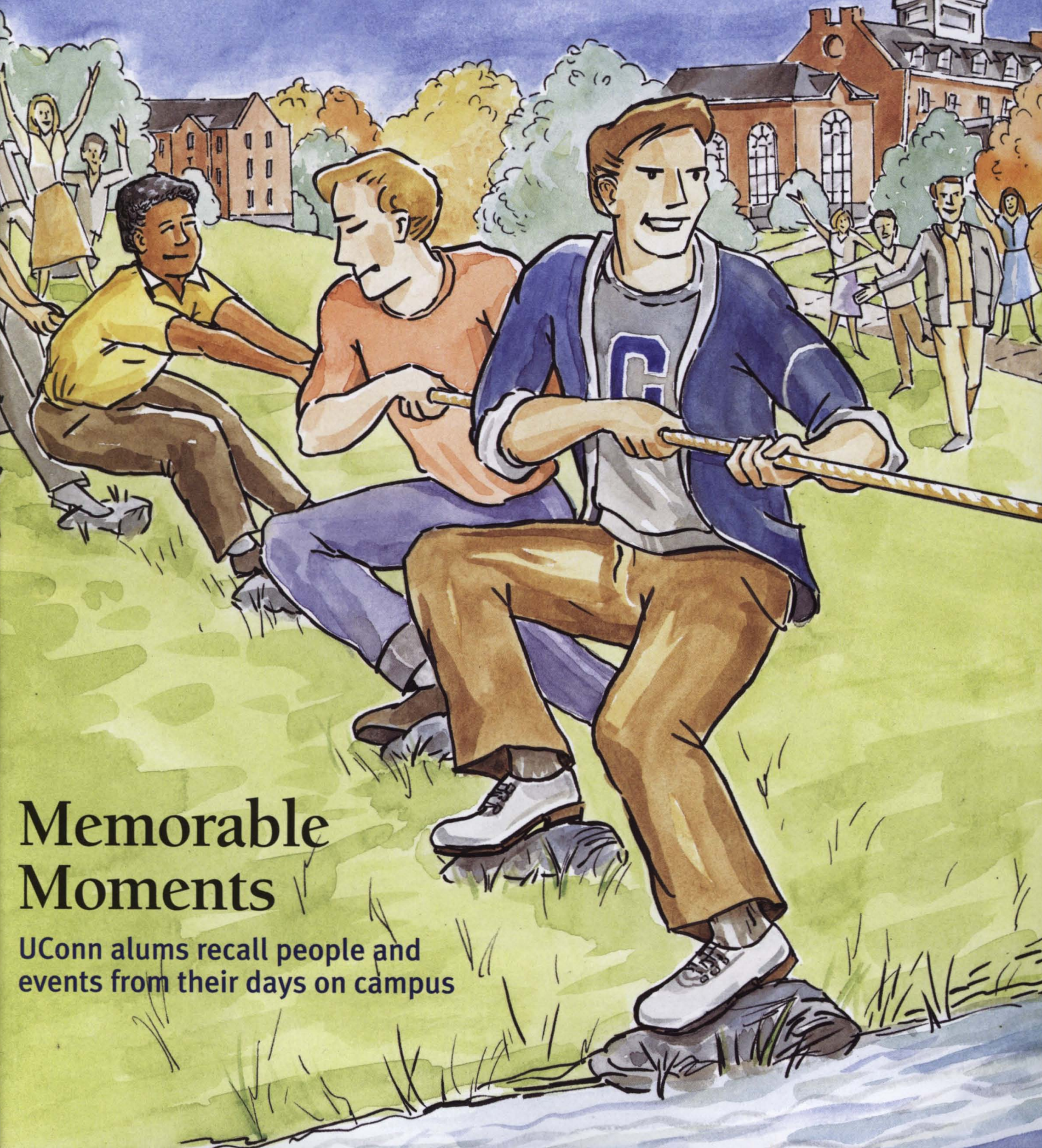


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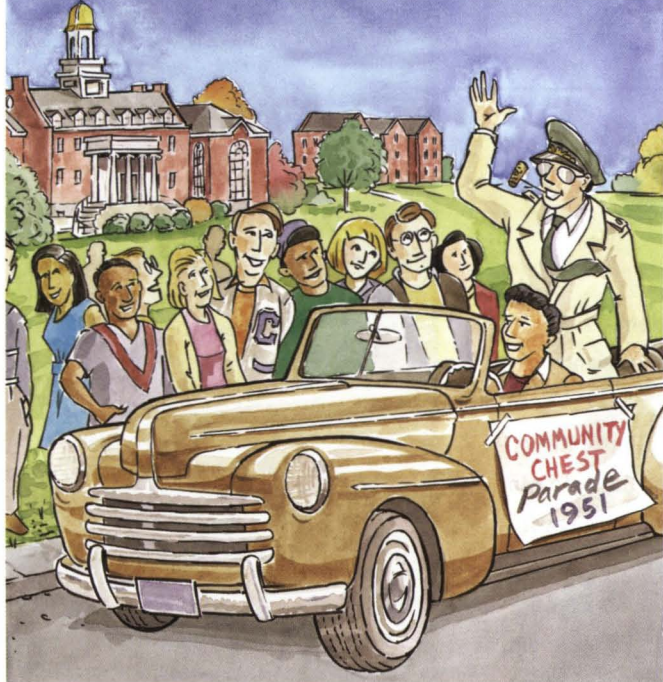
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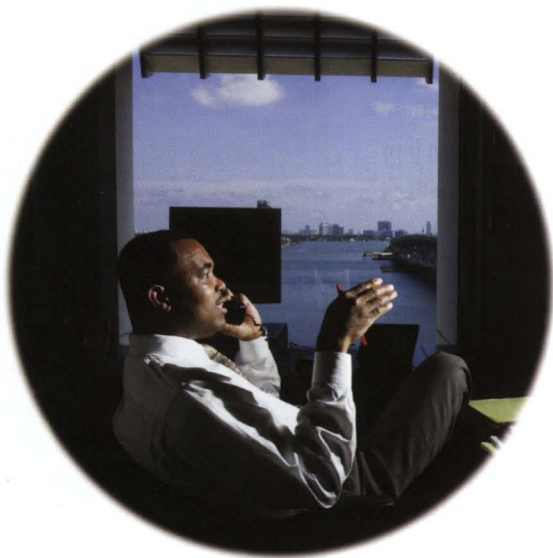


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### CLASSROOM LESSONS THAT LEAD TO SUCCESS

One of the major student Homecoming events is Lip Sync, the talent showcase in which student groups and organizations take the stage and perform before a full house at Gampel Pavilion.

This year's top performance was provided by the Asian American Cultural Center, which used a dazzling display of showmanship, costumes and pounding music to win out over 14 other groups that designed programs based on a theme—UConn's 125th Anniversary.

The enthusiastic participation of both performers and audience makes Lip Sync a highly anticipated part of Homecoming for students and alumni who attend the event, which is organized by the Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG). But more than having a good time, Lip Sync offers an opportunity for students to put into practical use much of what they have learned in the classroom.

With the requirement of a common historic theme, each group had to conduct research and make decisions on which aspects of UConn history to showcase and present. Most groups used period music and costumes as they moved through all or part of a century of history. Dance routines also were choreographed using the styles of each historic era. Hours of rehearsals with as many as 40 people took place as each group worked to perfect individual routines that were keyed to a pre-recorded soundtrack that typically takes several hours to record and edit into final form. Along the way, each group established its leaders, planned and organized assignments, worked through various decisions and kept on schedule to be ready for its presentation.

If that sounds like a good foundation of skills to help build a successful career, there may be no better example to note than Doug Bernstein '85 (CLAS). A former SUBOG president, he formed a toy company in 1988 with his wife, Melissa, that has grown into the nation's leading designer and manufacturer of educational toys under the "Melissa

& Doug" brand.

