day than we had today for the state, for the University. Division I college football is in Connecticut to stay." — *Kenneth Best*

(Below) Terry Caulley '05 cuts back against Indiana for a gain. (Bottom) The near sell-out crowd on opening day at Rentschler Field stands to greet the Huskies as they charge onto the field for the first time.

Melissa Arbo



(Right) Construction is underway for a five-story, 100,000-square-foot musculoskeletal research and outpatient surgery facility at the UConn Health Center.

(Below) The renovated Towers Dining Hall opened in September, including the Morris N. Trachten Kosher Dining Facility, which was supported by a gift from the family of Morris N. Trachten '48 (BUS).

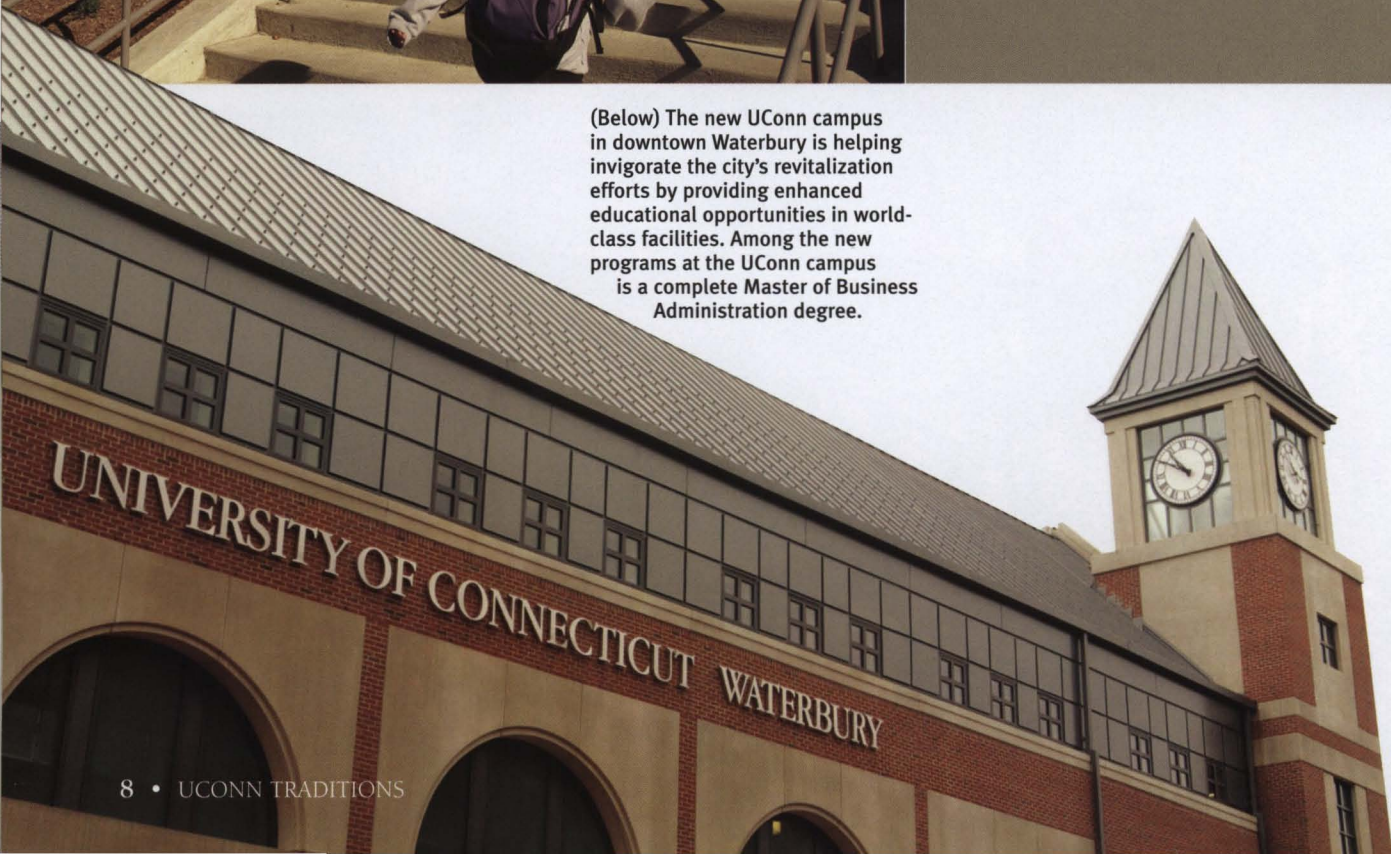


As ground was broken for the new School of Pharmacy building [story on p. 16], students and faculty began to occupy several new classroom and research facilities, including UConn's new campus in downtown Waterbury, new residence and dining halls [story on p. 26] and the Advanced Technology Laboratory. Meanwhile construction on UCONN 2000/ 21st Century UConn projects moves forward on a variety of buildings throughout the University, including the Student Union and the William Benton Museum of Art.

University



(Below) The new UConn campus in downtown Waterbury is helping invigorate the city's revitalization efforts by providing enhanced educational opportunities in world-class facilities. Among the new programs at the UConn campus is a complete Master of Business Administration degree.





(Left) Work on the William Benton Museum of Art addition and the Evelyn Simon Gillman Gallery is progressing toward its planned Spring 2004 opening.

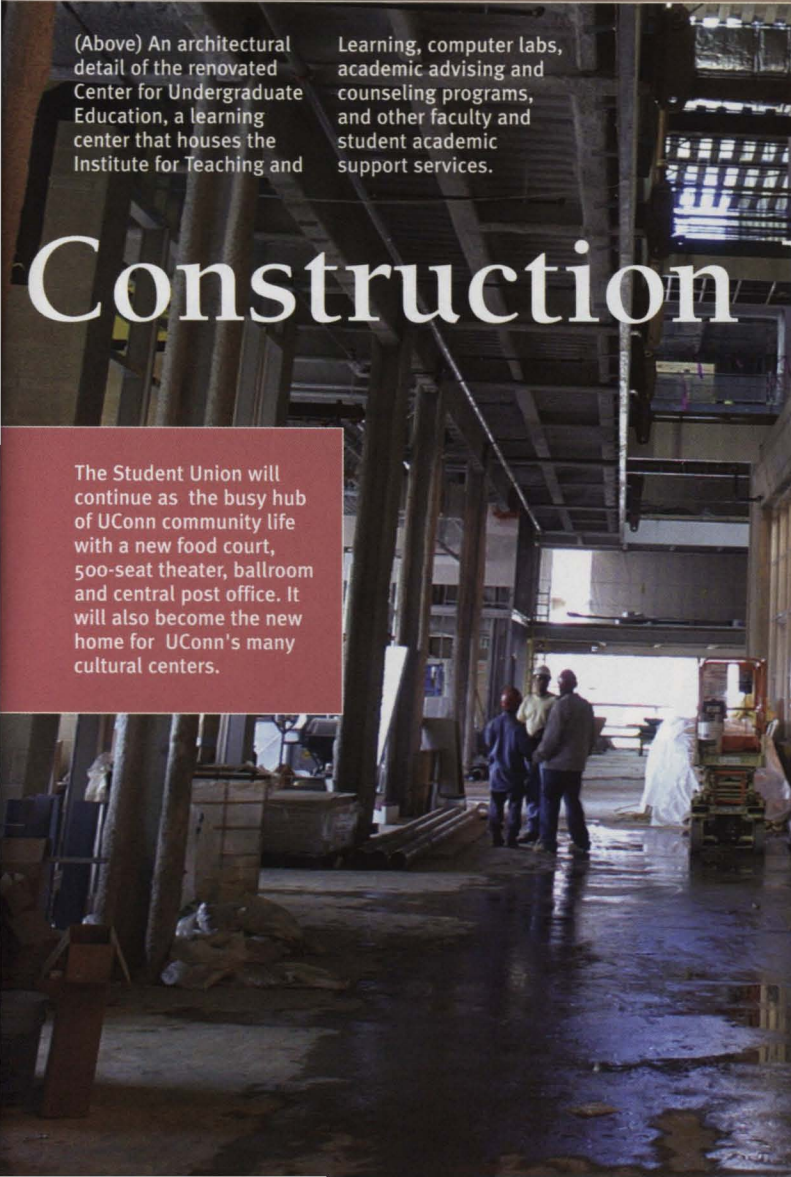


(Above) An architectural detail of the renovated Center for Undergraduate Education, a learning center that houses the Institute for Teaching and

Learning, computer labs, academic advising and counseling programs, and other faculty and student academic support services.

Construction Update

The Student Union will continue as the busy hub of UConn community life with a new food court, 500-seat theater, ballroom and central post office. It will also become the new home for UConn's many cultural centers.





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Robert L. Popp '97 Ph.D., acting director, DARPA Information Awareness, above, and Sean O'Keefe, NASA administrator, right, speak at the 2003 International Conference on Advanced Technologies for Homeland Security.

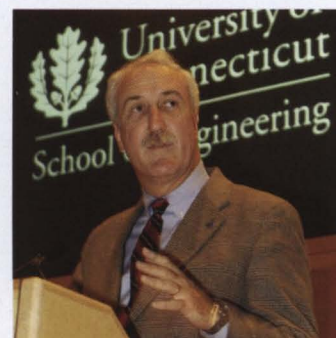
UConn hosts international homeland security experts

The UConn School of Engineering hosted the 2003 International Conference on Advanced Technologies for Homeland Security, which featured keynote remarks by nationally recognized experts in technology and policy. Attendees included business leaders, government officials and faculty experts.

The two-day conference focused on key homeland security issues such as recognition and identification technology, biological and chemical threat detection, secure information systems, and the politics of homeland security policy.

Among the speakers were Robert L. Popp '97 Ph.D., acting director of the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, and NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe.

"This was the largest homeland security conference of its kind," says Amir Faghri, dean of the School of Engineering. "It is unusual to get this mix of experts and very high-profile people who are involved in policy and technology and represent nearly every major component of homeland security."



Peter Morenus



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Gampel Pavilion's benefactor dies

Harry A. Gampel, the UConn alumnus and longtime philanthropist whose name is forever linked with UConn basketball's rise to national prominence, died Aug. 2 in Aventura, Fla., at the age of 83.

"Mr. Gampel's generosity helped pave the way for UConn's athletics teams to have an excellent home court advantage at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion," says Jeffrey Hathaway, director of athletics. "His generosity to both the University and the athletics department will endure for many years."

Gampel graduated from UConn in 1943 with a bachelor of science degree in industrial management. His \$1 million gift helped finance the Gampel Pavilion.

Gampel received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University in 1993, and was inducted into the School of Business' Hall of Fame the same year.

He is seen above in January 1990 with Edith Gampel, Gov. William O'Neill and UConn President John T. Casteen III at the opening of Gampel Pavilion.

Peter Morenus

OFFERING OPINIONS TO EDITORS

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger speaks with a group of UConn honors students during his visit to the University to address the three-day national conference of the Association of Opinion Page Editors. Other speakers included Gail Collins, editorial page editor of *The New York Times*, and Paul Gigot, editorial page editor of *The Wall Street Journal*.



the Future

'Teachers for a new era'

UConn receives \$5 million gift for excellence in education

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has designated UConn as a "Teachers for a New Era" school, and has awarded the University a five-year, \$5 million grant to be shared by the Neag School of Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to improve the quality of teachers.

Making the grade for this award was no small feat. The RAND Corporation was hired by Carnegie to conduct an independent analysis of all schools of education in the nation. As a result, 15 were identified as being the best and were invited to submit a preliminary proposal for funding. Seven, including the Neag School, were then selected to undergo an extensive evaluation. During a site visit, the Carnegie team met with UConn faculty and administrators and toured several public schools partnered with the Neag School's teacher education program.

Faculty in education and liberal arts and sciences will work hand-in-hand, with assistance from the University's cultural institutes and centers, to increase research collaboration, analyze and redesign curriculum in general education and content courses, and develop new tools for assessing how the quality of teachers affects student performance.

"Research has shown that high quality teachers directly impact student learning and achievement," says Richard Schwab, dean of the Neag School.

For the last decade, the Neag School, unlike most education schools, has required students to acquire a firm grounding in the liberal arts and sciences as the cornerstone of their preparation as teachers. Before being accepted into the integrated Bachelor's/Master's Teacher Education Program, prospective students are required to

take general education courses and declare an academic major through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"The Carnegie grant provides the college with the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge research, implementation, and assessment in a national initiative to improve K-12 teaching," says Ross MacKinnon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Teachers for a New Era is aimed at "developing state-of-the-art schools of education focused on evidence-driven teacher education programs." A network of higher education institutions has been established to

serve as a source for education policymakers involved in setting the nation's agenda in terms of best research, practice, and results in preparing teachers for the classroom, explains Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The UConn proposal met three critical design principles required by Carnegie: Graduates' effectiveness must be measured by documenting their students' achievements; the arts and sciences must be involved in the teacher training program; and new teachers will continue to be evaluated in the classroom while undergoing continuous professional development.

Calhouns champion cardiology health



The UConn Health Center's cardiology program will operate under the auspices of the newly named Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center in recognition of the Calhouns' many years of support for cardiology research at the Health Center. The couple has actively supported cardiology research at the UConn Health Center since 1998, raising nearly \$1 million. The announcement was made during a news conference by Bruce Liang, chief of cardiology; Peter J. Deckers, UConn's executive vice president for health affairs; and head men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun.

Peter Morenus

Leaving a UConn legacy

Catheys endow a football scholarship for teachers

As a tribute to his UConn experiences, Peter J. Cathey '76 (ED) and his wife Patricia, known as PJ, plan to leave their estate to the University and to endow a football scholarship for students considering a career devoted to teaching.

A student-athlete who attended UConn on scholarship, Peter Cathey recognizes that he has benefited enormously from the guidance and support he received at UConn. Over his career he frequently called upon his UConn experiences in his years as a mathematics teacher, in global retailing, and in his current business activities. Cathey

recently became president of GreenFix Golf, Inc., an Arizona-based company that manufactures a comprehensive greens maintenance system for golf courses worldwide.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if not for what the University did for me. Starting with [assistant coach] Joe Gianelli, who recruited me; Andy Baylock, my freshman football coach; and [assistant] coach Dave Zimmerman," he says. "All helped to create a focused and disciplined learning environment and gave me the right perspective for meeting the

challenges I would face later in life."

After several conversations with Dee Rowe, former UConn basketball coach and special adviser for athletics, Cathey and his wife decided that leaving a legacy to help scholar-athletes at the University would be a good way to demonstrate the importance of a quality education.

"We both firmly believe in UConn's student-athlete philosophy and the importance of a college education as a basis for the future of young athletes," says Cathey.

Campaign UConn Increases Momentum

Contributions to the University of Connecticut for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, recorded \$49.7 million in new gifts and pledges, an increase of \$3.5 million, or 7 percent, over the last year, according to the UConn Foundation. It is the second highest yearly total in UConn history. Such growing support for UConn represents a breakthrough against trend in national giving to universities, which last year declined for the first time in 14 years by 1.2 percent, says the Council for Aid to Education.

This unique situation has kept *Campaign UConn* on track to achieve the goal of raising \$300 million in private support

for the University by June 2004. As of Sept. 30, 2003, more than \$257.1 million in gifts and pledges had been raised.

"UConn is a rising star nationally in higher education, and our donors recognize that and want that trend to continue," notes John K. Martin, president of the UConn Foundation. "While we are on pace to reach our goal, we'd like to have our biggest year in 2004 and exceed \$300 million."

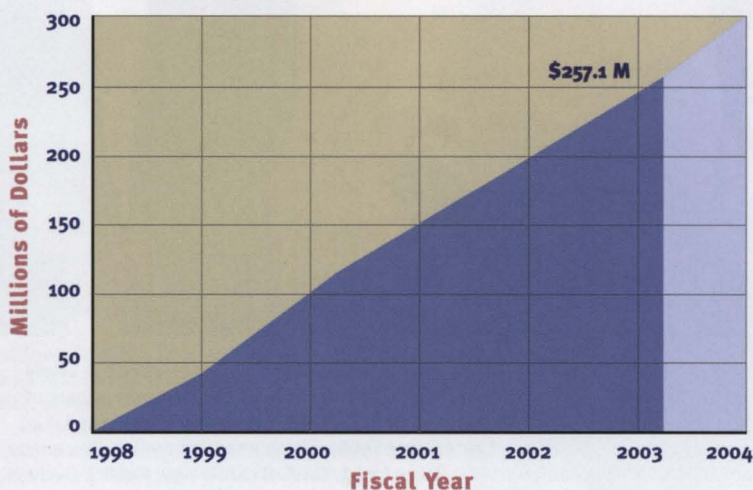
The University posted a record high 38,483 donors in 2003, an increase of 9 percent over last year, and now ranks seventh in the nation among public universities with an alumni participation rate of 24 percent.

By area of campaign priority, \$24.3 million has been raised for faculty support, \$39.9 million for scholarships, and \$192.9 million for programs. As *Campaign UConn* moves toward its conclusion, there is an emphasis on faculty support and scholarships. During the past year, 48 new endowments were established, including 29 for scholarships. Since the beginning of the campaign, the number of endowment funds has increased from 601 to 941.

In fiscal 2003, gifts were designated as follows: \$16.9 million to Storrs, regional campuses and the School of Law; \$13.07 million for the UConn Health Center; and \$19.77 million for athletics, aided by surging enthusiasm for Division I-A football.

The UConn Foundation also has substantially increased the size of the University's endowment, which currently stands at \$209.1 million.

As of Sept. 30, 2003, the total funds raised by *Campaign UConn* stood at \$257.1 million. This represents 84 percent of the goal of \$300 million by June 30, 2004. By campaign priority, the breakdown is as follows: faculty support \$24.3M; student scholarships \$39.9M; and program support \$192.9M.



the Past

Some Commencement firsts

UConn will hold its first mid-year commencement in the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on Dec. 14, awarding diplomas to 676 students who completed their degrees in August and December. The speaker will be astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz '73 (ENG). The University's first commencement ceremony was held June 28, 1882, serving as a closing to the first academic year of the Storrs Agricultural School. The first ceremony with graduates was held a year later, in 1883, with six students receiving their diplomas. Photos on this page highlight other UConn commencement firsts.

—Mark J. Roy '74 (CLAS)



1949

FIRST PH.D. AWARDED

In 1949, three students were the first Ph.D. candidates to receive their degrees.

The first University Scholars were recognized at the commencement ceremony in 1952.

1952

FIRST UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS



FIRST IN GAMPOL PAVILION

1991

EARLIEST KNOWN PHOTO

1899



The earliest known commencement photo from a June 1899 outdoor ceremony—the first after Storrs Agricultural College became known as Connecticut Agricultural College.

During the first 25 years of the University's life, graduates wore their Sunday best; it was in 1907 that caps and gowns were first worn by the senior class.

1907

FIRST CAPS & GOWNS

News

School of Allied Health

Promoting healthy living in the workplace

Many of Pratt & Whitney's nearly 13,000 Connecticut employees are getting healthier thanks to UConn's Center for Health Promotion in the School of Allied Health.

Working with the company's medical department, UConn faculty experts and graduate students are providing health assessments, monitoring employee progress and developing educational and behavior modification programs. UConn's Allied health faculty collaborate with colleagues in nursing, psychology and nutritional sciences.

"The unique feature we bring is our ability to conduct both program evaluation and research on the health promotion programs we bring to their employees," says Linda S. Pescatello, director of the Center for Health Promotion and principal investigator for the Pratt & Whitney program.

The variety of targeted activities includes cardiovascular health risk assessment, a walking program, brown bag learning seminars on health topics and programs for weight management, smoking cessation and more.

Pratt & Whitney's medical department identified heart disease and related conditions,

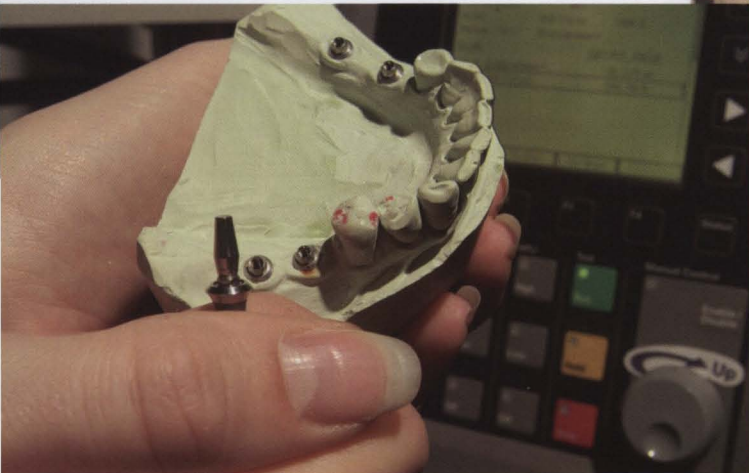
such as hypertension, as the diseases most affecting its employees. The UConn collaboration has proven successful.