The Bernsteins have made the largest gift to the Division of Student Affairs to endow an annual student leader training summit at UConn. During Homecoming ceremonies, the University dedicated the Douglas A. Bernstein '85 Game Room in the renovated Student Union. Doug noted that he uses the same organizational skills he learned as a UConn student leader to lead his company which has more than 1,000 employees worldwide and offices spanning Connecticut to the Far East.

*Ken Best*

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# FROM THE President

## Celebrating anniversaries

**I**t seems that this is the season for anniversaries. This fall, a series of events brings our 125th anniversary year to a close, and it has been gratifying to see students, faculty, staff and particularly alumni focus their thoughts on UConn's inspiring past. The words engraved on the National Archives in Washington, D.C., tell us that "the past is prologue." Clearly, for our own University, our history gives us great reason to believe that there are greater things to come.

On a more personal level, on the first of October, I marked my tenth anniversary as president of the University. I came to Storrs in 1996 convinced that no public university in the country offered a more exciting set of opportunities than did UConn. A farsighted Board of Trustees had already committed the University to the goal of becoming an example of public higher education at its best. The state of Connecticut had approved a billion-dollar construction program that promised to help translate that goal into reality. An excellent faculty was already

## I believe that what lies ahead is nothing short of extraordinary.

here. Private fund-raising was moving into high gear, and our women's basketball team had brought home a national championship. It was clear to me that very soon the sense of excitement would spread out across Connecticut and beyond.

Over the past decade, I have had the satisfaction of seeing every one of our important hopes fulfilled. The pages of this issue of *Traditions* offer multiple examples of outstanding achievements in research, community service and instruction. As always, the editors had to choose from among hundreds of possible story ideas to present a repre-

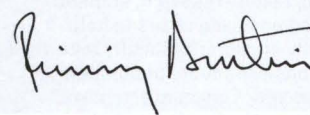
sentative sample, so the list is far from complete. But the list tells an important story nonetheless.