"This scientifically based, confidential, comprehensive, innovative and progressive health promotion program greatly enhances the health and productivity of our employees," says Judyth Crystal, P&W wellness coordinator.

Pescatello adds that the six graduate students who staff the program gain an invaluable experience while pursuing their master's degrees or completing dissertations.

"It provides UConn students with education and training in health promotion service delivery as well as the opportunity to acquire research skills," she says.

Peter Morenus



UConn's Center for Fatigue Studies tests materials to find ways to improve the manufacture of dental implants and crowns.

"There aren't many simple laboratory tests that show what will happen under low pressure loads over a long period of time," says J. Robert Kelly, professor in the department of prosthodontics and operative dentistry at the UConn School of Dental

Medicine. "There's a real need for some long-term testing."

Kelly and his colleagues, Thomas Taylor and A. Jon Goldberg, are beginning such research in the newly established Center for Fatigue Studies in the dental school with a \$250,000 equipment grant from the ITI Foundation of Basel, Switzerland.

"The equipment allows us to simulate years of chewing and swallowing forces in an environmental chamber that can be kept at body temperature," says Kelly.

Testing the materials most commonly used for crowns and implants—ceramics, titanium and titanium alloys—will provide valuable information both to help dentists determine the best kinds of materials for their patients and to assist manufacturers in developing longer-lasting dental restoration products.

The research data that results from this work will also lead to the establishment of improved testing standards for dental materials, he says.

Peter Morenus

School of Dental Medicine

A longer-lasting bite

Depending on the food type, it can take anywhere from five to 50 pounds of pressure to chew and swallow something you eat. That kind of recurring pressure, combined with saliva and other digestive elements in the mouth, will, over time, wear down the materials used to make restorative dental products such as crowns and implants.

School of Social Work

Understanding alcoholism in ethnic minority populations

UConn's Barris Malcolm remembers growing up in Jamaica and being told to avoid certain roads at night because of drivers who practice a long-standing island tradition of "taking one for the road."

"DUI is a law in most Caribbean islands, but you don't find police stopping or monitoring it unless there is an accident," says Malcolm, an assistant professor of social work, who is researching the causes of alcoholism in ethnic minority populations under a \$261,000 grant from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Using data gathered from 10,000 cases nationally, including from the Alcohol Research Center at the UConn Health Center, Malcolm is seeking to define the various risk factors for alcohol abuse in ethnic minority populations, which will include studying excessive drinking behavior in Hartford's sizeable West Indian population.

"What we're trying to find out is how alcoholism affects family relationships within ethnic minority populations and what interventions we can develop as social workers in helping to address the problem," says Malcolm.

A significant challenge to the research, Malcolm says, is that adults who emigrate from Caribbean islands as teenagers may arrive with views about alcohol consumption that predisposes them to legal and societal difficulties later in the United States.



John E. Bailey

School of Medicine

Distinguished alumna leads Cancer Center

Carolyn D. Runowicz '73 (CLAS), a nationally prominent expert in gynecologic cancers and women's health, is the new director of the UConn Health Center's Cancer Center.

The 2002 recipient of the UConn Distinguished Alumni

Peter Morenus



Carolyn D. Runowicz '73 (CLAS), an expert in gynecologic cancer, leads the UConn Cancer Center.

Award, she previously was a professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia and vice chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

Runowicz says her vision for the UConn Cancer Center is clear. "Ultimately, I'd like to develop a strong center with enough outstanding oncologists, translational, and basic science

researchers, as well as a cancer control program, to become a National Cancer Institutes designated cancer center," she says.

National Cancer Institutes designated centers are the nation's most elite cancer centers and participate in broad-based, interdisciplinary programs in cancer research.

Runowicz was the first woman to become president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists and is currently on the national board of the American Cancer Society.

She has candidly shared insights from her own battle with breast cancer in her book *To Be Alive: A Woman's Guide to a Full Life After Cancer*. Her fourth book, *The Cancer Prevention Breakthrough*, is in progress.

"Under Dr. Runowicz's leadership, UConn's cancer program will become a hub of new initiatives in cancer research and clinical care," says Peter J. Deckers, UConn's executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine.

College of Continuing Studies

Online master's degree in professional studies begins

Trying to find time for classes amid a busy career and family life is difficult enough, but when your work requires regular travel or working internationally, it may seem impossible. UConn's inaugural online master of professional studies program is designed to make it possible for those involved in humanitarian services or human resources management to pursue educational advancement needed on an individualized schedule.

With just a two-week residency requirement at the main campus in Storrs or at an approved off-site location, students can complete the balance of the 36-credit program online. The degree in human resources management has two tracks; labor relations and personnel. The humanitarian services administration degree offers courses related to disaster relief

or sustainability. Both programs include a core curriculum in organizational behavior, program evaluation and quantitative analysis.

"Most of the people working in disaster relief and sustainability are traveling overseas," says Abdou Ndoeye, assistant extension professor in the College of Continuing Studies. "The only way to take classes is online."

Humanitarian services administration is an emerging field. With natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and flooding as well as a growing number of conflicts around the world, there has not been specific training for people working to create sustainable living situations after disaster strikes, Ndoeye says.

How do you bring resources together to manage and coordinate agencies to help those in need? That is the complicated question UConn's new program in humanitarian services will help to address.

School of Pharmacy

Pharmacy building construction commences

Construction is underway for the new 200,000-square-foot Pharmacy-Biology building, which will include flexible laboratories designed to meet a range of research needs, high technology classrooms and a state-of-the-art, multi-use pharmacist care center.

"It's exciting to see the facility coming to fruition after all the planning," says Robert McCarthy, dean of pharmacy. "Everything seems to be right on target for a Fall 2005 opening."

The building will house the School of Pharmacy, two biology departments (ecology and evolutionary biology & physiology and neurobiology) and a centralized animal facility. The building will be located in the newly formed science quadrangle on Auditorium Road, and the sharing of laboratory space will allow increased collaboration between pharmacy faculty and other

UConn scientists, helping to stimulate the development of multidisciplinary research projects.

Ronald Langner, professor of pharmaceutical sciences and chair of the pharmacy building committee, says the pharmacist care center will provide students with enhanced learning and pharmacy practice opportunities, such as dispensing drugs, recognizing drug errors and demonstrating proper use of drug therapy devices. It will feature networked computer workstations, small conference rooms and a classroom area to instruct students in contemporary patient counseling practices.

A new dosage form laboratory will instruct students in the latest techniques for creating pharmacist-made drug products that are customized for individual patients, such as liquid medicines and reduced dosages of medication for children.



School of Fine Arts

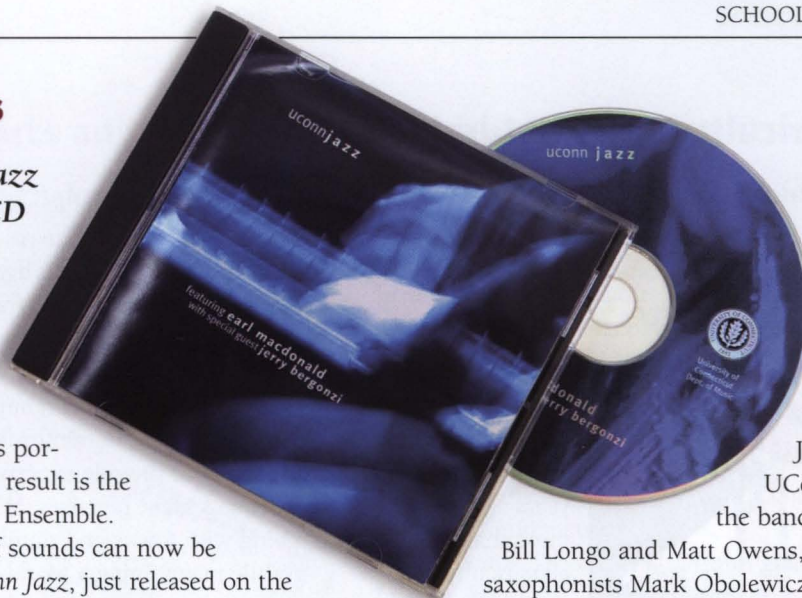
Award-winning UConn Jazz Ensemble releases first CD

What's a recipe for incredible jazz? Take composer/arranger/pianist/educator Earl MacDonald, director of UConn's jazz studies program, and mix with a generous portion of his finest students. The result is the University of Connecticut Jazz Ensemble.

The group's special blend of sounds can now be savored on its debut CD, *UConn Jazz*, just released on the SeaBreeze Vista Record label.

"I believe this disc will send a message to the masses that wonderful things are happening in the UConn music department," MacDonald says. "The disc, coupled with our new degree program in jazz, will most definitely help attract the first-rate students we compete for with other institutions."

Recorded in April, the 11-track CD includes performances



by the big band, a dectet, and a sextet. Besides MacDonald—who plays a solo on five tracks—and renowned professional tenor saxophonist Jerry Bergonzi, the UConn student members of the band include trumpeters

Bill Longo and Matt Owens, pianist Tom Thorndike, saxophonists Mark Obolewicz and Matt Janiszewski, trombonists Alisa Worth and Nicole Hansboro, flutist Justin Sider, bassist Fran Ieraci, and drummer Ray Kingston.

The *UConn Jazz* CD can be purchased online at www.seabreezejazz.com, and can be found at the UConn Co-op and most major outlets where compact discs are sold.

School of Law

Courtrooms are in session

An important part of a quality legal education is gaining experience and confidence in arguing cases before a judge. School of Law students will now have the opportunity to hone their craft in new on-campus courtrooms.

Renovations to Starr Hall include the construction of two courtrooms for law education and instruction. The 100-seat William R. Davis Trial Courtroom honors a 1955 School of Law graduate who received the Law School Alumni Association Medal of Excellence.

The commitment to moot court training at UConn is unusual because first year students are given a two-week break from classes that allows them to concentrate on preparing and arguing their cases. Most other law schools conduct moot court during regular class schedules.

Teams of first year law students are assigned a side of the case for moot court, where the students make their arguments before a judge who is either a practicing lawyer or a sitting judge. Often the judges are UConn law alumni.

While the courtrooms also are used for law classes, having an atmosphere that looks and feels like a hall of justice provides another major benefit to legal education—the ability to observe cases being argued before a judge.

"We like to get judges to hear cases on campus," says

Lanny Nagler



The William R. Davis Courtroom is used by students, faculty and judges. Among recent guests in the Davis Courtroom were, center, Connecticut Supreme Court Justices, Joette Katz '77 J.D., Christine S. Vertefeuille '75 J.D. and Richard N. Palmer '77 J.D.

Nell Jessup Newton, dean of the School of Law. "This will help tremendously in bringing a court session to our students, allowing them to fully experience the reality of the courtroom."

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Cycle of plant science changes

Under the leadership of new department head, Mary Musgrave, the plant science department at UConn is tailoring its research



and teaching efforts to best serve the people of Connecticut as agricultural needs change. Unlike years ago, today more than half of all agricultural production in the state is from flowers and ornamental plants, approaching \$600 million in sales.

Branching out from a traditional agronomy focus, UConn's plant scientists are working today in the areas of landscape and horticultural production to advance knowledge and use the expertise of faculty to create new products and processes.

For example, instead of focusing exclusively on traditional field crop production, one part of the department is specializing on turfgrass. Five years ago UConn introduced a four-year turfgrass science degree program. Research and extension work in the area of turfgrass at UConn is getting considerable attention from the turf industry and homeowners.

"Our department is combining forces among landscape architecture, plant nutrient management, water quality, and soils faculty to provide expertise in land use planning and best management practices. We have collaborative work ongoing with towns and municipalities," says Musgrave.

While maintaining a world-renowned reputation in plant science and keeping pace with the strong demand for trained professionals to work in the horticulture and landscape industries, UConn's faculty remains firmly committed to research that benefits the green industries and the people of Connecticut, whether it's Mark Brand's genetically modified, root-rot resistant rhododendrons or Yi Li's innovative research into reproductive biology and its applicability to the control of invasive plants.

School of Nursing

Critical service to elderly

UConn nursing students are gaining valuable experience while providing direct care to patients in a partnership program with the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Central Connecticut.

The Carelink program provides a critical service to homebound elderly patients with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, arthritis and heart disease. Senior nursing students fulfill their community health clinical practice by caring for patients in the familiar environment of their own homes. Since the program began in 1997, hundreds of patients have received care from UConn students.

"Our students develop a commitment to the Carelink program through the relationships they develop with their clients," says Juliette Shellman '99 M.A., '03 Ph.D., coordinator of the program. "They conduct holistic nursing, looking at the entire situation, taking everything into consideration. As a result, clients comment that their students provide high quality nursing care."

The UConn students conduct a range of health assessments that are important to maintaining good health in elderly patients, including fall risk, nutritional habits, medication evaluation, monitoring of cognitive functions and a wellness inventory.



Erin Tragash '04 (NUR), a senior nursing student, visits an elderly patient in New Britain.

All care is conducted under the supervision of licensed VNA nurses and UConn faculty.

The success of Carelink is evident in the results of a fall prevention program, which reduced patient falls by 18 percent. Falls are a common health problem in older patients.

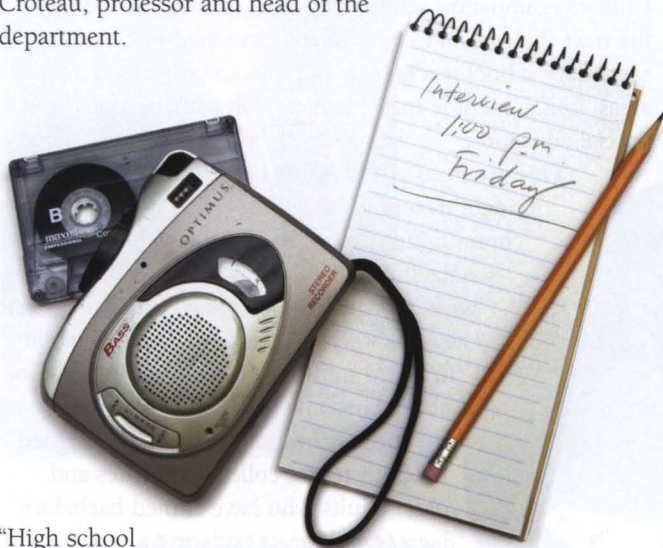
The program was established through the cooperative efforts of Henrietta Bernal '68 (NUR), '74 M.S., '84 Ph.D., professor emerita of nursing, and Karen Reid '69 (NUR), director of public health services for VNA of Central Connecticut.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Journalism is first in New England to be accredited

UConn's journalism department has joined an elite list of programs, becoming one of approximately 100 programs in the world—and the only journalism program in New England—to be accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

"This gives us added national exposure," says Maureen Croteau, professor and head of the department.



"High school counselors recommend accredited schools and departments, and now we're among them."

The accrediting team's evaluation report says that other UConn departments indicate that the journalism department is well-known for its faculty expertise in teaching writing that sharpens critical thinking and the wide impact it has across the campus. It accommodates non-journalism students in its introductory writing course, which helps hundreds of students to fulfill the University's writing requirement.

Graduates of the program show an unusually strong and enduring interest in journalism careers, the report says, noting that of all accredited programs, only eight had 50 percent or more of majors working as journalists three years after graduation, compared with 78 percent of UConn journalism majors.

Since UConn began offering a major in journalism in 1979, nearly 650 students have graduated from the program. Alumni work at newspapers, in TV and radio newsrooms, and at magazines and specialty publications across the nation and in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Colonial scholar named to Draper Chair in American History

Robert A. Gross, a distinguished scholar who has long been interested in micro-history, the practice of studying an era through the lives of ordinary people, has joined UConn's history department as the James L. and Shirley A. Draper Chair in American History.

"The Draper Chair is an extraordinary opportunity to continue my work and to foster activities that have long interested me," says Gross, who grew up in Bridgeport, Conn., and has spent much of his career researching American history centered around Concord, Lexington and the Minutemen.

The Drapers, both 1941 UConn graduates, established the history chair with a \$1.5 million gift.

Gross specializes in the period from the American Revolution to the Civil War and recently wrote an afterward for the 25th anniversary edition of his book *The Minutemen and Their World*, which won the Bancroft Prize for outstanding scholarship in history. He expects to publish his latest book, *The Transcendentalists and Their World*, which focuses on the relation between Concord writers Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau and the Concord community in which they lived and wrote, by the end of the academic year.

"Professor Gross is extremely well known in the field for his pioneering work in social history, especially regarding Concord and Lexington. So UConn is the perfect place for students who are interested in early American history and the revolution," says Altina Waller, chair of the history department.



Historian Robert A. Gross, a distinguished scholar of colonial America, holds the James L. and Shirley A. Draper Chair in American History.

School of Engineering

The pursuit of deep space travel

Two UConn engineering professors are researching fluid flow behavior in a weightless environment by conducting experiments in the best way possible—flying in NASA's zero gravity training plane.

Dani Or, Northeast Utilities Foundation professor of environmental engineering, and Fred Ogden, associate professor of civil engineering, are testing fluid behavior in porous material that will be used for plant growth in developing renewable life support systems for future long-duration manned flight missions.

The life support systems will serve crucial functions aboard spacecraft that one day will fly to Mars and beyond. The systems will supply food, recycle wastewater, remove carbon dioxide and produce oxygen in the spacecraft's cabin atmosphere.

The two professors flew on NASA's famed KC-135 plane, known as the "vomit comet," which is flown up and down a 45-degree angle at 36,000 feet above



Associate professor of civil engineering Fred Ogden preparing to test fluid behavior at zero gravity onboard NASA's KC-135 research jet.

NASA photos

sea level and provides between 20 and 30 seconds of zero gravity, followed by about a minute of twice Earth's gravity.

"I would describe the experience as exhilarating," says Ogden. "The sensation of zero-g is a lot like swimming, but without water—nothing to push off against except the walls of the aircraft. It is easy to function in zero-g, provided that you have something to hold on to."

The professors took two flights, one in the spring and another during the summer, to gather information for their research.

Neag School of Education

NU Foundation creates UConn scholarships for aspiring teachers

A \$330,000 gift from the Northeast Utilities Foundation to the Neag School of Education will provide scholarships for full-time master's degree students enrolling in the Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates at UConn's campus in Stamford.

Neag Dean Richard Schwab announced that 30 Northeast Utilities Foundation scholarships will be awarded during the next three years to individuals interested in becoming secondary school teachers in Fairfield County's critical need areas, which include math, science, foreign languages, and special education.

"This generous gift is another example of how this foundation steps up to fulfill a need within the communities it serves," says Schwab. "These scholarships will provide funds for those who have a passion for teaching but for economic reasons—whether loss of a job or inability to afford tuition—would not otherwise be able to become teachers."

The certification program is designed for both recent college graduates and older adults who have earned bachelor's degrees and are considering a career change.

"Students today are potential employees of tomorrow," says Theresa Hopkins-Staten, president of Northeast Utilities Foundation. "We see this partnership as a tremendous opportunity to address teacher shortages in critical subject areas and ensure the education system provides students with the necessary skill sets that will allow them to effectively compete in the workforce in years to come."

By establishing the program, says Schwab, the Neag School will be able to tap into a highly qualified but previously unrealized pool of candidates, particularly those from underserved populations, and will quickly build a fast-track supply of new teachers.

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The Northeast Utilities Foundation supports community efforts to improve education, social and economic conditions and protect the quality of the environment.

School of Business

Federal Reserve executive leads business school

William Curt Hunter, former senior vice president and director of research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, is the new dean of the UConn School of Business.

"Curt Hunter brings to UConn an extraordinary breadth of academic and public sector experience, and he has the vision needed to bring our business programs to a new level of excellence," says President Philip E. Austin.

Dean Hunter outside the UConn School of Business.