An equally important story came this fall, as in falls past, with the entry of several thousand new freshmen to the UConn community. Ten years ago, about 10,000 young men and women applied to come here. This year, nearly 20,000 applicants sought 3,200 places at Storrs and another 1,200 vied for the regional campuses. By the start of the term, we had our student body, with an average freshman SAT score of 1195 (up from 1113 10 years ago), 98 valedictorians or salutatorians (up from 42 in 1996), and 19 percent from minority backgrounds (up from 14 percent in 1996). Private support has pushed our endowment above \$300 million, and for the last two years, the UConn Foundation has reported more than \$50 million in contributions. Our academic reputation has never been stronger, and we now boast 78 faculty on endowed chairs.

Credit for these achievements belongs to Connecticut's elected leaders

and to all segments of the University community: a deeply engaged Board of Trustees; faculty, who are at the heart of any institution of higher learning; students, whose engagement and enthusiasm propels the institution; a dedicated, engaged staff; generous donors; and, of course, a large and growing number of actively engaged alumni. Through *Traditions* and in other ways, we seek to keep you closely connected to the University's present and future, knowing that you are a vital part of a history that laid the groundwork for the strides of the recent past.

Whether we talk of 125 years or just 10, past is, indeed, prologue. What came before is indeed notable. I believe that what lies ahead is nothing short of extraordinary.



The cover of the fall 1996 edition of *Traditions* introduces Philip E. Austin as UConn's 13th president.





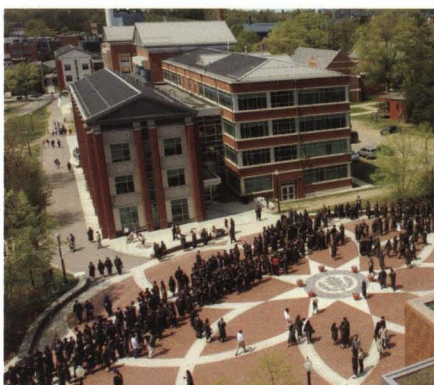
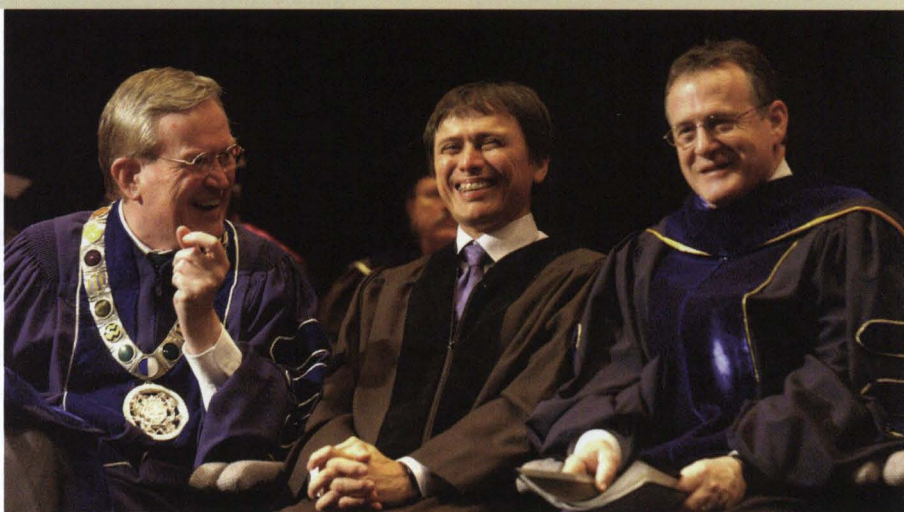
When President Philip E. Austin joined the University in October 1996, the UCONN 2000 program was in its infancy, private fund-raising was still limited and the Health Center operated independently from the Storrs-based programs. Ten years later, new and renovated academic facilities grace the Storrs campus each of the five regional campuses, the School of Law, and the Health Center. The University raises nearly \$50 million annually, and public-private partnerships have established facilities at Stamford; in Hartford, where the Financial Accelerator was built; in Storrs; and at the Health Center—which has become an integral part of the University. A new visual identity for the University was introduced in 1998. And in 1999, UConn entered a historic partnership with South Africa's African National Congress party, giving impetus to the University's human rights program.



# PHILIP E. AUSTIN



In 2001, Austin kicked off a \$300 million capital campaign, the most ambitious in UConn's history. By 2004, the goal was surpassed. It was the most successful campaign by a public university in New England. The endowment created through it rose from \$61 million in 1996 to \$287 million now. It supports faculty research, student scholarships and endowed chairs to help attract nationally and internationally renowned faculty. As the undergraduate population increased, a mid-year Commencement was instituted. The growth also demanded improved student services and innovative approaches to teaching and learning, spearheaded by the new Center for Undergraduate Education. The Center occupies one of more than 70 new or renovated buildings that have transformed the Storrs campus during Austin's 10 years as president.