John Collins

Hunter's strong business credentials include having served as vice president in charge of basic research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He was a consultant for many private corporations and government agencies, both in this country and overseas. Hunter was a U.S. Treasury adviser to the Bulgarian National Bank and its Bank Consolidation Company. He also has a rich background as a researcher and scholar. He has published more than 70 articles in leading finance and economics journals, is the editor of six books, and is currently co-editor of *Research in Banking and Finance*.

"The dynamic economy, globalization and digitization present lots of challenges for businesses. They are looking for people who can implement solutions to complex problems," Hunter says. "UConn's School of Business will become internationally recognized for developing people who can solve these problems. For me, this is a wonderful opportunity and challenge."

He has held faculty positions at Emory University, the University of Georgia and Northwestern University, among others.

School of Family Studies

Helping students gear up for college

A cooperative effort by the School of Family Studies and the Neag School of Education is helping to put nearly 120 high school students in Hartford on the path toward higher education.

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), a five-year project funded by the U.S. Department of Education, seeks to increase access to college for students from under-represented ethnic or economic backgrounds. The project involves more than 200 undergraduate and graduate students in education and family studies, under the direction of faculty members John Bennett in the School of Engineering, Kay Norlander-Case and Charles Case in education, and Sara Harkness in family studies.

GEAR UP works with a group of students who were in sixth and seventh grades at the Batchelder School at the beginning of the project. With few exceptions, these students have managed to beat the odds of dropping out of school and are now in the 10th and 11th grades. Many are aiming to attend college.

The success of the GEAR UP program is due to a combination of individual tutoring and mentoring, family involvement, and fun activities that keep the students coming back. "GEAR UP is school-based but family-oriented," says Harkness. "Our



Peter Morenus

Jeff Larson, a fifth-year School of Education major, mentors an 11th grade student at Bulkeley High School in Hartford as part of the GEAR UP program.

diverse group of graduate and undergraduate tutors and mentors can address individual, family and academic issues."

Adds Marcia Hughes, a family studies doctoral student who is the project director, "Our job is to get to know the students and build relationships with them so they will accept our guidance."

Peter Morenus



New NCAA practice guidelines on heat, hydration and exercise were evaluated by UConn researchers during football practice sessions.

Using the practice field as a laboratory for research

Casa and Armstrong gain unique access to athletes for heat and hydration research

With a swig of water to down a capsule nearly the size of a horse pill, 15 UConn football players became human subjects in a research project aimed at preventing injury and saving lives.

The departments of kinesiology and UConn athletics teamed up for a heat acclimatization study, conducted this summer during the first eight days of pre-season football practice, to find out

how new NCAA practice guidelines were affecting players.

UConn was the only Division I-A football institution chosen for the study by the NCAA due to the reputation of the Kinesiology department's Human Performance Laboratory, which conducts research on heat, hydration, and exercise.

Professors Larry Armstrong and Douglas Casa, two of the lab's primary

investigators, sought the expertise and participation of UConn's Jeffrey Anderson, director of sports medicine, and Bob Howard, the football team's head athletic trainer. Head football coach Randy Edsall welcomed the research team.

The collaboration between UConn scientists and athletic personnel resulted in unprecedented research, says Casa.

"This is one of the first times

researchers were on the field during the first days of practice, gathering data on the heat and hydration status of football players to determine how practicing in the hot weather affects them," he says.

For Edsall, it was all about helping athletes in terms of safety and performance.

"If what we did here, in any small way, can help cut down on the number of tragedies that have occurred on the field around the country the past few years, then we've done something to help the game of football at all levels, and every second of the study was worthwhile," he says. "This will also help us prevent fatigue-related injuries in addition to heat stroke."

Armstrong, a heat exertion expert, says the data will show which positions on a football team are most at risk for developing heat illnesses and which drills affects players adversely.

Traditionally, collegiate football players wore all their equipment under the hot August sun on the first day of practice. However, the NCAA implemented new rules this summer after an increase in the number of heat-related deaths of football players, most prominently Corey Stringer of the Minnesota Vikings.

According to the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injuries, 13 deaths occurred in the 1980s, 15 in the 1990s, and seven between 2000 and 2002. Coincidentally, as the UConn study began, heat illness again made headlines on sports pages across the country after three Jacksonville Jaguar players in the National Football League suffered heat-related injuries.

Under new NCAA guidelines, the only protective equipment football players can wear on the first day of practice is a helmet. Gradually, more equipment is added over the next four days. Two-a-day practices are also limited, beginning on the sixth and eighth days of camp.

Consecutive dual practice days are forbidden.

Armstrong, Casa, and their graduate students closely monitored the participating players during practice. Five players from each of three body types had been chosen, including the bulky offensive and defensive linemen, the leaner wide receivers and defensive

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backs, and the muscular but quick linebackers and running backs.

Each day, the test subjects swallowed an encapsulated sensor, which emitted a low frequency radio wave using technology developed by NASA to monitor astronauts during space flight.

During the 24 or so hours it took to make its way through the digestive system, a thermometer inside the capsule registered each player's core body temperature. While standing near the players, Casa and Armstrong used a recording device the size of a personal organizer to pick up the radio waves and keep track of the pills in all 15 players.

The researchers also measured heart rates by taking each player's pulse at several points during practice. Urine samples gathered before and after practice were used to determine whether the test subjects were well hydrated. Body weight measured before and after practice indicated the amount of fluid that had been lost. All fluid and food consumed during the study was recorded and analyzed by a registered dietitian.

Test subjects were asked a series of questions each day to measure their perception of thirst

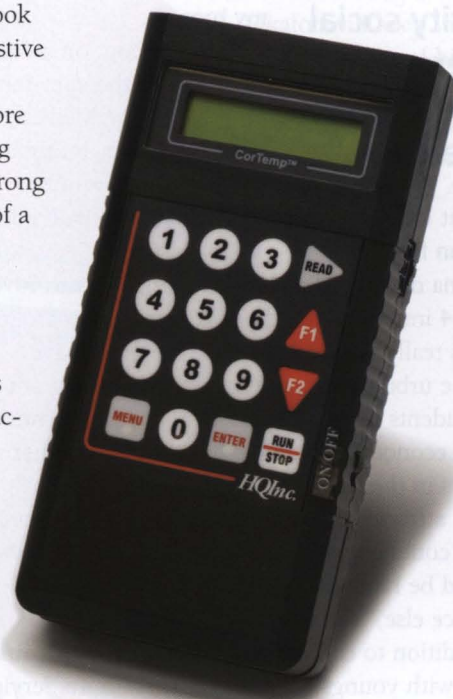
and how hot or cold they were feeling.

While previous studies on the topic have been conducted in laboratories, Casa says conditions of a real practice session cannot be mimicked in a laboratory setting.

"We consider ourselves lucky to have proactive thinkers in UConn's division of athletics enabling us to advance academic scholarship. There are not many universities where you would find the kind of support we received from the coach, his team, and the department leadership," he says.

Within the next couple of months, Armstrong and Casa will be submitting a report to the NCAA, and they will present their findings at the American College of Sports Medicine's annual meeting next June.

—Janice Palmer



UConn football players ingested a pill with a computer chip inside that could be read by a hand-held sensor as part of research on heat, hydration and exercise conducted by UConn scientists.

Students

Giving back to her home town

Urban studies major stays in Waterbury

Tania Nieves Rivera, a petite 13-year-old with a curly ponytail, saunters into the after school program she attends in downtown Waterbury, holding a large sheet of construction paper.

"I have the picture I drew for your room," says the perky eighth-grader. "I'm going to finish it today."

UConn student Delmaliz Medina smiles as Rivera proudly unrolls the construction paper and carefully lays it on a snack table. On the top, the word "Delmaliz" stands out in intricate lettering. Peppered

"There is a strong need for social workers, particularly minority social workers, and I want to make a difference."

in pinks and purples, the picture's centerpiece is a heart drawn in delicate detail.

"I really like it," Medina says. "It will look great in my room."

It's 2:30 p.m. on a Friday afternoon at the after school program where Medina, now a senior majoring in urban and community

studies at UConn's campus in Waterbury, worked last year as an intern.

Medina developed a close relationship with Rivera, one of 14 inner city middle-schoolers in the program. "She has really touched my heart," Medina says.

The urban and community studies program prepares students to be city planners, town government officials, economic development leaders, or other service providers in the public or private sectors.

What attracted Medina to the urban studies program was that she could earn the degree in Waterbury, where she lives. "It would be hard to do everything I do and take classes someplace else," she says.

In addition to completing an internship, Medina has also worked with youngsters at Waterbury Youth Services and tutored at a local elementary school.

"I also like the interdisciplinary aspects of the program," she says. "At first I didn't know if I wanted to go into psychology, sociology, or social work, but the courses and internship have cemented my decision to go into social work."

Medina, who will graduate in 2004, plans to earn a master's degree in social work at UConn. She says the internship was



After graduation, Delmaliz Medina '04 (CLAS) wants to continue working in her hometown of Waterbury.

an "awesome experience. I've learned how one person can have an effect on a child. I've learned so much about kids. There is a strong need for social workers, particularly minority social workers, and I want to make a difference." Medina's supervisor, Katie Kologe, says the fact that Medina speaks Spanish has been an asset to the program, particularly when speaking to parents.

The urban studies program has given her direction, Medina says. "It may sound like a cliché, but I was born and raised in Waterbury. I'd love to continue to give to the community."

— Sherry Fisher

All around All-American

Emeka Okafor keeps his life in balance

It is probably not surprising that Emeka Okafor is interested in numbers. He is, after all, a John Wooden All-American basketball player who scored 15 points in 20 different games last year, who blocked 155 shots and whose 58.3 shooting percentage is No. 1 all-time for UConn. But game stats occupy only part of his interest in numbers.

"I thought about majoring in mathematics, but I chose finance instead because it's more applicable to everyday life," says the junior from Houston, a Verizon Academic All-American with a 3.8 grade point average. He is interested in learning about the stock market—perhaps pointing to a future as a financial adviser—but he knows that any hope of mastering the market will take a greater time commitment than he has now.

"To be a student athlete you have to be good at keeping your life in balance. I have to juggle my classroom and studying time with my basketball and weight-room time," he explains, adding with a smile, "And there's my social life too. Can't forget about that."

Okafor has also had to squeeze in interviews with national reporters from *The New York Times* and *Sports Illustrated* writing stories about his academic prowess.

His favorite class this semester is accounting, but he does enjoy courses outside of finance and economics. Music appreciation offered new insights for him because he is "amazed how composers could keep that music in their heads and then be able to write it all down." He is something of a movie buff, with a taste for foreign films. One of the films he admires most is *La Haine* (Hate), about three young men who learn to survive in a housing project outside Paris.

Perhaps what's most remarkable about Okafor's career at UConn is that he has managed to condense a rigorous four-year program in the School of Business into only three years. Officially a junior, he is eligible to play basketball this year and next, but he anticipates completing requirements for his undergraduate degree in May.

Emeka Okafor '04 (BUS) stands out as an All-American both on the basketball court and in the classroom.

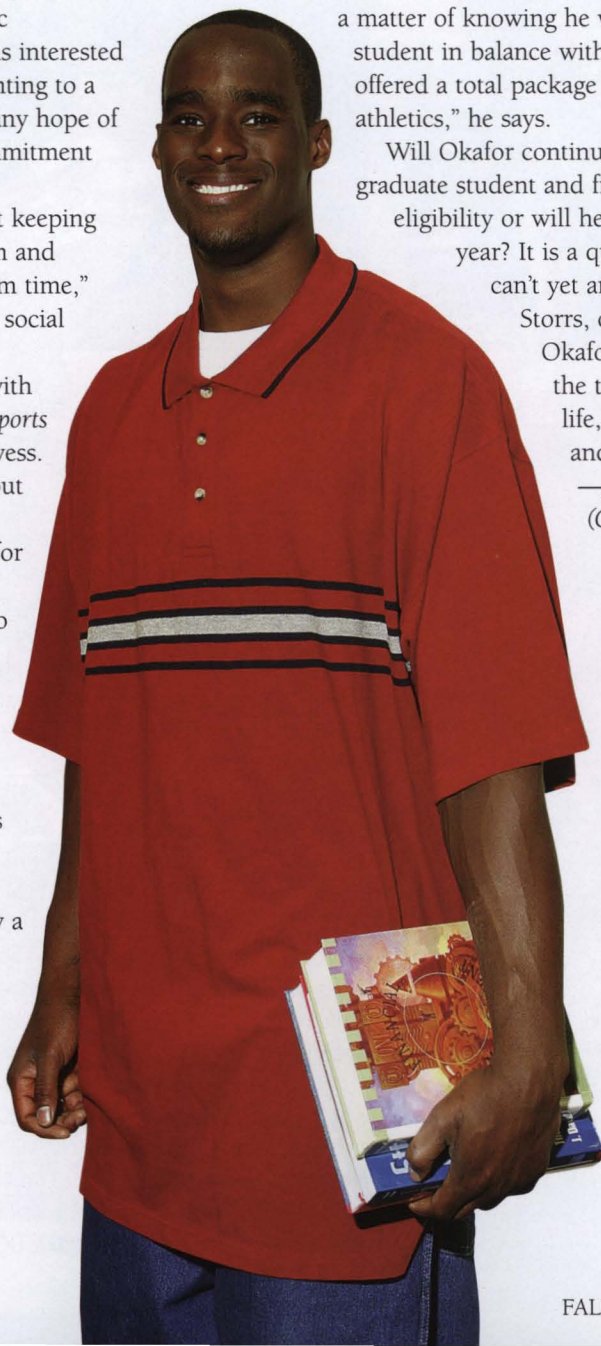
Okafor's tenacity at blocking shots on the basketball court—in part the result of studying his opponent and working on timing his jump—may be matched only by his drive for success in the classroom. "It's something I learned early on. You have to be disciplined to succeed at basketball, at your studies, at whatever you do," he says. "If you don't, you're just not going to make it."

For Okafor, the decision to attend UConn was a matter of knowing he wanted to keep the student in balance with the athlete: "UConn offered a total package of academics and athletics," he says.

Will Okafor continue at UConn as a graduate student and finish out his NCAA eligibility or will he play in the NBA next year? It is a question Okafor says he can't yet answer. If he remains in Storrs, one thing is certain:

Okafor will keep in balance the two sides of his UConn life, All-American athlete and All-American scholar.

—John Surowiecki '66
(CLAS), '78 M.A.



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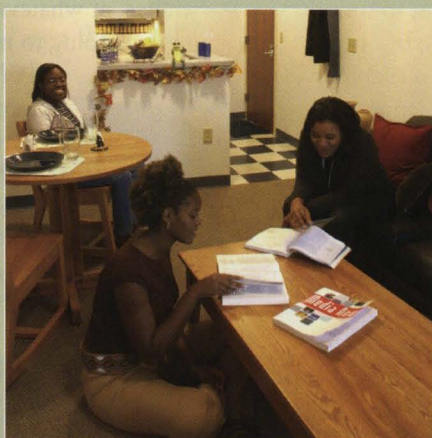
LIFE AT 21ST

FROM SUITES TO APARTMENTS ON CAMPUS, RESIDENTIAL LIVING HAS EVOLVED

BY LESLIE VIROSTEK



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Apartment-style options for residence hall living include Hilltop Apartments (top left) and Charter Oak Apartments (top right). Above: Students preparing a meal in the kitchen of a new on-campus apartment.

Like most freshmen, Laura Ribaudo '03 (ED) spent her first year at UConn sharing a room in a traditional residence hall environment—corridor-style with a large common bathroom. Living in such close quarters was a bonding experience, to be sure, but for her junior and senior years, Ribaudo and her friends opted out of residence hall life and moved off campus. Now entering her first year as a graduate student, Ribaudo says she is thrilled to be back on campus in UConn's new Hilltop Apartments.

"Hilltop is bigger than my old apartment, and electricity, heat and air conditioning, phone, cable, and Internet are all included," she notes. Not to mention such perks as a washer and dryer and a full kitchen equipped with a dishwasher and garbage disposal. She even gets her own campus parking space.

"If I had this as an option, I never would have moved off campus," she adds.

More than 11,000 students live on the main campus at UConn, including a whopping 74 percent of the undergraduate population. Such numbers make UConn

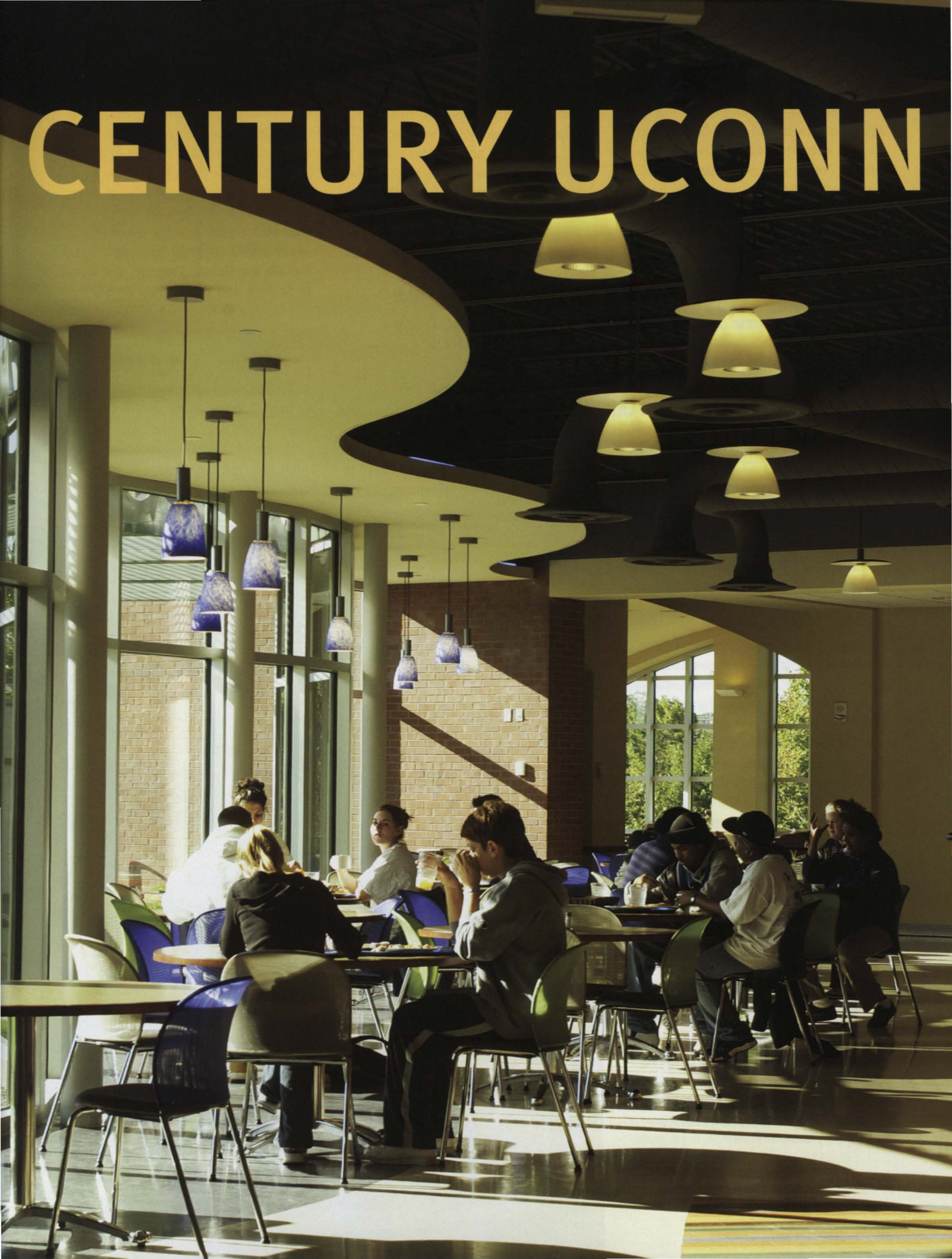
the public institution with the fifth-largest residential program in the nation and the highest percentage of students living on campus of any public university nationally, according to the Association of College and University Housing Officers International.

Such numbers also create an environment that is special, according to Jason Wesalo, a junior communications major from New Jersey. "One thing I really like is that a lot of people do choose to live on campus," he says. "Because of that you have more of a community feeling at UConn."

While a residence hall is still the standard for most first- and second-year students, many of UConn's juniors and seniors now leave the shared bedrooms, long hallways, and community bathrooms behind—without having to leave campus.