Since Austin's arrival in 1996, UConn has celebrated six NCAA basketball championships and the 2000 men's soccer title. UConn's academic growth has been impressive, and the University has climbed in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings to become the 27th best public university in the nation in 2006 and the best in New England for eight consecutive years. The Honors Program has improved dramatically, reflecting the significant increases in the number, quality and diversity of the student body. Driven by hundreds of new, state-of-the-art labs and facilities, including the new Biology/Physics Building, and the efforts of faculty, research grants have nearly doubled in the past 10 years.



# 10 YEARS AS PRESIDENT



A new football stadium in East Hartford, a Visitors Center, and soon a new downtown Storrs will be part of Austin's legacy. More than 40,000 people stop at the Visitors Center annually, and a similar number attend each UConn football game. A gift of \$21 million to the School of Education from alumnus Raymond Neag '56 (CLAS) in 1999 was the largest donation in UConn's history and the largest gift to a school of education in the nation. Austin, the fifth of UConn's 13 presidents to serve 10 years, also has made dozens of trips to the state capitol and Washington, D.C., advocating for appropriate state and federal support for the University's programs.

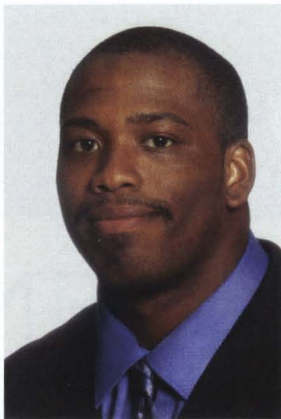


## Fuller earns top football academic recognition

Senior football co-captain Rhema Fuller '07 (BUS) was named as one of 17 finalists, encompassing all NCAA divisions and the NAIA, for the 2006 Draddy Trophy, presented annually by the National Football Foundation to the football student-athlete who best combines academic success, football performance and exemplary community service. He is the first UConn student-athlete to ever be a Draddy Trophy finalist.

The coveted Draddy Trophy comes with a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship while the remaining finalists, including Fuller, will receive a post-graduate scholarship of \$18,000. As one of the 17 finalists, Fuller is a recipient of a National Scholar-Athlete Award given by the NFF. Fuller has been a Big East Academic All-Star every year since UConn joined the conference for football in 2004 and, in 2005 and 2006, he was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* CoSIDA Academic All-District I team.

"This is the most meaningful honor a student-athlete can win in the sport of football," says UConn head football coach Randy Edsall. "Rhema has set a great example and there is no better representative for UConn football. He has always worked incredibly hard in the classroom and it is great to see him get this prestigious award as a National Scholar-Athlete and be in contention for the Draddy Trophy."



Stephen Stade

## Championship teams reunited

The Huskies' historic 1981 NCAA field hockey (below) and men's soccer (top) championship teams were honored during 25th anniversary reunions in the fall. Both teams were recognized at half-time ceremonies in their own sports and during football games at Rentschler Field.

The 1981 field hockey team's 4-1 victory over Massachusetts on Nov. 22, 1981 was the first women's national championship in any sport in the history of NCAA athletics. The team was led by Laurie Decker '84 (SFS), Lynn Kotler '83 (ED), '85 M.A., Lorie McCollum '82 (CLAS) and Rose Smith (1980-84). Decker and McCollum became Connecticut field hockey's first All-Americans.

The 1981 men's soccer team beat Alabama A&M in overtime, 2-1, to win the first ever NCAA men's soccer title. The team was led by James D'Orsaneo '84 (ED), Graziano Cornolo '83 (ED), Elvis Comrie '86 (SFS) and Pedro DeBrito (1978-82). Comrie and DeBrito became All-Americans the following year.



Stephen Stade



## UConn alums join NE hoop hall

Seven UConn alumni and three individuals with prominent long-time affiliations with UConn basketball were inducted into the fourth class of The New England Basketball Hall of Fame in October. The alumni include the following:

Leigh Montville '65 (CLAS), a nationally known author and sportswriter for *Sports Illustrated* and the *Boston Globe*, was inducted in the media category.

Tom Penders '67 (BUS) was inducted as head coach of the 1972-73 Tufts men's basketball team. He is currently the men's basketball head coach at the University of Houston.

Wes Bialosuknia '70 (CLAS) still holds the school record for highest scoring average in a season with 28 points per game in his senior year.

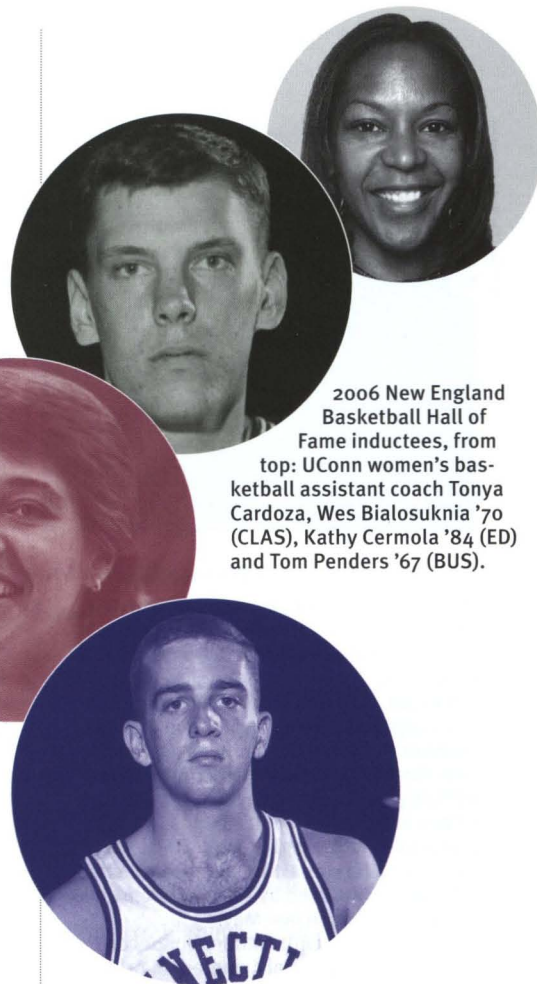
Al Weston (1972-76) was inducted for his high school career at Cromwell High School in Connecticut.

Tony Hanson '81 (ED), scored 1,990 career points—third all-time—and helped lead UConn to the Sweet 16 during the 1976 NCAA Tournament and to a pair of NIT appearances.

Jeff Carr '82 (CLAS) was inducted for his playing at The Robinson School in West Hartford, Conn.

Kathy Cermola '84 (ED) was inducted for her playing at Conard High School in West Hartford.

Those with long-time UConn connections included Tonya Cardoza, UConn women's basketball assistant coach who was inducted for her playing career at Boston English High School in Massachusetts; John Toner, UConn athletic director from 1969-87, who played a key role in UConn's entry as a charter member of the Big East Conference in 1979; and George Ehrlich, long-time radio play-by-play voice of UConn men's basketball on WTIC radio.



2006 New England Basketball Hall of Fame inductees, from top: UConn women's basketball assistant coach Tonya Cardoza, Wes Bialosuknia '70 (CLAS), Kathy Cermola '84 (ED) and Tom Penders '67 (BUS).

## Auriemma Enshrined

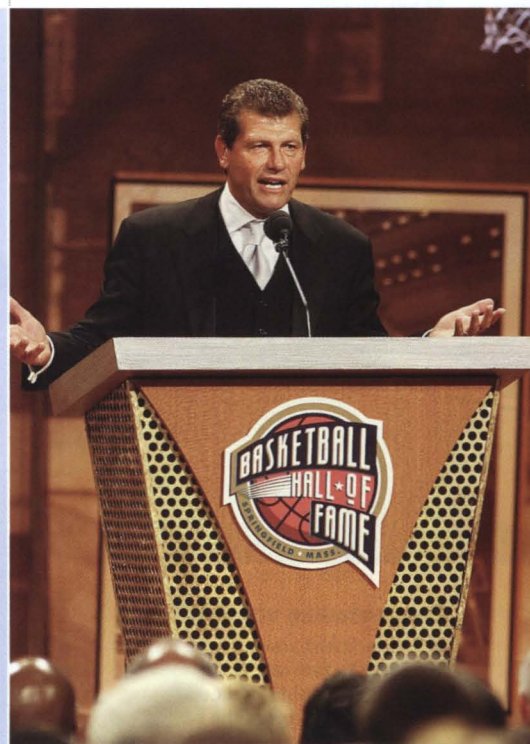
UConn became only the third university in history to have both a women's and men's coach enshrined in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame when head women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma was inducted on Sept. 8 in Springfield, Mass.

Auriemma joined men's head coach Jim Calhoun, who was enshrined last year, to give UConn a pair of Hall of Fame coaches, a situation made unusual because both are still active as coaches. The two other universities with both men's and women's coaches enshrined are UCLA and North Carolina State.

More than 40 former and current Husky players attended the ceremonies which also included the inductions of Big East founder Dave Gavitt; former NBA stars Charles Barkley, Joe Dumars and Dominique Wilkins; and Italian national team coach Sandro Gamba.

"When one of my players was named first team All-American, whenever they became player of the year or got some kind of award, I would say, 'I think I had something to do with that.' It made me feel really good when I watched them get an award," Auriemma said in his address before turning to his former players. "Well, right now, at this moment, at this point in time, this is your opportunity to sit there and look up here and say to yourselves, 'You know what? If it wasn't for me, he wouldn't be there.'"

Stephen Slade





Tom Brown/The Hartford Courant



### Campus mourns student-soldier

Marine Cpl. Jordan C. Pierson '09, who left UConn for active military duty in October 2005, was killed while on foot patrol in Iraq on Aug. 25.