UConn's first residential suites (featuring two double rooms, a living room area, and a bathroom for four students) were created in 1996, when South Campus was rebuilt. But the revolution in housing took a major step forward two years ago, when the Hilltop Apartments and Hilltop Suites opened with single bedrooms for each student. Nearly 1,000 juniors, seniors, and graduate students can choose from among suites, efficiency apartments, two-bedroom apartments, and four-bedroom apartments, all on campus with amenities galore.

This fall, the new Charter Oak Suites and Apartments opened to offer similar living environments to an additional 1,000 students. Charter Oak features its own convenience store, as well as a community center with a study lounge—something specifically requested by students.



CENTURY UCONN

The options don't end there. Husky Village is a cluster of six buildings that are now home to UConn's Greek organizations. Forget your old notions of the free standing fraternity or sorority house, says Wesalo, who lives with 14 others in Alpha Epsilon Pi. Think townhouse-style living with a full kitchen, laundry facili-

For example, the renovation two summers ago of Buckley—a residence favored by music and theater majors because of its proximity to most of their classroom buildings—included the addition of a music practice room. Part of the renovation of Alumni included the addition of an outdoor basketball court

A few years ago, Northwest became a community designed exclusively for freshmen, with programming focused on helping first-year students make the most of their college experience. Now Towers and North Campus also offer freshman enclaves, while other affinity or academically centered housing clusters include the Honors Program, the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Community, the Pre-Pharmacy Community, and the Multicultural Awareness Community.

Carole Henry, executive director of residential life, notes that changes in UConn's campus living program have been driven in large part by input from students. "We have tried to give them what they ask for," she says.

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"TODAY'S UNDERGRADUATES WANT MORE PRIVACY AND MORE COMMUNITY—MORE SINGLE ROOMS AND MORE GATHERING PLACES—ALL AT THE SAME TIME."

ties, and a large, comfortable common room. "There's lots of room to hang out, and it has a homey kind of feel," he says.

Even with a full spectrum of residential options, traditional rooms appear to be a good introduction to college life for younger undergraduates, including those who later choose less traditional housing options. Sarah Brockway '05 (CLAS), who has an apartment at Hilltop this year and is glad for the privacy of her own bedroom, lived in newly renovated Northwest, the former alumni quad, as a first-year student. She says she enjoyed having a roommate and living on a long hall with a community bathroom because the environment fostered close friendships. "Everyone would have their doors open all the time. That's the way you'd meet people," she says.

Most alumni identify with this traditional on campus living experience, but even the older UConn residence halls have evolved. Today's rooms are wired with a full telecommunications package—Internet connections, voicemail, and cable TV lines. In addition to upgrading buildings with sprinkler systems, air conditioning, and the like, there is recognition that there is more activity beyond eating, sleeping and studying.

with lights. Other residence halls incorporate computer labs and recreation rooms.

Meanwhile, more and more residences offer UConn students the opportunity to live in special interest communities.

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Husky Village is the new housing complex for UConn's Greek fraternity and sorority communities.

Bon appetit!

offering access not only to all 10 campus dining halls but also to campus coffee bars and snack bars.

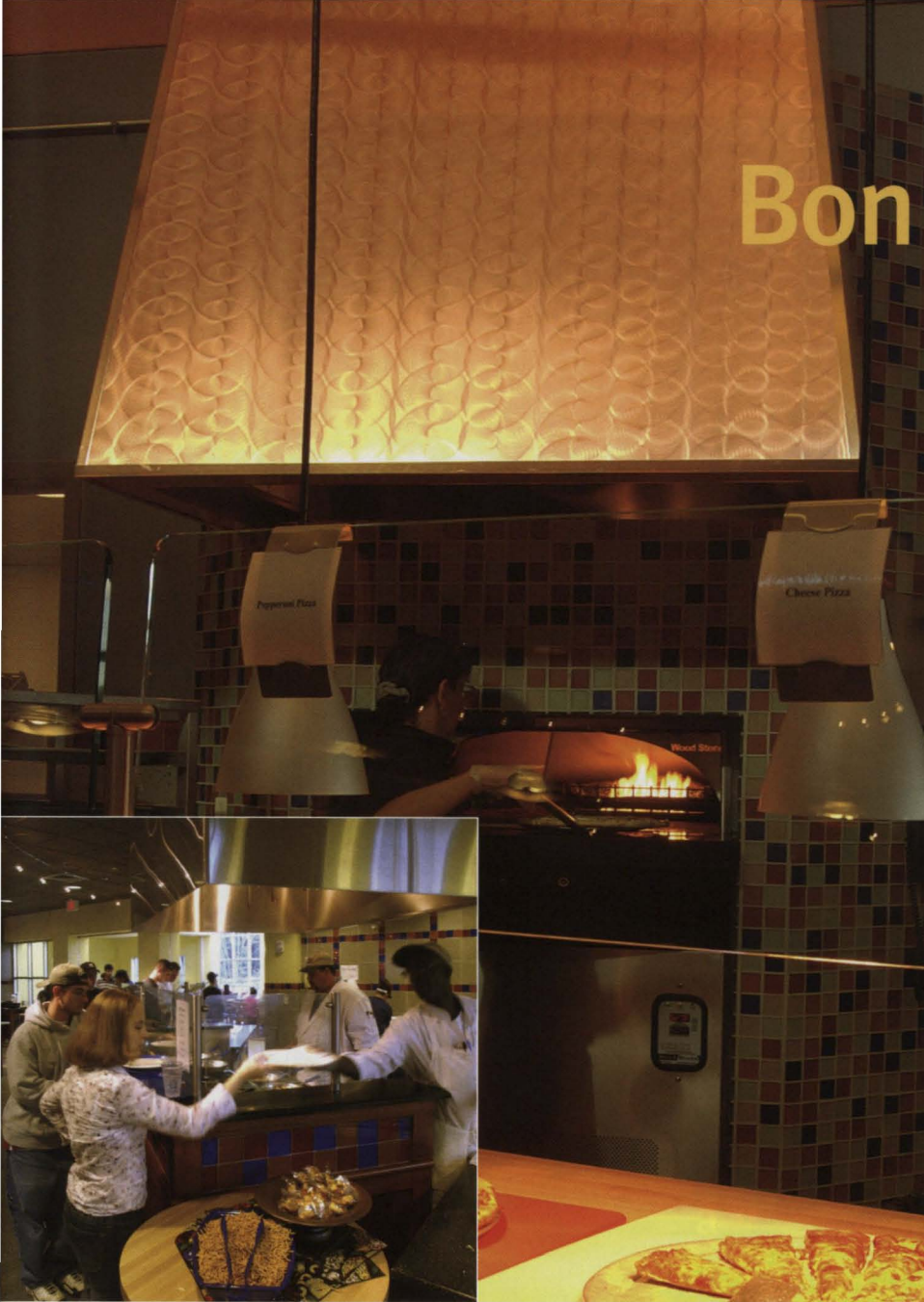
Junior Sarah Brockway notes that students rely on the convenience of the system that allows them to eat wherever and whenever they wish. For example, at lunchtime she often chooses the dining hall that is closest to her classrooms on a given day. She says, "I'll eat wherever I am during the day."

What is being served also makes a difference, though. Last year, she and her friends became fond of cream of broccoli soup. "Sometimes we'd migrate to wherever that was being served," she says.

Since 1999, the South Campus dining hall has been offering marketplace-style food options and what director of dining services Gerald Weller calls "in your face food preparation." South is still known for its many stations offering different kinds of food, but now other dining halls also have oversized woks, grille stations, and small-batch cooking that's fresh and interesting. UConn's newest dining facility in the Towers community features a wood-fired pizza oven. It also features a kosher kitchen supported by a gift from Morris Trachten '48 (BUS).

Weller says that Dining Services is working to meet the needs of today's students. He points out that there are more vegetarians and vegans (those who eat no animal products), more students with cultural preferences, and even more students with food allergies than ever before. He also just likes to give them what they want, such as a popular menu item called Rice Krispy Chicken. And homemade bagels. And make-your-own-taco dinners. And theme nights such as "Strawberry Festival."

In fact, there's so much good food around in so many settings that it can be overwhelming. Says Jason Wesalo '05, "When my parents come up, they are blown away by all the dining options I have."



Peter Morenus

DINNER OPTIONS AT THE NEWLY OPENED TOWERS DINING HALL INCLUDE WOOD-FIRED BRICK OVEN PIZZA AND FRESHLY MADE STIR-FRY DISHES

Pizza prepared in wood-fired ovens. A Belgian waffle bar. Sizzling stir-fry stations. International cuisine. Rotisserie chicken.

Welcome to the food realities of today's UConn students. They want options, and they have them. Less than 20 years ago the University's food service was characterized by small kitchens in the residence halls and meals served family-style.

Students could eat only in their assigned dining room on weekdays, and when regular meals weren't served on weekends, they fended for themselves.

Contrast that with today's continuous daily food service with dining halls open in-between scheduled meals and service late into the night, grab-and-go options including grinder sandwiches and pizza slices, and a variety of meal plans

UConn's Viking Scientist

*Peter Auster's voyage
to the top of the
bottom of the sea*
By Jim H. Smith

Peter Auster won't forget Erin. Born at the close of August 2001 in warm seas south of the Cape Verdes, Erin needed three days to achieve official tropical storm status.

By Sunday, Sept. 9 the storm had finally become a hurricane, brandishing 120 mph winds and heading toward a ship Auster was on southeast of Georges Bank. Erin was all but forgotten two days later, on Sept. 11.

As terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that morning, Auster, the science director at UConn's National Undersea Research Center (NURC) and an assistant professor of marine sciences, was aboard the 274-foot research vessel *Atlantis*. He was with a team of scientists, educators, artists, and journalists who had put to sea two days earlier on the inaugural cruise of a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) exploration program with an optimist's



(Above) With UConn's Peter Auster inside, the submersible *Alvin* prepares for diving. (Far left) *Alvin*'s mechanical manipulator about to collect a small piece of coral. (Bottom left) A coral colony showing open polyps filtering water for food particles and small yellow anemones that use the coral as habitat; an ophiidid cusk-eel, one of many species of deep-sea fish observed during the expedition.

list of things he hoped to encounter. Not on that list: an unpredictable hurricane flailing them with fierce winds as they pounded through 25-foot seas.

Experienced sailors know the one thing you can always expect from the ocean is the unexpected. And experience is something Auster has in abundance.

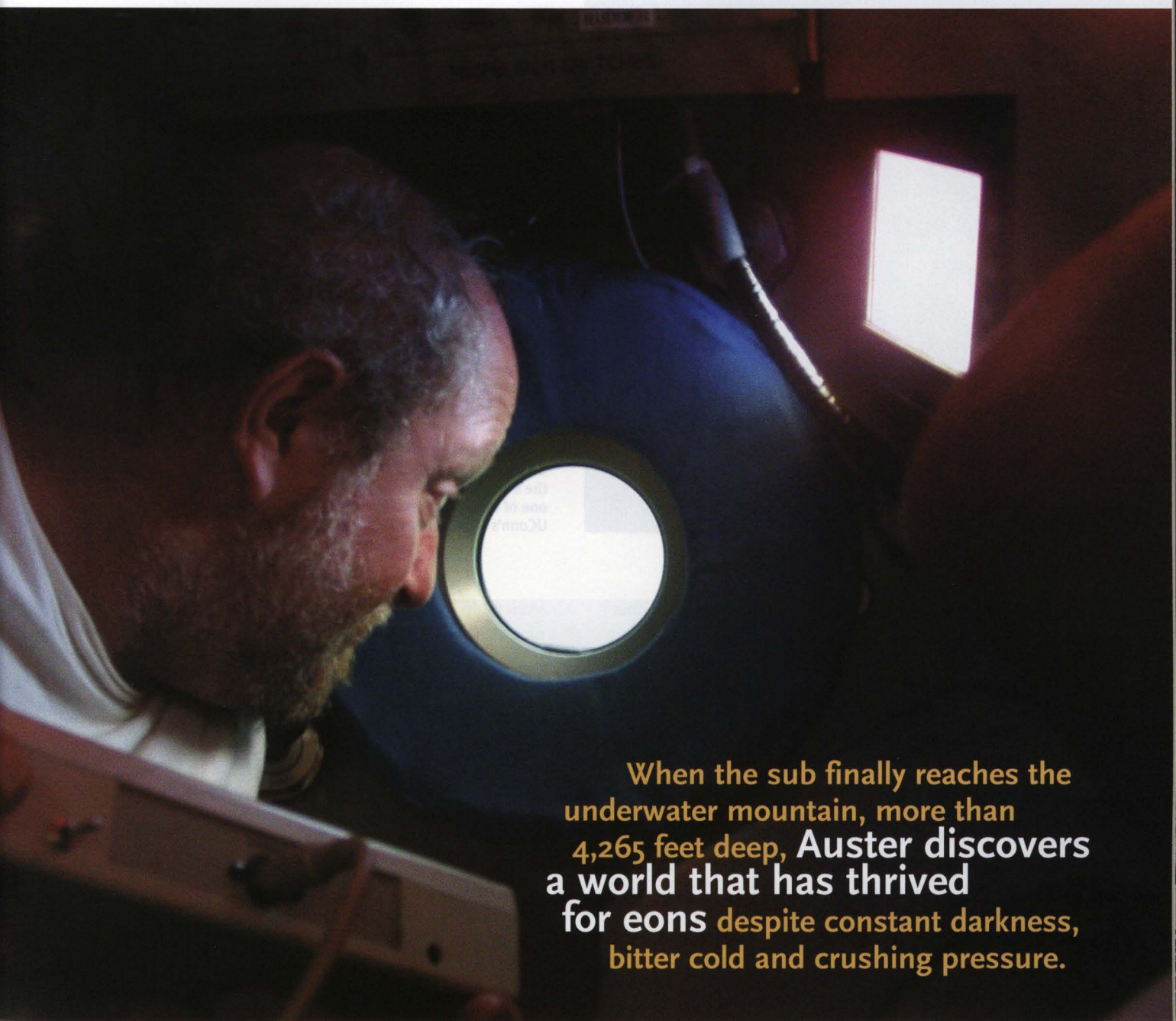
A scientist by training and an explorer by nature, he says his first career choice was to be a Viking. "Marine biologist," he concedes, "is the next best thing." He was inspired by the first U.S. astronauts and compares ocean exploration to space exploration, with significant advantages: "The oceans are nearby. Life is everywhere down there. And you can explore much more often."

And the difference between exploration and research? Research begins with questions that are tested through hypotheses, observations, and experiments. Exploration is what you do to provoke the questions.



NURC/NOAA/WHOI

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When the sub finally reaches the underwater mountain, more than 4,265 feet deep, Auster discovers a world that has thrived for eons despite constant darkness, bitter cold and crushing pressure.

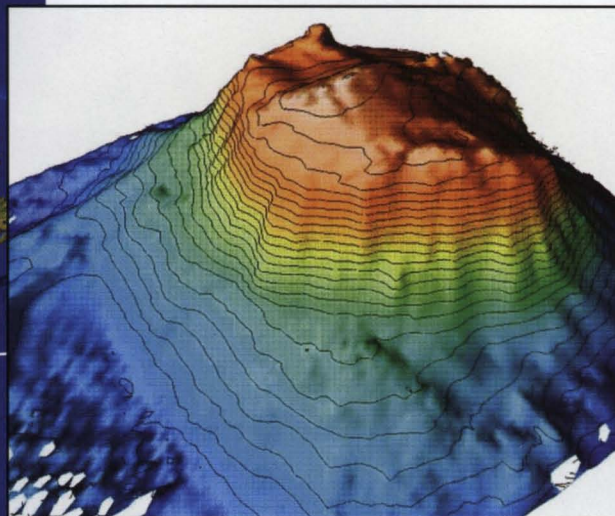
Auster has been on exploration and research cruises everywhere—Bering Sea, Coral Sea, Florida Keys, South China Sea, Gulf of Alaska, Caribbean Sea, tropical Pacific, and deep lakes in Russia, Kenya and Malawi. However, most of his work is right out his back door in the cold and turbid North Atlantic, where, despite being one of the most well-studied places on the planet, much remains to be discovered. He has been scientist or chief scientist on nearly 40 major research cruises and conducted more than 1,700 dives.

In 1999, the Pew Charitable Trust honored him with a Marine Conservation Fellowship and a \$150,000 research award. And in 2000, NOAA named him an Environmental Hero of the Year for his research in the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, offshore from Boston. He

proudly displays his letter of congratulations from then Vice President Al Gore in his office.

Auster's research is focused on understanding how differences in underwater landscapes affect populations and communities of fishes. He goes about this work as wildlife biologists do on land, by looking at individual animals interacting with their surrounding environments. Unlike wildlife biologists, who can venture out with just binoculars and notebook in hand, Auster needs to surround himself with technology, as simple as scuba gear or as complex as research submarines, just to get to work.

Before Hurricane Erin cut short the voyage, Auster and his colleagues intended to explore the precipitous undersea canyons along the edge of the continental shelf and the



A sonar map shows the configuration of Bear Seamount, 4,265 feet deep and located just off the edge of the North American continental shelf, one of three undersea mountains explored by UConn's Peter Auster.

immense undersea mountains “known as seamounts” that rise nearby from the 16,000-foot-deep Sohm Abyssal Plain. Auster planned to determine just who all of the players are in undersea life and how they divide up resources in the underwater landscape, just as birds and mammals do on land. One major goal was to see how fishes use deep-sea corals as habitat. The corals themselves are slow growing and can live hundreds to more than 1,000 years of age. They are the redwoods of the ocean.

Last summer, Auster finally got to go mountain climbing, except from the top down. Together with a team of scientists, he set sail again on *Atlantis* to explore three of them—Bear, Manning, and Kelvin—ocean monuments that rise to relatively shallow depths and feature virtually untouched coral habitats. Once on site, the scientists relied upon one of ocean exploration's most sophisticated tools, the 23-foot manned submersible *Alvin*, famous for its role in the discovery of the *Titanic* in 1985.

The seamounts are part of a 682-mile chain that curves in a southeastern direction from the Georges Bank. Getting to them requires a day and a half of travel from Woods Hole, Mass. A few of these seamounts had been visited before, back in the 1970s. The team then was made up of geologists, and they were not really interested in life in the deep sea. While some sampling from surface ships has also been done at a few places, there has been no real biological exploration of the whole mountain chain until recently. Kelvin Seamount had never been explored before using any technology.

Most maps of the seamounts were made using old technologies and lack much detail; a major expedition objective was the creation of new maps using state-of-the-art multiple-beam sonar mapping pioneered in the last decade. Under the

leadership of Ivar Babb, director of the NURC, who accompanied Auster on the expedition, new maps were produced each night before a dive. Late night meetings with the team were held after the new maps were printed to select a dive site and plan a route for the dive the next morning, and each dive was better planned as the team learned more about where fishes and corals were located.

Alvin, an innerspace shuttle, can accommodate just two passengers besides the pilot. Preparation for each day's dive commences before dawn. All of the sub's systems, both for science and to keep the human cargo alive, must be thoroughly checked. It is 8 a.m. by the time *Alvin* finally rolls out of its bay on *Atlantis* and the submariners wriggle into the cramped compartment; another 20 minutes pass before they're in the water and diving.

They descend quickly, from aquamarine light through dusk into midnight. A spectral light flickers in the gloom. Then another. Suddenly *Alvin* is surrounded by a surreal population of eerie, glowing sea creatures. Auster compares the phenomenon with the famed Northern Lights “astonishingly beautiful and outside the experience of terrestrial mammals.”

When *Alvin* finally reaches the underwater mountain, Bear, more than 4,265 feet deep, Auster discovers a world that has thrived for eons despite constant darkness, bitter cold and crushing pressure. Since the mountain has endured practically no human disturbance, the landscape and the community of fishes that live there are more natural and wild than he has encountered virtually anywhere else. “Seeing them in such an unimpacted environment helps us understand the landscape attributes that are important for their survival,” he says.

An *Alvin* day is brief and non-negotiable; when the power

in the batteries is depleted to a certain level it is time to go home. As the pilot deftly jockeys the sub around the seamount, Auster works efficiently. He catalogues more than 25 species, filming them and recording important observations about their dispersal throughout the habitat. Samples of corals and other invertebrates are also collected for the other scientists aboard.

All too soon the dive is over and *Alvin* surfaces. The weary submariners first stretch out the cramps that inevitably set in when you cannot move more than a few inches for six hours. Then they entertain the realization that incredible fortune has graced them with this experience. Then it is time to go to work reviewing video and still images and processing and cataloging samples.