Pierson, who was scheduled to return to Storrs for the current academic year, was a member of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division in Plainville, Conn. He began his studies at UConn at the Avery Point campus in 2003 and arrived at the main campus in 2004. Previously, he was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded by shrapnel from an insurgent grenade last May.

He was buried with military honors on Sept. 6 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. The city of Milford, Conn., plans to rename the neighborhood park where Pierson grew up as Cpl. Jordan C. Pierson Memorial Park.



### Congressman visits Fuel Cell Center

U.S. Rep. John Larson, right, discusses advances in fuel cell technology at UConn's Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center with Ken Reifsnider, director of the center.

## Neag faculty to lead journal

A team of six faculty members from the Neag School of Education was selected to serve as editorial board for the *Journal of Literacy Research*, a premier peer-reviewed research journal for more than 40 years. This is the first time the *Journal's* editorial team will be led by a large faculty group from one institution. Published quarterly, *JLR* is the official journal of the National Reading Conference, the largest professional organization devoted solely to literacy and reading research.

The faculty members represent two departments—educational psychology and curriculum and instruction—and together bring a strong set of research and editorial experience to the journal. All have served on the editorial review boards of major research journals and collectively they have been awarded \$7.6 million in major research grants during the last two years.

Editorial team members include Douglas Hartman, Mary Anne Doyle, Douglas Kaufman, and Wendy Glenn from the department of curriculum and instruction and Sally Reis and Michael Coyne from the department of educational psychology.

"We're extremely proud that a Neag group has been selected to lead this prestigious journal during a transformation that is sure to better serve the literacy research community as well as the field of education as a whole," says Richard Schwab, dean of the Neag School. "The National Reading Conference's decision to move its journal to UConn demonstrates its trust in our team's ability to provide leadership and expertise."

The Neag team's first issue will be published in early 2007. Additional information about the *Journal of Literacy Research* is online at [www.nrconline.org](http://www.nrconline.org).

## AGAIN THE BEST M.B.A. IN NEW ENGLAND

The UConn School of Business continues to be ranked among the best business schools in the United States.

The master of business administration program is again ranked as the number one public M.B.A. program in New England by both *Business Week* and *U.S. News & World Report*. The program also is listed by *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Princeton Review* in their rankings of the top business schools. There are more than 1,400 business schools worldwide.

This marks UConn's third consecutive appearance in the *Business Week* rankings based on a survey of more than 10,000 business students, who rank the quality of their teaching staff, career opportunities, recruiting efforts, and alumni network. Corporate recruiters were queried on the number of M.B.A.s. they hired in the past two years and from where their companies actively recruited.

The latest *Wall Street Journal*/Harris Interactive Business School Survey places the School of Business in the top 4 percent of business schools worldwide.

*The Princeton Review's* 2007 edition of the "Best 282 Business Schools" describes UConn as "an outstanding business school." The publication's survey found the school to offer a challenging program that mirrored life in the corporate world.

*U.S. News & World Report* ranks UConn's M.B.A. as the top public university program in New England for the eighth consecutive year.

The School of Business has a total of 1,181 full, and part-time M.B.A. students on its campuses in Storrs, Hartford, Stamford and Waterbury.



## Freshman class SAT scores rise again

For the 11th consecutive year, UConn's entering class exhibits the academic success that has made it the top public university in New England. *U.S. News & World Report* also ranked UConn as the 27th best public university in the nation, one spot higher than last year.

The Class of 2010 averaged 1195 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), a six-point increase compared to last year's entering class and 82 points higher than the class that entered in 1996, when the SAT was reconfigured. The class also includes 98 valedictorians and salutatorians; and minorities represent 19 percent of the class. Thirty-eight percent of the students were ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

Applications also increased for the 11th straight year, up 6.4 percent over last year, at nearly 20,000, an increase of more than 100 percent since 1995.

UConn's regional campuses also are attracting large numbers of students, with more than 1,100 freshmen enrolling at the five campuses, and another 200 students transferring into the regionals, largely from four-year schools, says Dolan Evanovich, vice provost for enrollment management. At 1,300, the total number of new students is about 15 percent higher than last year's class, with increases reported at all five campuses.