Integrating the maps and the data that are ultimately produced from the *Alvin* dives, using modern geographic information systems, will allow the team to plot where corals, fishes, and other species occurred on the seamounts.

Understanding what it means? That comes later.

So, what is the meaning of such an adventure? Well, you can look at it a lot of ways.

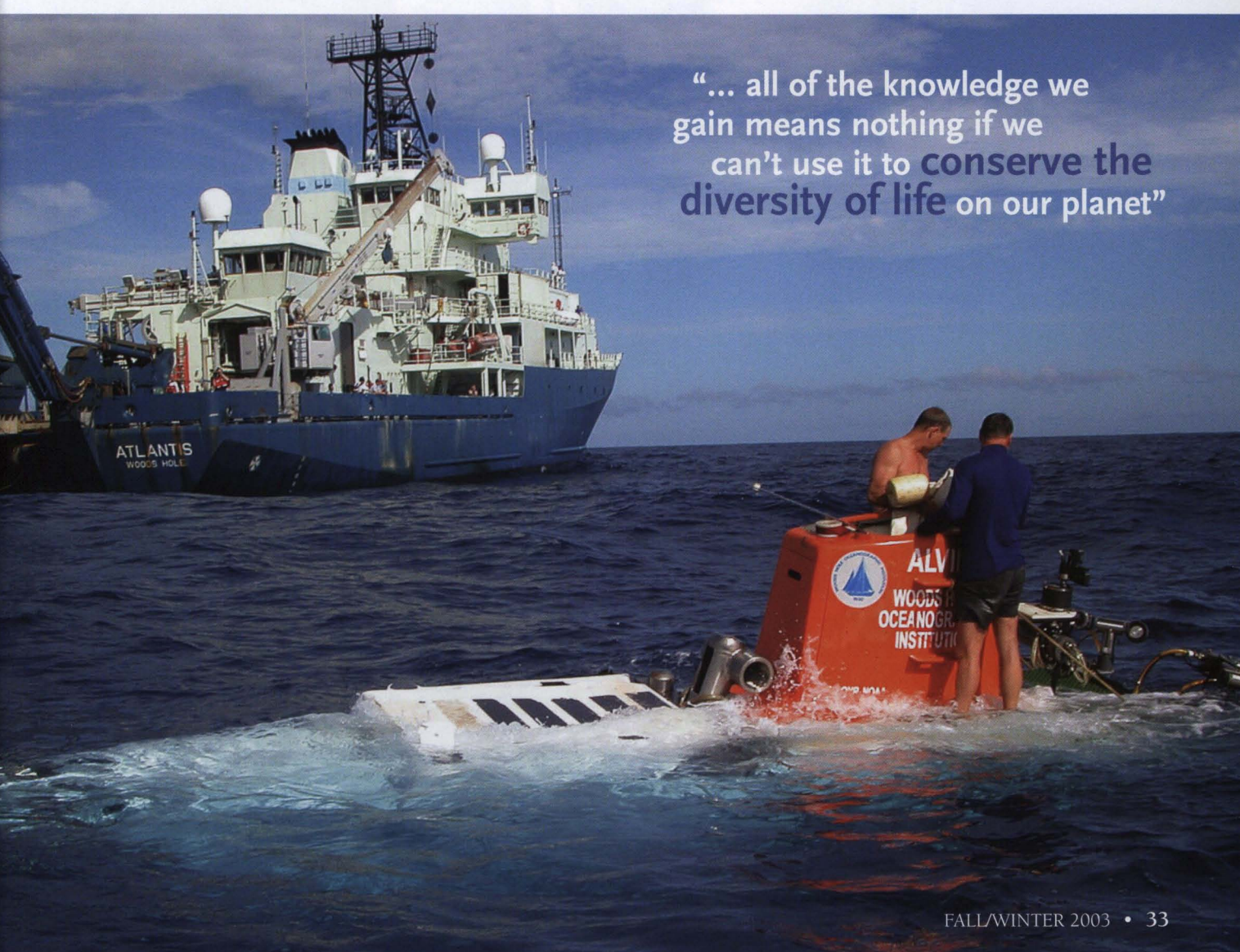
You can say that UConn scientists helped lead a group of intrepid adventurers who put to sea and explored some of the last places on our planet where no one has gone before. You can call that a gift to the human spirit.

You can say that the maps, video and samples add to our collective knowledge of the geography and biological diversity of our world. In fact, at least one new species of coral was discovered on this expedition.

You can say that reports of the expedition written by journalists from *Newsday* and the influential research magazine *Science*, who accompanied the expedition, have boosted public awareness of places in the deep sea that are fragile and in need of national and international management to conserve their incredible diversity.

You can also say that the two teachers from New England high schools, who also sailed with the expedition, will return to their classrooms and convey the excitement of scientific exploration to their students, who one day could become researchers and explorers, inspired by their teachers' tales of undersea adventures with Auster and his team.

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“... all of the knowledge we
gain means nothing if we
can't use it to **conserve the
diversity of life on our planet**”

THE COMPLEXITY, COMPASSION AND CHALLENGES OF MODERN HEALTHCARE

BY KENNETH BEST



With personal healthcare expenditures in the United States at about \$1 trillion, or 13 percent of gross domestic product, and recent studies projecting growth to twice that amount within a decade, the nation's healthcare system has never before played such a large role in daily life.

Advances in science and technology are helping people to live longer with new treatments for diseases. Patients surf the Internet to learn more about alternative medical treatments to discuss

with their doctors. Political debates abound about how to pay for the health benefits of an increasingly aging and longer-living population, even as the U.S. Census Bureau reports that 15 percent of Americans have no health insurance coverage. All of this is occurring in the face of an existing shortage of nurses and allied health specialists that will soon be compounded by a projected need for physicians and pharmacists to replace retiring baby boomers.

In Connecticut, healthcare employment accounts for 11.4 percent of the state's workforce—about 195,000 people—making it the fifth-largest concentration of healthcare workers in the nation, according to a recent Milken Institute study of the health care economy. Personal healthcare expenditures in Connecticut are \$15.2 billion, an average of \$3,759 per capita, according to the State Health Care Facts Online website of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

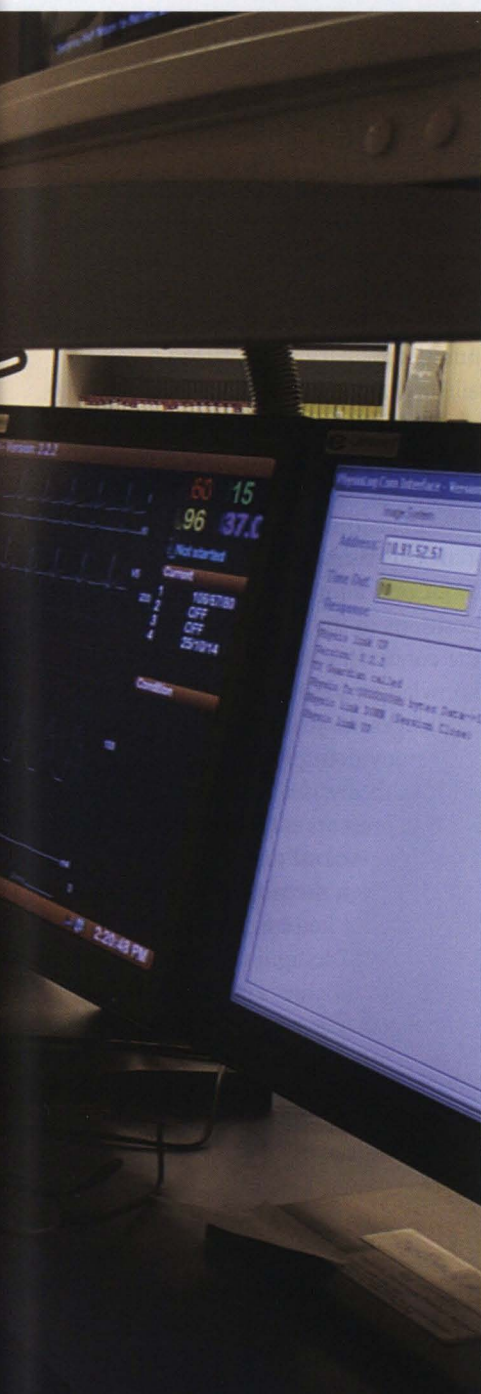
Considering these trends, the University of Connecticut has increasingly assumed a more prominent role in the state's healthcare industry in several ways:

- The UConn Health Center is one of Connecticut's 31 acute care hospitals and is helping to lead the way toward new discoveries for treating disease as a teaching hospital and medical research center.
- Graduates of the University's five health-related schools (Nursing, Pharmacy, Allied Health, Medicine and Dental Medicine) and thousands more work in related fields after completing UConn degrees in programs such as nutritional science in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, adult development and aging in the School of Family Studies or molecular and cell biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- In addition to preparing health-related professionals, the schools of Business, Law and Social Work educate managers, attorneys, accountants, social workers

and others who go on to work as healthcare administrators throughout the industry in hospitals, nursing homes, community social service agencies, laboratories and related fields.

"It's a field that no matter what you do, you make a difference each and every day," says Jennifer Jackson '93 J.D., president of the Connecticut Hospital Association. "I don't ever see a diminished demand for these services. If someone is interested in using their talents with what they've learned in school, there is no better business to be in."

The demand for healthcare services will continue to grow too, according to a 2003 forecast of the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development of the American Hospital Association. The assessment predicts, among other things, an increasing role



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UConn's Impact By The Numbers

Degrees 1973-2003

Medicine 2,371 • Dentistry 1,096
Nursing 3,976 • Pharmacy 3,079
Allied Health 3,651 • Total 14,173

UConn Health Center/2003

3,808 employees • 214,449 patients
cared for • \$88.1 million in
sponsored research • Nearly 120
active clinical trials

Sources:
UConn Office of Institutional Research
University of Connecticut Health Center

for computer technology in all aspects of healthcare and a greater patient voice in the treatment of illness. While the future still remains uncertain, UConn healthcare experts say today's students are gaining the knowledge and skills they will need to meet the challenges they ultimately will face in the rapidly evolving healthcare industry.

"A lot of what has happened in recent years in our curriculum is to transform students into lifelong learners," says Scott Wetstone, '79 M.D., assistant professor of community medicine at the



David Grant, right, associate professor of pharmaceutical science, working with students in his lab.

School of Medicine and director of health affairs and policy planning at the UConn Health Center. "We change them from rote memorizers to being active thinkers capable not only of changing the paradigms but also of making their own judgments as to what is correct or incorrect so they can individualize patient care."

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY, TEAM APPROACH TO TREATING PATIENTS IS ALSO GROWING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT

Wetstone says the re-emergence of infectious diseases and the speed with which they can be spread around the world has made it critical for health professionals to be able to quickly determine a patient's needs and know how to provide treatment. "There was a long period of time after antibiotics were introduced that eliminated the concern about infectious disease. Polio was probably the last major concern. Globalization has made it possible for diseases such as AIDS or SARS in an isolated part of a remote country to reach around the world," he says.

An interdisciplinary, team approach to treating patients is also growing increasingly important, says Joseph Smey, dean of allied health, where core courses provide students with the

knowledge and skills to work with other health professionals. "Our school was founded on several goals, one of which was interdisciplinary education because we thought that over time healthcare will require greater appreciation and skill in collaboration," he says.

Robert McCarthy, dean of pharmacy, says today's students are learning that the role of pharmacists has evolved significantly from the days of primarily filling prescriptions written by a doctor. "It's really about pharmaceutical care,"

he says. "It's ensuring the patient has optimal drug therapy that's going to achieve definite outcomes. It used to be the physician who worried about the drug doing what it was supposed to. Now it's really a shared responsibility."

Nowhere are the challenges in healthcare being felt more dramatically than in nursing, where nursing professionals must juggle a myriad of new information, technology and patient demands.

"It's very exciting for these students when they come out of school," says Laura Dzurec '74 (NUR), dean of nursing. "I told a group of juniors: Your lives are about to change. You'll never be the same. Every day you'll be bombarded with physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual challenges.

Communication is the key. The students really need to come out knowing how to learn, how to get more information. What they know today is outdated shortly. You have to be technology savvy and people need to work in an interdisciplinary way."

McCarthy says that to reinforce the need for increasing collaboration among healthcare professionals the schools of Pharmacy, Nursing, Family Studies and Allied Health are exploring potential joint efforts in research and teaching.

UConn alumni who are in senior positions in the healthcare industry say the continuing need to acquire new knowledge, adapt to changes and face challenges are just some of the reasons they enjoy doing what they do.

"Healthcare is a very challenging field. It presents relentless demand. It provides extraordinary rewards, principally through the personal satisfaction derived from helping other people," says Joseph Zaccagnino '68 (BUS), the president and chief executive officer of Yale New Haven Health System. "It goes to the basic need we all have to be cared for. It's quite different from providing a product or a service in the commercial sector. There's a dimension of helping people and applying your talents in a way that makes a difference. I think it's what draws people to the field and keeps them there."

Device improves breast cancer detection

UConn professor leads effort to improve accuracy of diagnosis

Each year, more than 200,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer. Thousands more experience a scare because detection is not always precise.

Quing Zhu, a UConn physicist, has developed a tool to make breast cancer detection easier and more accurate. Zhu's "combined ultrasound and light imager" is undergoing clinical trials at the UConn Health Center.

"We hope to improve diagnostic imaging of breast lesions by increasing detection sensitivity and specificity, which will save lives and reduce anxiety for patients," says Zhu, a UConn assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering.

She hopes to fine-tune the imager and prove its effectiveness with an \$800,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. Her collaborators from the UConn Health Center include breast cancer specialists and radiologists.

When a breast mass is found, either by a mammogram or physical exam, breast cancer specialists often perform an ultrasound to determine whether the mass is a harmless cyst or solid lesion. But ultrasound technology is unable to accurately detect whether the solid lesions are benign or malignant, so a biopsy is often done to confirm the diagnosis. The device Zhu developed combines ultrasound and near-infrared optical techniques. Near-infrared light is harmless, but highly sensitive to functional parameters that distinguish between benign and malignant lesions. During the imager's clinical trials, Zhu conducts her test before a biopsy is undertaken, and the results are compared with the confirming biopsy.

"For some time

Quing Zhu, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, with her device for detecting breast cancer.

For some time we've needed better tools to determine who needs a biopsy and who does not

we've needed better tools to determine who needs a biopsy and who does not because the majority of women who undergo biopsies are found not to have cancer," says Scott Kurtzman, a breast cancer specialist. "Because results from the imager can be determined much faster, women won't have to wait and worry about the biopsy results."

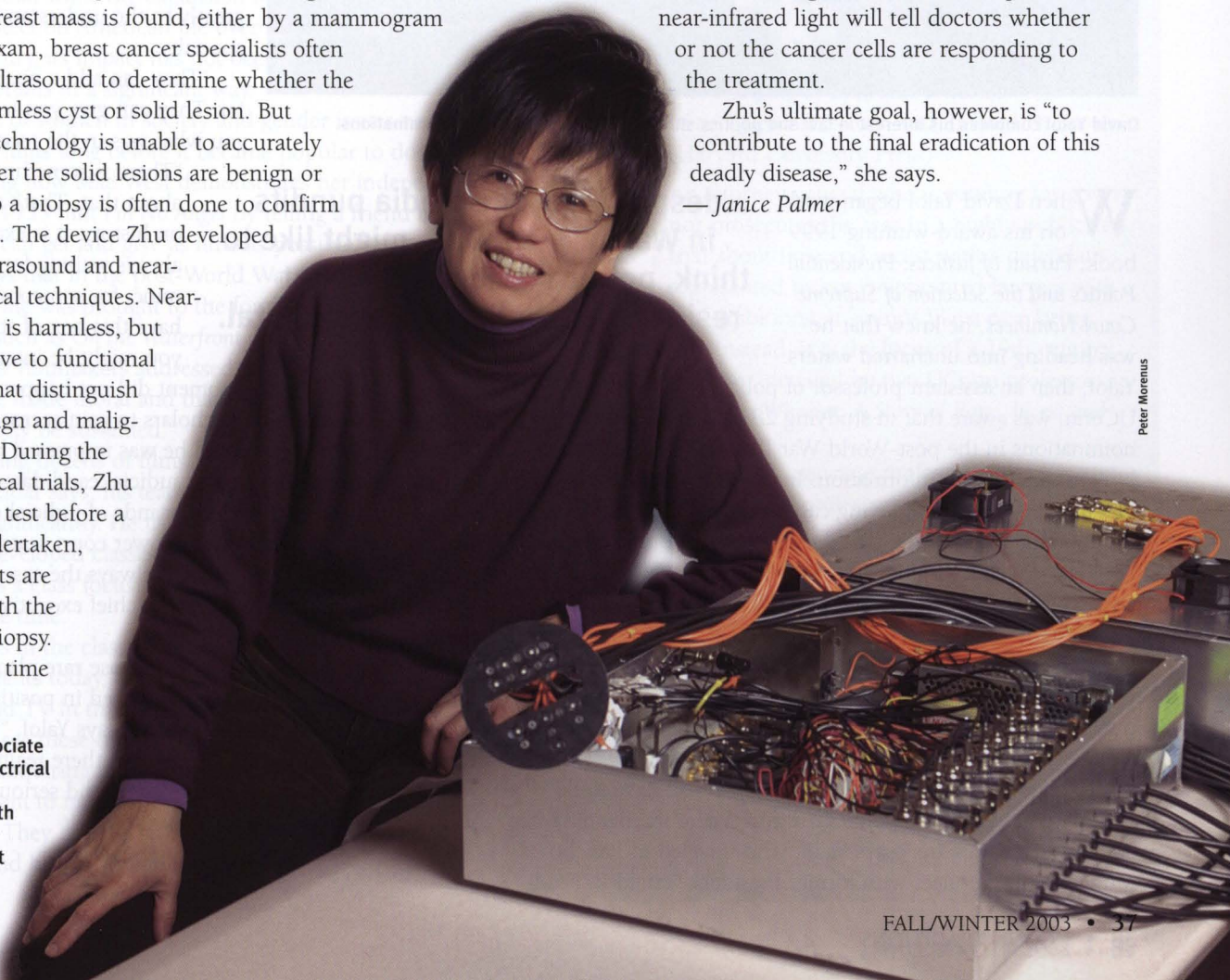
Zhu is encouraged by the trials' early results, which have been published in scientific journals, although more research is needed for conclusive results. She is also

optimistic that the imager will lend a hand in the early detection process, because it is proving effective detecting the smaller more aggressive cancers.

Detection may not be the only role for the imager. Near-infrared light may also be effective in monitoring the success of anti-cancer drug treatment. The hope is that the near-infrared light will tell doctors whether or not the cancer cells are responding to the treatment.

Zhu's ultimate goal, however, is "to contribute to the final eradication of this deadly disease," she says.

— Janice Palmer



Peter Morenus

Where the politics are

David Yalof's journey to study U.S. Supreme Court nominations



to College Park, Md., to read the vice presidential papers of Richard M. Nixon; and to Abilene, Kansas, to conduct research at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library. He further traveled to conduct interviews with seven men who once served as attorney general of the United States about the behind-the-scenes details involved in the Supreme Court nominating process.

Yalof, whose most recent book, *The First Amendment and Media in the Court of Public Opinion*, was written with Kenneth Dautrich of the UConn Center for Survey Research and Analysis, says being able to talk with the political decision makers adds greatly to the understanding of his specialty.

"They can add a nuance, a character. They can give you texture and tell you what was in the room," he says.

"There is something wonderful about that. That's a front row on history. It is exciting. You're always waiting for that gold mine, for someone to say, 'I have this box of stuff upstairs you might be interested in.'"

That precise kind of moment did not happen, however. Yalof was one of the first scholars to gain access to President Ronald Reagan's papers, and he was impressed by the efforts of that administration to find judicial candidates. He says Reagan's staffers reviewed thousands of judicial opinions in searching for candidates to fill lower court seats, as well as the Supreme Court. Such is not always the case, as during the Truman presidency, when the chief executive's friends were placed on the Court, he says.

"The Supreme Court is one of those rare places where incredibly important people are placed in position not by voters but by the decision makers," says Yalof. "It was reassuring and heartening to me that there really was, in recent years, a great amount of effort and seriousness that went into that enterprise." —Kenneth Best

David Yalof combines his interest in law and politics studying U.S. Supreme Court nominations.

When David Yalof began work on his award-winning 1999 book, *Pursuit of Justices: Presidential Politics and the Selection of Supreme Court Nominees*, he knew that he was heading into uncharted waters.

Yalof, then an assistant professor of political science at UConn, was aware that in studying 28 U.S. Supreme Court nominations in the post-World War II period he would have limited quantitative information. Instead he developed a qualitative analysis employing case study methodology to examine the process that led to the selection of justices.

"I learned that there is some very important political science to be done that can't necessarily be counted or statistically tested," Yalof says.

Yalof, who holds a law degree as well as a doctorate in political science, also found that despite what the media pundits in Washington, D.C., might like to think, political science does not reside solely in the nation's capital.

"To do political science well, sometimes you have to be willing to go where the politics are and where the people who are part of politics are," says Yalof, who traveled to Rancho Mirage, Calif., to meet with former President Gerald R. Ford;

...despite what the media pundits in Washington, D.C., might like to think, political science does not reside solely in the nation's capital.



Recent works by alumni and faculty



Viewing history through film

For historian John Bodnar '75 Ph.D., films are far richer than just their entertainment value. They also are filled with lessons in sociology, politics and mass culture.

"Part of our cultural and political life today has a lot to do with exploring individual choices," Bodnar says. "Hollywood instigated that at a much earlier time than American political movements or parties."

In his book *Blue-Collar Hollywood: Liberalism, Democracy and Working People in American Film* (Johns Hopkins University Press), Bodnar looks at how films since the 1930s have depicted ordinary men and women.

A history professor at Indiana University in Bloomington, Bodnar has spent years of research and scholarship concentrating on the post-World War II period in the United States. He observed that while the expansion of mass culture had an obvious effect on American life over the second half of the 20th century, its impact has not been addressed by political historians in a significant way.

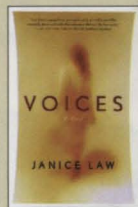
"The place of women in society and gender issues was dealt with in films long before it became popular to do so," he says, noting how Mae West demonstrates her independence in the 1933 film *I'm No Angel* by telling a friend to "take all you can get and give as little as possible."

Bodnar says that in the post-World War II era, the nature of emotional life was brought to the forefront in films. In 1950s films such as *On the Waterfront* and *Somebody Up There Likes Me* filmmakers addressed the hope "that violent men could be made moral and that conventional ideals could ultimately be sustained."

After viewing dozens of films critically in researching the book, Bodnar says, his teaching of history has been influenced significantly. He uses more films in his courses, and he has developed classes around specific aspects of the book, such as a class focusing on the Depression era, using films from the time.

Using films in the classroom is an important aspect of teaching students today, he says. "Because students see so much film and TV in their lives before college, I think it's important to see these things more critically. I don't use a film without requiring more reading or writing in papers that forces them to merge the film and reading material into a discussion. They have to frame the film in the context of its political and historical implications."

ALSO OF INTEREST



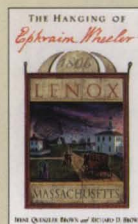
Voices

Janice Law '67 M.A., '92 Ph.D.
(Forge)

The fourth novel from Janice Law is a compelling mystery that asks what is more important: who you are now or who you were in your past? Can you forgive the people who have lied to you, especially when the lies have changed the course of your life?

Voices begins when newspaper reporter Leslie Austin wonders why she cannot remember things about her childhood. In the search for her past, she asks why there are no photographs of her as a child. Then she reads a story about the 25th anniversary of the disappearance of a 4-year-old girl named Ruth Eden.

Haunted by the memories of a meadow, a car and family tensions, Austin contacts the Edens. But when she locates the man who may or may not be her father, she learns that truth is convoluted and that it is not easy to re-enter a family.



The Hanging of Ephraim Wheeler

Irene Quenzler Brown and Richard D. Brown
(Harvard University Press)

An attorney general who is running for governor prosecutes the case in a highly publicized trial about rape and incest with a defendant represented by court-appointed lawyers with their own political ambitions. It sounds like a case being tried on Court TV. Instead, it is the focus of a 19th century drama in Lenox, Mass., detailed by two UConn professors in *The Hanging of Ephraim Wheeler: A Story of Rape, Incest and Justice in Early America*.

Irene Quenzler Brown, associate professor of family studies, and Richard D. Brown, professor of history, write about the troubled life and death of an impoverished, illiterate and failed farmer who was hanged on Feb. 20, 1806, after being found guilty of raping his 13-year-old step-daughter. Ephraim Wheeler maintained his innocence, and both his wife and daughter petitioned for his pardon.

The authors examine issues dealing with class and racial hierarchies, family and patriarchy, gender relationships, sin and attitudes toward capital punishment in early America by retelling the case using detailed trial reports, contemporary publications and the family's personal history.

News&Notes

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■ Save the Date June 4 & 5, 2004

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

Mark your calendars! Reunion Weekend will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 4 & 5, 2004. Schedule includes tours of campus, keynote speakers, classroom seminars, a dinner Friday evening where the Class of 1954 gift will be presented with a New England Clambake and Greek Sing Contest on Saturday. Check your mail in April for registration information or check our website,

www.uconnalumni.com, for program updates.

Even if you aren't from the above mentioned classes, we would welcome you to join us as well. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lachut '90 at 860-486-2240 or toll-free at 888-UC-ALUM-1 or by email at kimberly.lachut@uconn.edu.

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1920s

Walter Thorp '27 (RHSA) is now 97 years old, retired and living in Coventry, Conn.

1930s

Edward Sammis '37 (ENG) and Ruth Nielson Sammis '38 (SAH) celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary July 19, 2003. The couple lives in Sarasota, Fla.

Morton Katz '39 (CLAS), '51 J.D., received a public service award from Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz for his service on the Connecticut Public Transportation Commission. He currently serves as the vice chairman of CPTC.

1940s

Muriel Chodos Pelham '42 (SFS) recently traveled to Normandy, France, and visited a chateau on the Seine where she stayed in January 1945 while serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Norman Heilman Jr. '44 (ENG) was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the Madison, Conn., Jaycees.

1950s

Sidney Grossman '50 (BUS) retired as detective lieutenant from the Suffolk County, Long Island, N.Y. District Attorney's Office after 25 years. He is also founder and served 16 years as first president of the nationally known Suffolk County Detective Investigators Police Benevolent Association.

Jack Slattery '50 (BUS) is currently treasurer and CFO of John J. Slattery Associates, Inc., Spring Lake, N.J., a 13-person general agency/master broker specializing in employee benefit programs. He currently lives in Spring Lake with his wife, Mary. They have six children and 13 grandchildren.

Robert Watts '51 (ED), '58 M.A. and Cherie Racheter Watts '51 (ED) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16, 2002, in East Windsor, Conn. Robert is the retired director of support services for the East Windsor Board of Education and is the former first selectman of East Windsor.

Perry LeRoy '52 (ED) lives in Tacoma, Wash., and is retired since 1995 from Morehead State University, where he was a history professor for over 33 years.

John Schroeder '54 (CANR) has been in life insurance for the last 34 years.

Lois Greene Stone '55 (ED) writer and poet, continues to have her work syndicated worldwide. She has donated many personal items, including clothing, photos, memorabilia, home movies, papers and

hand-done art work to major museums, including 12 different divisions of the Smithsonian. She has been married since 1956 to Gerald E. Stone; they now have 12 grandchildren.

Richard Nelson '56 (BUS) retired as president of Fairwind Association Financial Planning after a long career at Dupont Company, where he held various management positions. He now stays active with volunteer work.

Peninnah Manchester Schram '56 (SFA) received the



distinguished 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Storytelling Network. She also received

the Anne Izard Storyteller's Choice Book Award for her anthology *Stories Within Stories: From the Jewish Oral Tradition*.

Anthony Russo '57 (CLAS), '71 (6th year), retired as elementary school principal in Waterbury, Conn., in 1992. He also served as a docent at Mattuck Museum in Waterbury. He moved to Wolcott in 2002 and celebrated a 50th reunion at Crosby High School in Waterbury in October 2003.

ABBREVIATION KEY

School and/or College abbreviations for baccalaureate graduates

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

Graduate/professional degree abbreviations

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

PROFILE

Laser technology pioneer

In the early 1950s, a young college student named **Anthony J. DeMaria '56 (ENG), '65 Ph.D.**, was wondering what to do with his life. Born in Italy, he came to America with his parents when he was 5. He grew up in Waterbury and from an early time had a passion for electronics.

DeMaria graduated from UConn in 1956 with a degree in electrical engineering. "College really wasn't fun and games for me. I was married and had to work while taking classes. But UConn was great, providing me with a good education."

In 1958, he joined United Technology Research Center, then known as United Aircraft, and started the laser program there. While at UTRC, DeMaria authored a paper in 1962 that established a new field of study: acousto-optics for controlling the output of lasers.

In 1965, he completed what would be his greatest technical contribution: developing a laser that generated laser pulses in picoseconds, one-trillionth of a second that is "roughly the amount of time it takes light to travel the thickness of a sheet of paper." That technology has grown enormously since then. Now lasers



Peter Morenus

generate femtosecond pulses in one quadrillionth of a second.

DeMaria completed this breakthrough work while pursuing his Ph.D. in electrical engineering at UConn in 1965. In fact, it was his Ph.D. thesis. And since it involved both physics and electrical engineering, he fulfilled all the courses necessary for a Ph.D. in both those fields.

In 1994, after a long and successful career at UTRC, DeMaria began his own company, DeMaria ElectroOptics Systems, Inc. (DEOS), in Bloomfield, Conn. The company manufactures and develops carbon dioxide lasers for

countless government and industrial applications—from drilling holes in circuit boards to monitoring the upper atmosphere from outer space.

Sold in 2001, the company is now known as Coherent-DEOS, LLC. DeMaria, at 72, still works there as chief scientist.

DeMaria has published more than 35 papers, edited two books on lasers, received 44 patents and been the recipient of dozens of honors and awards. He was a research professor at UConn's Photonics Research Center from 1994 to 1998 and received the University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1978.

—John Surowicki '66 (CLAS), '78 M.A.

Florence Kaminski Langridge '59 (SFS) has retired as a kindergarten teacher from Sts. Cyril & Methodius School in Hartford, Conn.

Thomas Mahan '59 Ph.D., and his wife, **Aline Mahan '56,**



Ph.D., '57 M.S. '69 Ph.D. have each been honored recently. Thomas was presented with an honorary Doctor of

Humanities degree in May of 2003 by The Citadel for his service to the community and the college. Aline, the first female professor at The Citadel and now professor of psychology emerita, has been honored with the establishment of the Aline M. Mahan Award given annually to the outstanding student in school psychology.



Steve Narracci '59 (ED) retired in 2000 after 42 years as an active high school football official. He was named commissioner of the New Haven Football Officials Association in 2002.

William E. Studwell '58 (CLAS), '59 M.A. is professor emeritus at Northern Illinois University, where he retired in 2001 after serving as the principal cataloguer at Founders Memorial Library. During his career he was a prolific author on many topics from library science to ballet; however, he became a nationally recognized expert on college fight songs and Christmas music. He co-authored a two-volume set, *College Fight Songs: An Annotated Anthology*, and wrote a series of books on Christmas carols, including *Christmas Carols: A Reference Guide*.

1960s

Stephen Nevas '60 (CLAS), formerly general counsel at National Public Radio in Washington, D.C., and counsel to Nevas, Nevas, Capasse & Gerard, Westport, Conn., has returned to residence at the firm.

Bernard Fried '61 Ph.D., professor emerita of biology at Lafayette College, has edited the revised and expanded third edition of his co-authored text, *Handbook of Thin-Layer Chromatography*.

Margo Steeves '61 (CLAS) is a field representative for Service Employees International Union Local 1984 in Concord, N.H. She lives in the Lake Sunapee area and enjoys vacations with her children across the U.S.

Harry Meyers '62 (BUS) and **Gloria Urman '63 (ED)** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 4, 2003.

Harry, who is a self-employed C.P.A., has worked in Westport, Conn., for 31 years. Gloria has been at Pilot Pen in Trumbull, Conn., for 12 years.

Anthony Retartha '63 (CLAS) retired in July 2003 after 40 years of service with the Hartford Financial Corporation, where he was an assistant vice president in charge of claim communications and consumer affairs. He lives in Avon, Conn., with his wife, Maria.

Judith Waren '63 (CLAS), '64 M.A. has retired from the U.S. government after nearly 35 years working in five departments. She will be working on a book, volunteering, and possibly consulting.

Wilma Bor Davidson '65 (ED) has co-authored a book, *Most Likely to Succeed at Work: How Work is Just Like High School — Crib Notes for Getting Along and Getting Ahead Amidst Bullies, Teacher's Pets, Cheerleaders, and Other Members of the Class*.

PROFILE

High profile success sits well with Kaufman

What happens when a motorcycle hits a waterbed? There's probably no one better qualified to answer that question than the proprietor of Bob's Discount Furniture. And **Bob Kaufman '74 (BUS)** answers it with a parable about how his incredibly successful discount furniture empire got started.

In 1976, two years after graduating from UConn, Kaufman was in a motorcycle accident. His right leg was so badly injured that his capacity to walk normally again was in doubt. To ease pain

and aid recovery, his doctor recommended that he sleep on a waterbed.

"I loved that bed," Kaufman says. "It was the best sleep I ever had." In such crucibles are great enterprises born.

When he had recovered he threw himself into the burgeoning waterbed business. In the early 1980s he took over 2,000 square feet in five different "Wholesale Furniture" stores in Connecticut.

Kaufman had the right stuff for success. He majored in marketing at UConn, and his dad, Leo, founded one of the state's most successful advertising firms, Kaufman Advertising, in Hartford. In March 1955, Leo produced the Huskies' first televised basketball game in the NIT against St. Louis University.

So it was that Kaufman brought both a first class marketing education and a lifetime of advertising experience to the waterbed business that he founded five years after graduating from UConn. Over the next decade, he steered its growth into one of New England's largest waterbed enterprises.

By the time consumer tastes began to change, and the waterbed phenomenon started slumping, he was already onto the next phase of his career. In March 1991, in Newington, Conn., he opened his first Bob's Discount Furniture store. Twelve years later, there are 18 stores, with two more scheduled to open by early next year in Worcester, Mass., and Manchester, N.H.

What's the secret of his success? It's no surprise that the son of an advertising executive should see the value of advertising. Bob's self-produced television ads nevertheless keep his stores constantly visible. He has one of the biggest advertising budgets of any furniture chain in the region and one of the most recognizable faces of any UConn alumnus.

Ask Kaufman the secret of his success, and he'll tell you a lesson he learned as a UConn student. "One of my professors asked: When was the last time anyone looked at a tire advertisement? You look at tire ads when you need tires. People shop for new furniture every day. When they respond to one of my ads, I want the process to be enjoyable from start to finish." — *Jim H. Smith*



Peter Morneau

Robert Cousins '65 M.S., '68 Ph.D. is the Boston Family



Professor of Nutrition, and director of the Center for Nutritional Sciences at the University of Florida and

won the 2003 Bristol-Myers Squibb/Mead Johnson Award for Distinguished Achievement in Nutrition. He received the award for his major contributions to micronutrient research.

Peter Kozlowski '65 (CLAS)

retired from teaching in Waterbury, Conn., after 35 years of service. He has been married to his wife, Jan, for 15 years.

Janet Linley-Warner '65

(CLAS) moved to Sanibel Island, Fla., in September 2002 with her husband, Arthur. Having studied privately for 25 years, she is teaching piano at Barrier Island Group for the Arts on Sanibel Island.

Jeanne Rogalla '65 (ED), '67

M.A. has retired as a high school counselor. Jeanne is married to **James Persinger, '67 (CLAS)**, and they are currently enjoying their three grandchildren.

Brian Burke '66 (CLAS), '69

M.A. has been appointed to the board of directors of InsurBanc, a subsidiary of Peyton Street Financial Services Corp.

Peter Stolzman '66 (CLAS), a former member of the Peace



Corps, is a social studies teacher at Branford High School. He is receiving the Mahatma Gandhi-Martin

Luther King, Jr., Peace Award from the Connecticut Education Association for promoting the study of peace education materials to develop positive attitudes among his students, maintaining cooperative links with other groups concerned with peace, and his advocacy of

the peaceful resolution of domestic and international conflicts.

Robert Klancko, '67 (ENG) was honored at the 2003 State



of Connecticut Public Service Awards for his service on the State Emergency Response Commission and the Nuclear

Energy Advisory Board. He is a chemical engineering adjunct lecturer at Rensselaer at Hartford.

Carolyn Rossi Southerlin '68 (CLAS) is retired after 33 years teaching high school English in Connecticut and Utah.

M. Fred DeCaprio '69 (CLAS),

'73 J.D. has been an attorney with Connecticut Public Defender Services since 1984. He spent five years as a member of the capital defense unit and since 1992, he has been the supervising attorney of the Hartford Judicial District Public Defender's Office.

Glenn Goldberg '69 (CLAS) has created, narrated and published his first audio book, *Embracing The Dance of Independence*, for parents of adolescents. He is also a coach for parents of teenagers and patients considering or experiencing weight loss surgery. (www.gastricbypasscoach.com)

1970s

Maier Goldberg '70 M.A. is the director of student affairs



at the Broward Community College downtown center Fort Lauderdale, Fla. With little snowfall there, he still skates

at least 25 miles a week.

Paul Kozlowski '70 M.A., '76 Ph.D., professor of finance and business economics at the University of Toledo, recently received the 2003 Distinguished

Service Award from the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association for service to the association and the profession of regional science.

Tobe Berkovitz '71 (SFA), '73 M.F.A. has been appointed associate dean of the College of Communication at Boston University, where he has been a professor of advertising since 1988.

Dahlia (Dale) Grossman '71 (CLAS) received six commendations for outstanding community service for the publication of her newspaper, *The Mountain Yodeler*, by California Congresswoman Sharon Runner, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, and four town councils served by her paper.

David Nasser '71 (CLAS), '74 M.A. is a teaching professor at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. He is the president of Nasser Research, a marketing strategy firm, and previously was a faculty member at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

Beverly Rainforth '71 (SAH), '78 M.A. is the author of *Curriculum & Instruction for All Learners: Blending systematic and constructionist approaches in inclusive elementary schools*, published by Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co. She is professor of special education at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Marja Hurley '72 (CLAS), '76 M.D., associate professor of medicine at the UConn Health Center, has been selected by the New England Board of Higher Education as one of the first recipients of its New England Higher Education Excellence Award.

Donald Gunn '73 (BUS) retired from British Aerospace Engineering Systems in January 2003 after over 37 years of service.

Barry Pinkus '73 (CLAS) was appointed a Superior Court judge by Gov. John G. Rowland. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Cheshire, Conn., and have four sons: **Joshua, '03 (BUS)** who attends Quinnipiac Law School; Jonathan, a junior finance major at UConn; Jason, a pilot for Continental Connection Airlines; and Jared, a senior at Cheshire High School.

Gary DeCarlo '74 (CANR) was recognized by Hartford Hospital for his 25 years of service. He is a systems analyst in the cardiac lab and lives in Manchester, Conn., with his wife, Diane; daughter Kimberly, 22; and son Christopher, 18.

J. Chuck Hollingsworth '74 (ENG) is president and founder of Engineering and Environmental Consultants, Inc., Tucson, Ariz. The firm is on the Zweig Letter Hot Firm 2003 List of the 100 fastest-growing A/E/P and environmental consulting firms in the country.

Jaime Parent '74 (CLAS) has completed 20 years military service and has retired from the United States Air Force with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He held assignments as a biomedical laboratory officer and, later, as chief information officer. He is currently a government computer consultant and lives in the Washington D.C., area with his wife, Tracy, and their three teenagers.

Anthony Smeriglio '74 (BUS) was elected president and managing director of GT Reilly & Company, a regional CPA firm in Milton, Mass.

Gloria Giroux '75 (CLAS) was promoted to project manager in the American Express Global Network Services Systems. She lives and works in Phoenix, Ariz., and is working on her fifth fiction manuscript.

James Higgins '75 M.S.W. attended a reunion of his Peace Corps training group in Denver, Colo.

Rev. Sarah-Anne Colegrove '75 (CLAS) is pastor of Windham Hill United Church of Christ in Windham, Maine. She began her ministry there in September 2003.

David Shumway '75 (BUS) passed the National Contract Management Association's Certified Professional Contracts Manager Examination and was promoted to senior manager of contracts at the DynPort Vaccine Company LLC in Frederick, Md.