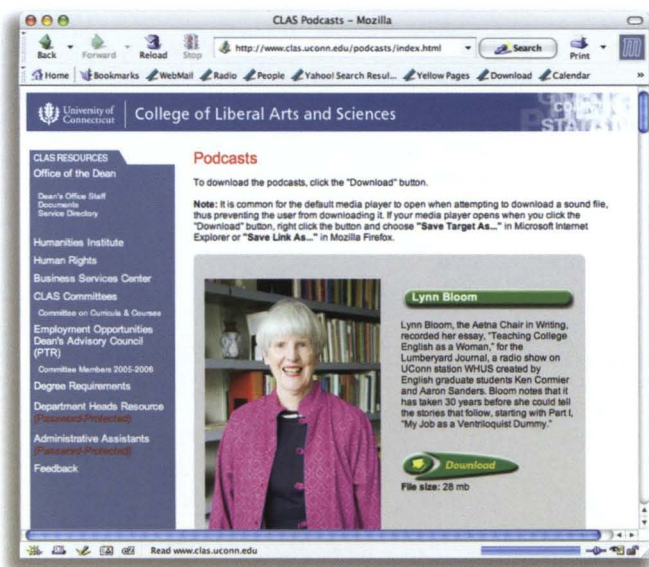
UConn's retention rates also have climbed from 87 percent of the freshmen class in 1995 to 92 percent in 2004, the most recent data available. The six-year graduation rate—the federal standard—is 72 percent, placing UConn among the top public universities in the nation. In May, the Educational Policy Institute awarded UConn its 2006 Outstanding Retention Program Award at its annual RETENTION 2006 Conference.

## UConn student selected by British Council

MITCH Nozka '08 (CLAS) was selected by The British Council USA as one of 69 university students to participate in its prestigious Student Ambassador Program. These distinguished students help spread the word about the many and varied educational opportunities available to those who study in the United Kingdom.

Selection is based on advisor recommendations and a demonstrated enthusiasm for overseas study experience. British Council USA student ambassadors coordinate with study abroad offices at their universities, as well as British consulates in their regions, to highlight educational, cultural and scientific opportunities in the United Kingdom. To be eligible for the program, students must have studied at a university in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland and currently be enrolled in a U.S. institution.

In addition to Nozka, who studied in the UK at the University of Essex, the new student ambassadors represent 57 different institutions including Brown University, Iowa State, Georgetown University, Parsons New School of Design, University of Miami and University of California, among others.



### Faculty lectures available via podcast

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has a page on its Web site where faculty lectures and discussions on various subjects can be heard as podcasts, digital multimedia files made available via the Internet, downloaded and played on personal computers or iPods. The CLAS podcast page is <http://www.clas.uconn.edu/>



Jordan Bender





Peter Morenus

## Markers Note UConn History

A series of 11 historical markers are now located across the Storrs campus, giving the UConn community and visitors an easy-to-read primer on the University's history. The signs are close replicas of the historic markers found along the nation's roadsides and at Civil War sites. They highlight people, places and events in UConn's history as part of this year's 125th anniversary celebration. Information for the signs was prepared by Mark J. Roy '74 (CLAS), author of the 2001 College History Series book *University of Connecticut*, a photographic history of UConn, and a member of the 125th Anniversary Committee.

## Supreme Court in session

The Connecticut Supreme Court sat in session at UConn's main campus for two cases in October as part of an ongoing educational initiative of the Connecticut Judicial Branch to introduce students, educators and the public to the role of the appellate court system. It was also an opportunity for three associate justices who are alumni of the School of Law to discuss legal education programs with UConn Provost Peter J. Nicholls, who hosted a breakfast for the justices before the session opened in the Lewis B. Rome Ballroom, which was transformed into a courtroom.



Peter Morenus

Provost Nicholls, left, with (L-R) Justices Christine S. Vertefuille '75 J.D., Richard N. Palmer '77 J.D. and Joette Katz '77 J.D.

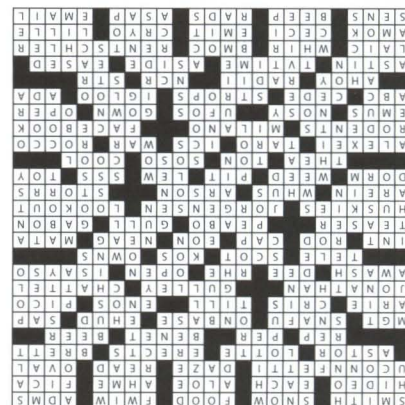
### A Jungle and Some Frats

The North Campus residence community was built in 1950 to accommodate the surge in undergraduate student enrollment in the post-World War II years. Because of the large number of spirited WW-II veterans it housed, the North Campus residence community was called "The Jungle" by students living there and their counterparts across campus. Eight of the halls in North Campus are named for the counties of Connecticut. The other three are named for men who served as Connecticut governors in the 1940s.

The Northwest Quadrangle was also built in 1950. These units are named for 19th-century Connecticut businessmen. In their early years, the residences were also known as "the Frats," as they housed the members of nearly two dozen campus fraternities.

Commemorating UConn's 125th Anniversary 2006

Solution to UConn's  
125th Anniversary  
crossword puzzle  
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## 'SEAT OF HEAT' ON STAGE AT JORGENSEN

Jon Stewart, host of the satirical "Daily Show" on the Comedy Network, performed two sold-out shows during Family Weekend at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts in early October, part of UConn's 125th Anniversary celebration.