James Tarpinian '75 (CLAS) was named the assistant director for environment, safety, health and quality at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Vladimir Wozniuk '75 (CLAS), professor of government at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass., has edited and translated *The Heart of Reality* by V.S. Soloviev.

Deborah Eisenberg '76 (ED) is a partner in the law firm of Franenglass & Eisenberg, LLP

in Glastonbury, Conn., specializing in divorce and custody law. She also serves as a special master for the Hartford, Tolland, and Middletown family courts. She and her husband reside in Glastonbury.

William Lyons '76 M.A. was named vice president of mobility services for Fidelity Employer Services Corporation, a Fidelity Investments Company, specializing in providing workplace services to a broad range of business organizations. He lives in White Plains, N.Y.

Robin (Ritter) Ruwet '76 (BUS) and **David Rowet '75 (BUS)** now have two children attending UConn. Patrick is a junior, and Michael is a freshman. Their daughter, Sachie, is

a high school junior. The family lives in Torrington, Conn.

Susette Talarico '76 Ph.D. was appointed the first holder of the Albert Berry Sage Professor of American Government and Constitutional Law chair at the University of Georgia.

Candelin Wahl '76 (CLAS) has been named marketing director and part of the management team for Verilux, Inc. She will oversee the development of new and existing marketing initiatives from the Verilux office in Waitsfield, Vt.



Paul H. Deutsch '77 (PHR), an internal medicine specialist in Norwich, was named a "Top Doc" by *Connecticut Magazine* for 2003.

Elizabeth McGeever '77 (CLAS), a partner in the Prickett, Jones & Elliot law firm in Wilmington, Del., received the Women's Leadership Award presented by the Delaware State Bar Association.

Peter Feeney '77 M.B.A. is director of business services at Sierra Pacific Resources in Las Vegas, Nev., where he has worked since 1994. He and his wife, Kathleen, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in August 2003.

Pamela Fishman '77 (BUS) is the marketing director for White Flint, an 800,000-square foot shopping mall in Rockville, Md. She previously worked in marketing and public relations with Whole Foods Market.

Heidi Seifert Douglas '77 (CLAS) was elected to the board of governors of the University of New Haven. She is the co-founder and managing partner of Mystic Medical Devices.



Marie Smith '77 (PHR) was promoted to vice president, e-strategy and integration, at Aventis Pharmaceuticals in Bridgewater, N.J. An avid golfer, she also volunteers with the USGA-LPGA girls golf program.

William J. Luddy, Jr. '78 J.D. a professor at Lally School of Management and Technology, Rensselaer at Hartford, was named chair of the E-commerce division in the American Bar Association's section of science and technology. He is also vice chair of the ABA's international policy coordinating committee.

Jerold R. Mande '78 (CANR) has been named associate director for policy at the Yale Cancer Center in New Haven, Conn., where he will define the role for Yale in the state of Connecticut's Cancer Control



Plan in conjunction with the Connecticut Cancer Partnership. He previously was director of policy programs for Yale School of Medicine, where he also served as a lecturer in the departments of pediatrics and epidemiology and public health. He is a former adviser to President Bill Clinton. His wife, Elizabeth Drye, is a resident in pediatrics at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Ellen O'Connell Nosal '78 (CLAS) received a Master of Library Science degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She will complete her state certification



as a library media specialist in December 2003. She and her husband, **Ken Nosal '78 (PHR)**, live with their two daughters in East Hampton, Conn., where she is employed by East Hampton public schools.

Michael Paladino '78 (BUS) opened a healthcare and insurance consulting practice in

Brentwood, Tenn., specializing in workers' compensation and managed care, after spending almost 10 years in Los Angeles as a senior executive at The Zenith.

Regina Bette '79 (ED) has been named assistant executive



director at Five Acres, a treatment center for abused and at-risk children in Altadena, Calif., where she has been a clinical therapist and administrator for 23 years.

Dawn Leger '79 (CLAS), '80 M.A. is the downtown development coordinator for the Bristol (Conn.) Chamber of Commerce. She holds a doctoral degree in urban planning from Columbia University, and most recently was a staff writer and editor for *Bristol Today*, a weekly community newspaper.

A. Ray Petty '79 (ED) was promoted to professor of education at Inter American University of Puerto Rico, Ponce campus, where he has taught for 15 years. He teaches courses introducing teacher education majors to their fields and in his specialty area of classroom management. He previously spent 22 years in the Hartford Public Schools.

Susan Selina Stanfield '79 (RHSA) is employed with the Connecticut Department of Social Services. She and her husband, Edward Stanfield, have three children: Robert, 14; Philip, 10; and Stefanie, 7.

Robert Stein '79 (CLAS)



received the Public Radio Association of Fundraising Professionals' Pioneer Award for outstanding contribution to the public radio industry at the 2003 Public Radio Development and Marketing Conference. He lives in Winchester, Va. with his wife, Gina Daddario, and their

two children, Daria and Levi.

Jeannette Yeznach Wick '79 (PHR) published her first book, *Supervision: A Pharmacy Perspective*, in March 2003 with the American Pharmaceutical Association.

1980s



Celia Bobrowsky '80 (CLAS) has been appointed to the board of directors of Legal Aid and Defender

Association, Inc. She is director of community relations for the Detroit Tigers, Inc.

Stephen Macauley '80 M.B.A. was promoted to director of finance for Olin Corporation in Waterbury, Conn.

Andre Chon '81 (CLAS) is vice



president in charge of corporate business development at AUS Consultants, Inc. in Moorestown, N.J., which provides market research and consulting services to the energy and public utilities industries. He previously was director of regulatory affairs at Sengen and e-Sbiz. He lives in Doylestown, Pa., with his wife and two children.

Valerie DeSilva '81 (CLAS) worked as a foreign exchange/precious metals trader until December 2000, when she became a full-time mom to daughter Alexandria Alyse, born Dec. 2, 1998. She is married to George McLauchlan

Denise Zaneccchia '81 Ph.D. published *Basics for Born-Again Believers: A Guidebook on the Christian Role*. She and her husband, Joseph, reside in Fort Worth, Texas, where she retired as a colonel and a nurse researcher in the Army Nurse Corps, U.S. Army Reserve.

Lori A. Jackman '82 (ED) earned a doctorate in special education from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. She lives in Washington, D.C., and is the project director for PAR, a model demonstration project funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Virginia Palmer-Skok '82 (BUS) has published her first book, *Images of America - Southbury* with Arcadia Publishing. She is a marketing professional who has published many freelance articles in magazines and newspapers and lives with her husband, Andrew, in Monroe, Conn. She is also vice president of the Connecticut Press Club.

Patricia Holowinko Blick '83 (CLAS) is a statutory reporting manager for Esurance, Inc. in San Bruno, Calif. She and her husband, Steven, married on Sept. 1, 2002, live in San Francisco.

Joseph Hoffman '83 M.D. has been promoted to vice president in pharma development medical science at Hoffman LaRoche. He is vice president for the virology and transplantation therapeutic area and lives in Park Ridge, N.J., with his wife, Lynn, and children Carrie, 16; Katie, 14; and Greg, 11.

Paul Partelow '83 (ED) is teaching fifth grade in Ridgefield, Conn., after teaching in New Milford, Conn. He and his wife, Sue, have two children, Ryan, 12, and Lyndsey, 7.

Ann Konieczko Ryan '83 (PHR) is the director of pharmacy at Natchaug Hospital in Mansfield, Conn. She lives in Storrs with her husband, Patrick, and their two children, Melanie and Roxanne.

Carole-Lynn Saros '83 (CLAS), '89 M.B.A. has just completed work on a book as a co-author of *The Personal Wealth Coach*. She is a financial planner and CPA in Willington, Conn.

Sharon Smith Harris '83 (CANR) and **William Harris '83** (CANR), owners of Acer Gardens, Inc., in the Winthrop section of Deep River, Conn., are expanding their design/build landscape contracting into the business of growing and selling perennials, shrubs and trees.

John Wiehn '83 (CLAS) is co-author of the book, *Waterbury: A Postcard History 1890-1930*, published by Arcadia. He is the head reference librarian at the Howard Whittemore Library in Naugatuck, Conn.

Tom Hertz '84 (BUS) is the producer of the ABC sitcom, *Married to the Kellys*, a fish-out-of-water story that reflects his own life.

Richard Lehr '84 J.D. has joined the faculty at Boston University as a visiting professor in the College of Communication. He is a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter for *The Boston Globe* and former deputy assistant state's attorney in Connecticut.



Mauro Passacantando '84 (BUS) is a managing member of Financial Planning Partners LLC in Watertown, Mass. He is a part-time associate professor of financial planning at Boston University and at Harvard College.

Elizabeth Friedman '85 (CLAS) is a speech/language therapist for the National Health Service in England, where she lives with her husband, Mark Breslauer, and their children, Jack, 15; Anna, 12; Zoe, 3; and twins Max and Eden, 2.

Jeffrey R. Russek '85 (BUS), '91 M.B.A. is the owner and president of National Financial Planners in North Haven, Conn., and recently obtained his CFP designation. He and his Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brother **Mike Kotulich '85** (BUS) also own several rental properties in New Haven, Conn.

Timothy Shannon '85 M.D. is senior vice president of research and development and chief medical officer at CuraGen Corp. in New Haven, Conn., and also serves as an assistant professor at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Matthew Cookson '86 (CLAS), '93 M.A. is the director of public information and primary spokesman for New England College in Henniker, N.H. He previously was the legislative director for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and also served as the director of public affairs for PC Connection, Inc.



Susan Cossette '86 (CLAS), '93 M.A. is director of marketing and membership for the YMCA in New Canaan, Conn. She lives in Darien with her husband, Jeffrey, and their son, John, 5.

Daniel DeBarba '86 (CLAS) is the director of budget and financial planning for the Yale New Haven Health System in New Haven, Conn. He has spent his career as specialist in healthcare and education finance and accounting. He lives in Orange with his family.



Eric Jones '86 (SAH) is the chief medical technologist at New Milford Hospital, where he is a specialist in microbiology.

Col. John D. Rivenburgh '86 M.S. is the commander of the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala., a major subordinate command



of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that has responsibility for national projects and programs requiring a centralized management structure. He previously commanded the Huntington District in West Virginia.

Mark Boxer '87 M.B.A. is senior vice president and chief strategy and business development officer for Anthem, Inc., in North Haven, Conn. He is responsible for the Anthem's overall business strategy, enterprise-wide product innovation, brand management, new business development and venture capital investment operations.

AT THE WILLIAM BENTON MUSEUM OF ART

Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks October 18–December 21, 2003

The first complete retrospective exhibition of the works of renowned American artist Gordon Parks. Parks is an American Renaissance man who has mastered many media to express an uplifting and influential message of hope in the face of adversity. Although the 91-year-old Parks is best known as a photojournalist, this retrospective brings together for the first time his works as a filmmaker, novelist, poet and musician. The William Benton Museum is the only venue in New England to exhibit *Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks*.



The exhibition is organized by the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., and is co-sponsored by Ford Motor Company and AOL Time Warner Inc.

Gordon Parks, *Ingrid Bergman at Stromboli*, Italy, 1949, gelatin silver print, courtesy of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., The Gordon Parks Collection



Siona Benjamin
Allrounder's Techniques of Ecstasy, 1998, gouache and gold leaf on wood, baked enamel on steel, found objects

Masala: Diversity & Democracy in South Asian Art

January 20–April 9, 2004

Curator Kathryn Myers, UConn professor of art, is working with a group of artists and scholars from various disciplines both inside and outside the University to present a broad range of South Asian art, including photography, painting, commercially produced art, folk art, street graphics, and western responses to South Asia.

The works will be shown as distinctive forms and also as they merge, overlap and reflect each other while reflecting the local and the global in the discourse.

MUSEUM HOURS ARE TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M.–4:30 P.M. AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 1 P.M.–4:30 P.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 860-486-4520 OR VISIT WWW.BENTON.UCONN.EDU

Kristina Dézi'elle Rowe '87 Ph.D. is working as a hospital physician for Eastern Carolina Internal Medicine at Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern, N.C.

Joe Erwin '87 (CLAS) married Rebecca Baker on May 23, 2003, in Greensburg, Pa. He is the editor of *Suburban Golf Magazine* in White Plains, N.Y. He and his wife live in Milford, Conn.

Christine Zito Horne '87 (CLAS), '95 M.S.W. and her husband, **John Horne '87 (CLAS)**, live in Westbrook, Conn., with their two daughters, Julianna, 2, and Lauren, 8 months.

Cynthia Ladd '87 (BGS), '90 M.A., a retired University of Connecticut writing instructor now living in Biddeford, Maine, was part of a Global Volunteers team that spent three weeks teaching conversational English to people of all ages in the eastern Polish city of Siedlce and neighboring villages.

Emeka Nwadiora '87 M.S.W. completed his second Ph.D. at Temple University in the department of African American Studies. His second doctoral dissertation is titled *God in Africa: Towards A Unitized Pan African Liberation Theology*.

Lisa Rowe Vontsolos '87 (CLAS) and her husband, Alexi, announce the birth of their son, Lucas Alexander, on July 11, 2003. The family lives in San Diego, Calif.

Elizabeth Bain Card '88 (SFA) and William Card announce the birth of their son, Benjamin, on March 8, 2003. He joins his sister, Samantha, 5.

Eric Desmonts '88 (BUS) was married to Hallie Gregory on May 10, 2003, in Beaufort, S.C. They live in New York City.

Jim Norris '88 (CANR), '94 (CLAS) and his wife, Sherry, welcomed their first child, Madison Marie, on July 17, 2003. He is with the U.S. Geological Survey in East Hartford, Conn., and also is the owner of Mapleleaf Land Design of Manchester, Conn. The family lives in Manchester.

Suzanne Fall '89 (SAH), '01 M.P.H. has taken the position of director of rehabilitation for an occupational health facility.

Stephen Geib '89 (BUS) is senior vice president of Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Company of Connecticut, LLC, where he is responsible for managing the overall delivery of services to clients in the middle market property and casualty arena and the healthcare industry.



Col. Robert McAllister '89 M.D. returned home to Simsbury, Conn., from a seven-month tour of duty in Afghanistan as commander of the 947th medical unit, the only forward surgical team in the region. He has offices in Avon, Enfield, Hartford, and South Windsor, Conn.

Marge Ostrom '89 Ph.D. is retiring as senior research scientist from Ross Product Division, Abbott Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio, after more than 13 years in pediatric nutrition research. She and her husband, Chuck, are moving to Marlborough, Conn., to be near family and five grandchildren.

Jon Russo '89 (BUS) is vice president of marketing for iPass Inc. He lives in San Jose, Calif., with his wife, **Michele Fornabaio '89 (CLAS)**, and their twin daughters, Sophia and Mirabella, 2.

1990s

Chantel Antonini '90 (SFS) married Nicholas DiPronio Oct. 12, 2002. They reside in Stratford, Conn. She is the director of Bridgeport Hospital's child care center.

Rona Barzilay '90 (CLAS) is a member of the faculty and a psychological counselor at Nassau Community College in Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.

Brad Carignan '90 (BUS), '93 M.A., and his wife, Carrie, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Brooke, on June 27, 2003. He was recently promoted to senior cardiovascular specialist for Merck and Co.

Sean M. Culhane '90 (CLAS) has been an editor and publisher of academic books and journals for almost 12 years. He is currently an editor of economic policy and research publications at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C., where he has worked since October 2000. He lives in Arlington, Va., with his partner of 10 years.

Rekha Datta '90 Ph.D., chair and associate professor of political science at Monmouth University, was awarded the Distinguished Teacher Award for 2003 by the university.

Phillip Kaim '90 M.A. lived in Rome, Italy, the last four years attending seminary. He was ordained a Catholic priest for the diocese of Rockford, Ill., on May 17, 2003.

Julie Letendre '90 (CLAS) was promoted to director of the Fairbanks House Museum, a national landmark in Dedham, Mass, where she served as the curator for five years.

Michael Weissenburger '90 (CLAS) has joined the financial planning and analysis team with COGNOS Corporation in Burlington, Mass. He will support sales and marketing and global operations for senior management.

Jennifer Dolan Bilbe '91 (CLAS) and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of triplets; a daughter, Devin Dolan and two sons, Lyle Robert and Peter Lewis, on Jan. 6, 2003. The family lives in New Orleans, La.

Remo Capolino '91 (ENG) has joined Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., as an engineer in its New Haven, Conn., office.

James Chakulski, Jr. '91 (CLAS) and his wife, **Michelle Gaudreau Chakulski '91 (SFS)** announce the birth of their son, George Alexander, on July 11, 2003. The family lives in Columbia, Conn.

Brian Comiskey '91 (ENG), '96 M.S. and his wife, Sheri Langerman, announce the birth of their son, Evan Leighton Langerman Comiskey, on March 1, 2003. He is director of engineering for American Corp. The family lives in Fullerton, Calif.

William Cullina '91 (CANR) received the American Horticultural Society's Book Award for 2003 for his book, *Native Trees, Shrubs & Vines*, published by Houghton Mifflin.

Louis Daevis '91 (SFA) earned certification as a professional in human resources. He is a compliance human resources officer with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority in Rocky Hill, Conn.

Davitt Kelly '91 (CLAS) and **Erin Burke '92 (CLAS)** are the parents of Ryan Michael, born Oct. 12, 2002, and big sister Katherine Grace, 3. The family lives in Glen Rock, N.J.

Kellie Lambert McGuire '91 (BUS) received her M.A. in English from Central Conn. State University, after working for 10 years as a features writer at the *Republican-American* in Waterbury. She is now a freelance writer in



Watertown, Conn., where she lives with her husband, Christopher, and daughter, Cailin Mary, born on July 26, 2002.

Gani Manelli '91 (CLAS) is a history-social studies teacher at Masuk High School in Monroe, Conn. He also is a strength and conditioning coach at St. Margaret's-McTernan school in Waterbury and an adjunct professor of history at Teikyo Post University.

Amy Marella-Carpenter '91 (ED) was married to Les Carpenter in July 2002. They live in Seattle, Wash., where she teaches high school English and journalism at Tyee High School.

Yvonne Happy Weadon '91 (CLAS) and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their son, Justin Michael, on April 19, 2003. She is a human resources consultant in Apex, N.C.

Steven Camassar '92 (CLAS) was promoted to senior consultant at BearingPoint in its homeland security and intelligence community sector. He and his wife, **Wendy Futterman '92 (CLAS)**, have twin daughters, Gabrielle and Sydnie, born Jan. 7, 2000. The family lives in Columbia, Md.

Tammy Donnarummo '92 (BUS) and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of their son, Regan Joshua, born March 23, 2003. She works for Pfizer in New London, Conn., and lives in Old Lyme.

Christine Frydenborg '92 (CLAS) received her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Seton Hall University in May 1999 and moved to New Hampshire to take a job as a psychologist in the largest private practice in the state.

Daniel Glezer '92 (CLAS) and **Laura Chamberland Glezer '92 (CLAS)** announce the birth of Jessica Lynne, born May 9, 2003, who joins her big

brother Benjamin, 3. The family lives in Orlando, Fla. Daniel is an international human resources manager for Tupperware.

Karen Lagasse Schumann '92 (NUR) and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Aidan John, on June 6, 2002. The family lives in Milford, Conn.

Nicole Mascia Green '92 (BUS), '01 M.B.A. and **Martin Green '91 (ENG)** celebrated the birth of their daughter, Taylor Autumn, on Sept. 13, 2002. Nicole is a financial manager at Turner Construction Company in Milford, Conn. Martin completed his master's in electrical engineering at the University of New Haven in February 2003 and is an electronics engineer with Lightwave Communications in Milford, Conn.

David Moonay '92 (CLAS), '99 M.S. is the rheology laboratory supervisor at Brookfield Engineering Labs, Inc., in Middleboro, Mass.

Alison Beres Nork '92 (CLAS) married **Jack Nork '91 (CLAS)** in 1994 and their third son, Liam James, was born Feb. 7, 2003, joining Evan, 3, and Hayden, 2. The family lives in Bethany, Conn.

Kelly O'Connor-Salomon '92 M.A. and **David Salomon '99 Ph.D.** welcomed their first child, Phoebe Vivanna Elisabeth O'Connor-Salomon, on July 7, 2003. Both parents teach at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D.

Brian Perruccio '92 (CLAS) is an account executive with IKON Office Solutions in Raleigh, N.C., covering the Cary, N.C., region.

Pam (Bogli) Tisdale '92 (CLAS) and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their second child, Lilly Marie, on April 14, 2003. Lilly joins her brother, Nathan David, born on Dec. 29, 1997. The family lives in Somers, Conn.

PROFILE

Advancing Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

As a research nurse practitioner at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, Karen Erickson Hande '99 (NUR) cares for women with breast, ovarian, or other types of cancer. She prescribes medications to help her patients manage the pain and side effects of chemotherapy and offers counseling and support, providing hope and comfort, particularly to those who are unlikely to survive. Says Hande, "It can be emotionally exhausting."

A compassionate caregiver, Hande is also a dedicated scientist. Because Dana-Farber is a leading research institution, she is able to offer innovative treatment protocols available only through clinical trials and is also currently involved in quality-of-life studies of people with cancer. "I hope to contribute to nursing care for oncology patients," she says.

Hande says her experiences at UConn cultivated an appreciation for both the art and the science of nursing, noting that UConn provides many opportunities for undergraduate nursing students to work on research projects with faculty researchers.



As a University Scholar, Hande did a qualitative study about the experiences of Hartford adolescents who breast-fed their babies. Her mentors at UConn, professors Cheryl Beck and Deborah McDonald, were instrumental in shaping her career aspirations.

"They showed me how much a nurse can do to contribute to our understanding of science by conducting research," says Hande. "I tried to follow in their footsteps and learn as much as I could from them."

Working with cancer patients is not for everyone, but Hande says, "I couldn't imagine doing anything but this." She says that one of the greatest rewards has been coming to realize how precious life is. "I learn so much from my patients every day," says Hande. "These patients teach you how to really live, how to appreciate life."

Hande, who is married to a physician and looks forward to starting a family, also derives hope from her growing expertise in cancer treatment options.

"Seeing new trials and new drugs come along and seeing patients living longer and having a better quality of life is incredibly rewarding and incredibly promising," she says.

—Leslie Virostek

Meredith Trotta '92 (CLAS) and **Dan Parzych '93 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their second child, Lily Mae Parzych, on July 10, 2002. Lily joins her big sister, Grace, 3. The family lives in Ridgefield, Conn.

Timothy Vincent '92 (CLAS) and his wife, **Jill Davidson Vincent '93 (BUS)**, announce the birth of their son, Connor John, born June 2, 2003, in New York, N.Y.

Janet Benson Alberti '93 M.A. and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their son Scott, born April 18, 2003, who joins his big sister, Rachel.

Mark Austin '93 (ENG) was elected chairman of the Young Engineers Advisory Council for the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Dominick Cristofaro '93 (BUS) and **Christina Stavrou Cristofaro '94 (SFS)**, '98 M.S.W. announce the birth of their second daughter, Gabriela, on July 29, 2003, who joins her sister, Alexandra.

Kimberly Cyganik '93 (NUR) received her M.S. from the University of Maryland at Baltimore in December 2002. She is an acute care nurse practitioner in cardiovascular surgery at Inova Alexandria Hospital in Alexandria, Va.

William Guerrero '93 (CLAS) is the head baseball coach at Purchase College, SUNY.

Michele Dragon Hearn '93 (CLAS) and husband, Thomas, welcomed their new son, Jack Thomas, on Dec. 9, 2002. He joins big brother Samuel James, 3.

Michael Lohle '93 M.B.A. was promoted to vice president-head of center of excellence EIS/MIS at PartnerRe in Greenwich, Conn. He manages a team responsible for developing data warehousing, business intelligence and reporting solutions for PartnerRe's international offices throughout North America and Europe.

Meg Schmidt Mayer-Costa '93 (SAH) and her husband, Carlos Mayer-Costa, announce the birth of their son, Tomas Miner Mayer-Costa, born April 15, 2002. The family lives in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, Pa. She is a registered dietitian at the University of Pittsburgh and Magee Women's Hospital.

Anjali Parekh Prakash '93 (CLAS) and her husband, Gautam Prakash, celebrated the birth of their son, Rahul, on March 13, 2003. She is an attorney at Foley Hoag LLC in Boston, Mass.

Marcelle Pichanick '93 M.B.A. has formed a "partnership in



crime" with her mother, Dr. Valerie Kossew Dunn. They have collaborated under the pen name Valerie Marcelle to write a murder mystery, *Key Evidence*. Their website is: www.valeriemarcelle.com.

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

Kristin Rieflin '93 (ED), '94 M.A. and her husband, **Oliver Spandow '93 (BUS)**, welcomed their third child, Gavin Rieflin Spandow, on Dec. 12, 2002. He joins Jason Hajo, 7, and Payton Rye, 3.

Nicole Masucci Barnard '94 (CLAS) and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsie Amanda, on Jan. 2, 2003. She joins her two older brothers, Kenny, 6, and Kyler, 4. The family lives in Pasadena, Md.

Capt. Scott Holcomb '94 (CLAS) returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as a judge advocate on the staff of the Coalition Forces Land Component Command at Camp Doha,

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Kuwait. He helped write the plan, draft rules of engagement, and review targets for compliance for U.S. troops in Iraq. He lives in Decatur, Ga., with his wife, Kathleen.

Karen (Russell) Anghinetti '95 (ED), '99 M.M. announces the birth of her son, Peter John Jr., on April 15, 2003. She teaches music in Portsmouth, R.I., and lives in Dighton, Mass.

Jessica Durand Cournoyer '95 (ED) and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their daughter, Annabella Theresa, born Oct. 24, 2002. The family lives in Cumberland, R.I.

Tom DeFelice '95 (CLAS) and **Lisa Grosso DeFelice '96 (NUR)** announce the birth of a daughter, Giuliana Maria, born March 19, 2003. She joins her brothers, Rocco, 5, and Anthony, 3, and sister, Irene, 2, in Trumbull, Conn.

Paula Fahy Ostop '95 (ED), '97 M.A. and Christopher Ostop announce the birth of their daughter, Keagan Cassidy, born Aug. 11, 2002.

Jim Hammond '95 M.A. is a puppet arts designer whose clients include the Florida Grand Opera, the New World Symphony, and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. He is on the national Broadway tour of *The Lion King* in the puppetry and mask department.

Tom Hull '95 (CLAS) and his wife, Lauren, announce the birth of a baby girl, Julia, on May 14, 2003.

Doreen (Lizdas) Jacius '95 (BUS) and her husband, T.J., announce the arrival of their second child, Amanda Claire, on June 25, 2003. She joins big sister Sarah, 2, at home in East Granby, Conn.

Randall G. Jarvis '95 (CLAS) passed the certified financial planner certification exam. He is a financial planner and income tax preparer at Langdon & Langdon Financial Services, LLC in Southington, Conn., where he lives with his wife, **Kelly (Langdon) Jarvis '95 (CLAS)**, and their son, Keegan.

Julie Marinelli '95 (SAH) married David Pappalardo on May 24, 2003 in Massachusetts. She completed her master's degree at Quinnipiac University and is working as a surgical physician assistant. They live in Fairfield, Conn.

Jennifer Richards '95 (CLAS) and Jeff Mazza were married on May 3, 2003. She is an account supervisor for the pharmaceutical marketing firm Advanced Health Media. They live in Middletown, N.J.

Donna Krekoska Sicotte '95 (SFA) and **Jason Sicotte '94 (ENG)** announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Marie, on Dec. 2, 2002.

Suzanne Marchessault Strong '95 (PHR) and her husband, Mark Strong, announce the birth of their son, Nathan Adam Strong, on May 8, 2003. The family lives in East Amherst, N.Y., where she works for the Walgreen Company.

Jennifer Tracy '95 (BUS), marketing manager at *The Hartford Courant*, announces her engagement to Michael Humes. A May 29, 2004, wedding is planned.

Elizabeth Curtis Croce '96 (ED), '97 M.A. married Kevin Croce on July 13, 2002. She teaches third grade in Cheshire, Conn.

Sujit Ghosh '96 Ph.D. was promoted with tenure to associate professor in the department of statistics at N.C. State University. He was elected vice president of the N.C.S.U.



chapter of Sigma Xi during 2001-2003 and received a NSF/DMS grant of \$200,000 during 2000-2003 for research related to environmental pollution caused by point sources.

Lisa LeMay Lessard '96 (CLAS) and her husband, Mike Sr., announce the birth of twins, Jake Daniel and Brandon Luke, born May 28, 2003. They join their big brother, Mike Jr., 4. The family lives in Newington, Conn.

Paul Tobin '96 (ENG) married Rebecca Ballou on May 25, 2002 in Groton, Conn. The couple lives in Moon Township, Pa.

Kimberly Torres Markey '96 (CLAS), '04 M.B.A. and **Jack Markey '93 (CLAS)** announce the birth of their first child, Kathryn Ann-Marie, born Jan. 31, 2003.

Michael Ances '97 (ED) and his wife, Leigh, announce the birth of their son, Hunter Michael, on Dec. 7, 2002. Both parents teach middle school in Monroe, Conn., and the family lives in Southbury, Conn.

Amy Curley '97 (BUS) married **John Doherty '97 (BUS)** on Aug. 10, 2002, in New York City. They live in New Jersey.

Lisa Buntin Curry '97 D.M.D. and her husband, Chip, are the parents of Jocelyn, who recently

celebrated her first birthday. Lisa recently opened her solo practice, Curry Dental Center.

Robert Ellis '97 M.B.A. was appointed vice president for the project and development services business unit in the Philadelphia office for Jones Lang LaSalle, the international real estate management firm. He will be responsible for new business development, client retention and group management.



Maria Gaccione '97 (ED) is the head athletic trainer at Wasbrouck Heights High School in New Jersey. She earned her master's degree in nutrition from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.

Scott Heffernan '97 (CLAS) and his wife, Kimberly, announce the birth of their daughter, Tyler, on Feb. 14, 2003. He is an estimator and project manager for D&J Industries in Big Pine Key, Fla.

Yuhang Rong '97 Ph.D., associate director for academic affairs for the Connecticut Department of Higher Education, was recognized by the state of Connecticut as a naturalized citizen who has contributed significantly to his profession and his community.

David Zera '97 Ph.D. is director of the program in special education and director of Project BISEP (Bilingual Special Education Professionals) at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. He was promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure.

Nader Jalili '98 Ph.D., assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Clemson University, has been awarded an NSF CAREER grant that recognizes a select few of the finest new science and engineering faculty in the nation. He is using nanotechnology, the science of building and manipulating materials as small as a single molecule, to help create minia-

ture devices that cause movement, such as miniature motors, micro-scale robotic systems and biomedical applications that could assist with surgery and more effective drug delivery.

Jessica Stone '98 (CLAS) has been promoted to account



supervisor at Fleishman-Hillard Inc. in Washington, D.C. She won the Public Relations Society of America's 2003 Silver Anvil for public service/government excellence. She also sits on the board of directors for the National Capital Chapter of the UConn Alumni Association and the Connecticut Society.

Jeffrey K. Simon '99 (BUS) and **Kate F. Kotsaftis '98 (CLAS), '01 J.D.** married on Sept. 22, 2002, in Farmington, Conn. She is an associate attorney at Updike, Kelly & Spellacy in Hartford, Conn. He is a program manager for the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds in Bloomfield, Conn. They live in West Hartford, Conn.

2000s

Katie Lipka Haste '00 (NUR) and **Kurt Haste '00 (ED)** married on Oct. 20, 2001. In June 2003, they volunteered in Romania, providing medical assistance to residents of remote villages. She is a registered nurse in oncology at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn., and he is a middle school science teacher in West Hartford, Conn. They live in Bristol, Conn.

Allison Lebonitte '00 (SFS) is the new resident director for the residence life staff at the Savannah College of Art and Design. She previously served as residence hall coordinator for first-year students at Fairfield University.

Vikki Thompson '00 (CLAS) is engaged to Michael Hampton and planning a wedding in the

summer of 2004. She is an admission counselor at the College of New Rochelle in New York.

Benjamin Alejandro '01 (CLAS) and **Janet Suarez '01 (SFA)** were married on June 7, 2003, in Torrington, Conn. He works in the constituent services office for Gov. John Rowland, and she works at a private boarding school as the foreign language department head.

Michelle Craig '01 (SFA) has been accepted at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for graduate work in art history.

Jacqueline Price '01 (ED) married Anthony Booth on May 31, 2003. She is a physical therapist in Glastonbury, Conn. and lives in Newington.

Brian Santa '01 (CLAS) and **Christine Whitty '01 (BUS)** were married on July 12, 2003. He is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and they live in Sackets Harbor, N.Y.

Michael Snyder '01 (BGS) has composed and arranged original, popular, jazz and new music available on 11 manufactured compact discs.

Amy Phillips Alderton '02 Ph.D. married Ben Alderton in September 2002. The couple lives in Lexington, Ky., where she joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky in the animal and food science department and her husband attends law school.

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IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI

William Amodeo Jr. '77

Tom Holm-Hansen '78

Eugene Knight '81

Donald Lewis '40

Bernard J. McManus '53

Tobias Philbin Jr. '40

Standley Wedberg '37

FACULTY

Dr. Lloyd A. Mitterling

Life at 21st Century UConn

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Today's undergraduates want more privacy and more community—more single rooms and more gathering spaces—all at the same time.

Vice Provost for Enrollment

Management Dolan Evanovich says the revolution in campus housing is happening across the country. "Nationally the marketplace has changed," he says. "The expectation levels have changed." For UConn in particular, he notes, the issue of improving residential facilities is closely linked to the University's transformation into a first-choice school: "To attract the students that we want, we have to offer the highest quality living and learning experience."

If the 28 percent increase in admission applications UConn experienced last year, and the waiting list of 300 enrolled students who want to move in to new accommodations are any indication, the University is succeeding on that point.

UConn's Viking Scientist

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Peter Auster is reticent to assign a single value to the expedition. Auster, the scientist and his students will be poring over the tapes and still images to begin to paint a picture of how fishes use the diversity of habitats found on seamounts. This is the science side of the story. Scholarly papers will be published and talks given at scientific meetings. An expedition to the seamounts already planned for next year will yield even more discoveries.

Still, those of us who will never gaze upon the peaks of drowned mountains, need to know: What does such an experience mean?

"We live in a remarkable time," says Auster the Researcher. "Our species can travel to the greatest depths of the oceans, but all of the knowledge we gain means nothing if we can't use it to conserve the diversity of life on our

planet. The experience of seeing these remarkable places gives me the need to step beyond the pure science to educate the public and decision-makers of the value of protecting some of these submarine canyons and seamounts from humans, as we do in national parks and wildlife refuges. The science is the foundation, but getting people to develop an ethical approach to ocean conservation requires more than data. We need to translate the other-worldliness of these landscapes and the animals that live there and then make people understand how exploitation of such places can be devastating."

Auster the Explorer hesitates and looks out the window of his office on UConn's Avery Point campus smiling wistfully as he gazes at white caps dancing on Long Island Sound. "And there are so many places left to be explored," he says.

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Retired, Home Economics Teacher – Connecticut Alumni Service Award



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Retired Dietician – University Service Award (co-recipient)

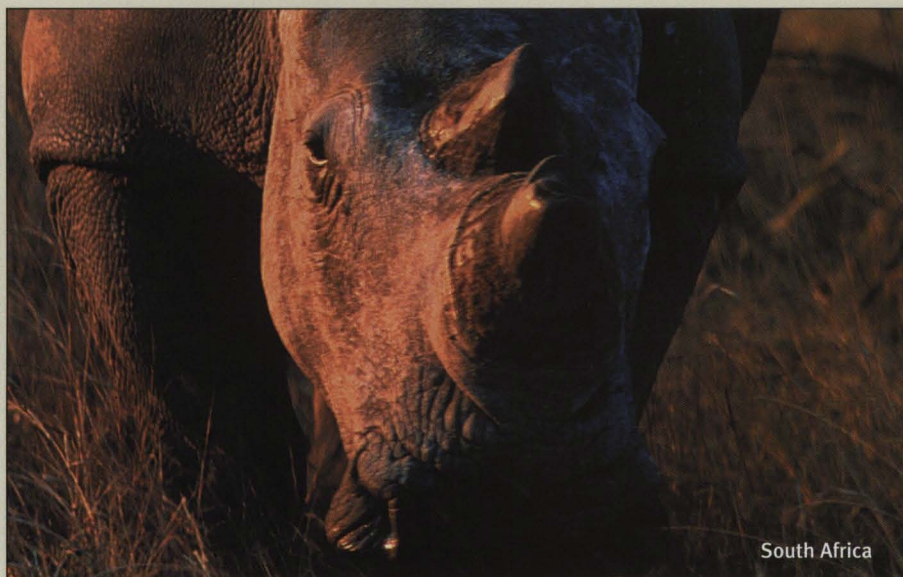


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Featured Journey

South Africa

September 13–24, 2004

South Africa truly is a “world in one country,” from the wine estates and beautiful Cape Dutch architecture of Cape Town, to the famous Kruger Park private game reserves, where the big five of Africa—elephant, lion, buffalo, leopard and rhino roam. It’s our privilege to lead you on safari in one of the deluxe camps, then take you to one of the world’s wonders, Victoria Falls.

Join us for an exciting and educational tour. Highlights include four nights in Cape Town, with time to visit the Castle of Good Hope, Table Mountain and Hout Bay and to watch the waters swirl below the cliffs of the Cape of Good Hope as the Atlantic and Indian Oceans mingle. You’ll see the penguin colony at Boulders Beach, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, and Stellenbosch, the historic heart of the country’s wine region. South Africa’s fertile valleys are world-famous for their crisp white and classic red wines. The area is also a treasury of rustic beauty and sprawling estates shaded by giant oak trees. Fly to Kruger National Park to stay for two nights at a private game reserve. Back through Johannesburg and continue to

Victoria Falls. If you can’t bear to go home, we will be happy to arrange individual extensions, including an opportunity to visit Mauritius. South Africa is the trip of a lifetime!

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Four islands featuring Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii and Maui!

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Join us on the elegant, authentic sternwheel-driven cruise ship *Queen of the West* while cruising the Columbia, Willamette and Snake Rivers. Depart from Portland, Ore., on a scenic seven-night cruise. The cruise follows the historic path of Lewis & Clark, the Oregon Trail, and provides a glimpse of the Great Sternwheeler Era.

National Parks - June 27–July 8, 2004

Scottsdale, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks, Salt Lake City, Old Faithful, Bighorn Mountains, Mount Rushmore.

Passage of Peter the Great

August 20–September 1, 2004

Cruise the heart of Russia between Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Normandy - August 30–Sept. 7, 2004
See history unfold as you experience Normandy!

Village Life—The Greek Islands

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Combine the natural beauty of crystal clear waters and warm sea breezes as you enjoy a seven-night cruise exploring the Greek Islands.



(Top) Alumni travelers on Portugal’s River of Gold in September. (Above) UConn alumni in July aboard the *Royal Clipper* for the The Tall Ship Cruise — Italy and the Amalfi Coast.

Antarctica and the Falkland Islands—2nd Offering

December 12–23, 2004

Join UConn’s Richard Wolak on a journey to a land regarded by scientists and world travelers as one of the last truly pristine regions on Earth—the Antarctic Peninsula.

Optional pre- and post-tours to Buenos Aires and Santiago

Watch for details on these, and more, for 2004!

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Spectacular Skyline

Peter Morenus has worked as a professional photographer for nearly 20 years, including the last eight years at the University of Connecticut. He has taken tens of thousands of photos around the Storrs campus, often using the campus skyline viewed from Horsebarn Hill as a backdrop. During the Week of Welcome for new students this past fall, he had the opportunity to capture the Storrs skyline during a fireworks display.

Most of the outdoor photos I take around campus are normally done in the warm light of early morning or late afternoon.

When I learned about the fireworks display scheduled for Week of Welcome, I thought the best place for a photo would be Horsebarn Hill.

For this photo, I wanted to capture the light from the starburst reflecting off the signature architecture of the Storrs skyline—the spire of the Wilbur Cross Building and the Gampel Pavilion dome.

Over the years I have taken many photos of fireworks displays, most often just trying to capture the peak moment of the starburst. This photo is special because it shows UConn in a different light.

— Peter Morenus



Peter Morenus

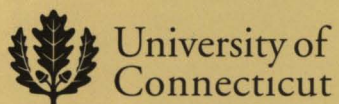
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Peter Morinus



The cupola of Edwina Whitney Hall and the rooftops of South Campus residence halls capture the warmth of the fall evening sun.



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