# Homecoming 2006

The University's 125th Anniversary celebration was a theme carried out during Homecoming 2006 in a variety of activities, including the annual parade, the Lip Sync Competition and a special theatrical performance at Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Eddie Silva '07 (CLAS) of the UConn Conn Men and Tina Kim '08 (CLAS) of the Asian-American Cultural Center were named 2006 Homecoming king and queen. Other activities included the rededication of the newly expanded Student Union, the Alumni Association's Alumni & Faculty Awards Gala, and a student leader reunion.



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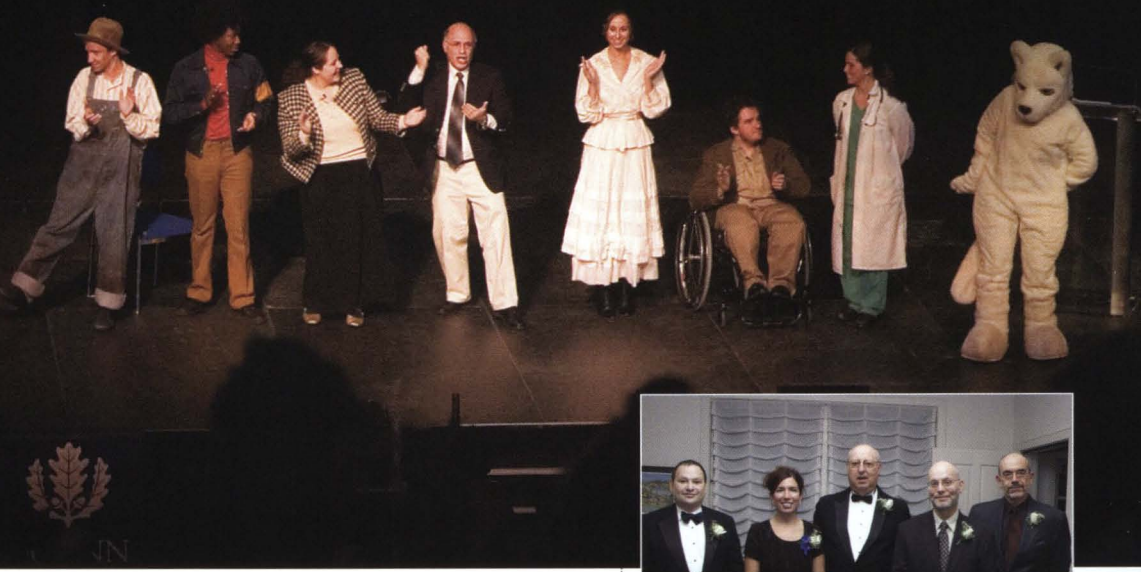
Above: Students from the Asian American Cultural Center work through their Lip Sync performance, which took first place honors. Students dance while holding the flag of Jamaica, right, during the Homecoming parade, below.







*Six Huskies in Search of an Author*, written and directed by Robert McDonald, a professor of dramatic arts in the School of Fine Arts, was performed in the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. The play, a lighthearted theatrical romp through UConn's 125-year history, was based on *Red Brick in the Land of Steady Habits*, the UConn history book recently written by Bruce Stave, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus and director of the Center for Oral History.



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### 2006 Alumni Association Honorees

The UConn Alumni Association held its annual Alumni & Faculty Awards Gala during Homecoming to honor faculty and alumni achievements. Alumni who were recognized included, from left, Jeffrey Konspre '79 (CLAS) '05 M.B.A., Connecticut Alumni Service Award; Alena Cybart '96 (CLAS), Graduate of the Last Decade Award; Louis Ulizio '58 (CANR) '64 (BUS), '66 M.B.A., University Service Award; Karl Guillard '83 M.S., '86 Ph.D., Faculty Excellence in Teaching at the Undergraduate Level; Wally Lamb '72 (CLAS), '77 M.A., Distinguished Alumni Award.

### Student Union Rededicated

A rededication ceremony for the renovated Student Union took place during Homecoming weekend.



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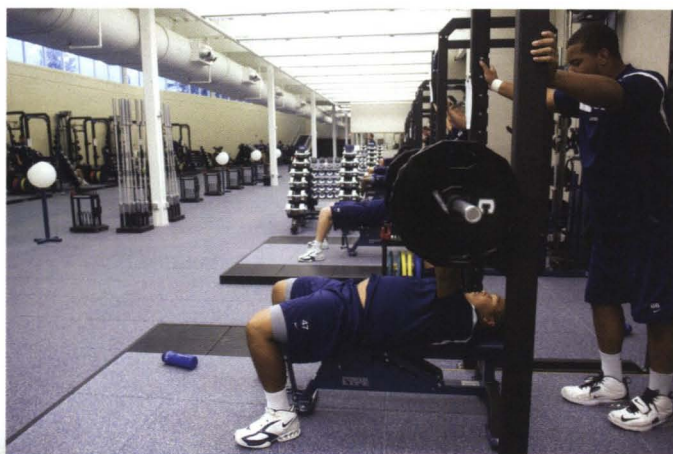


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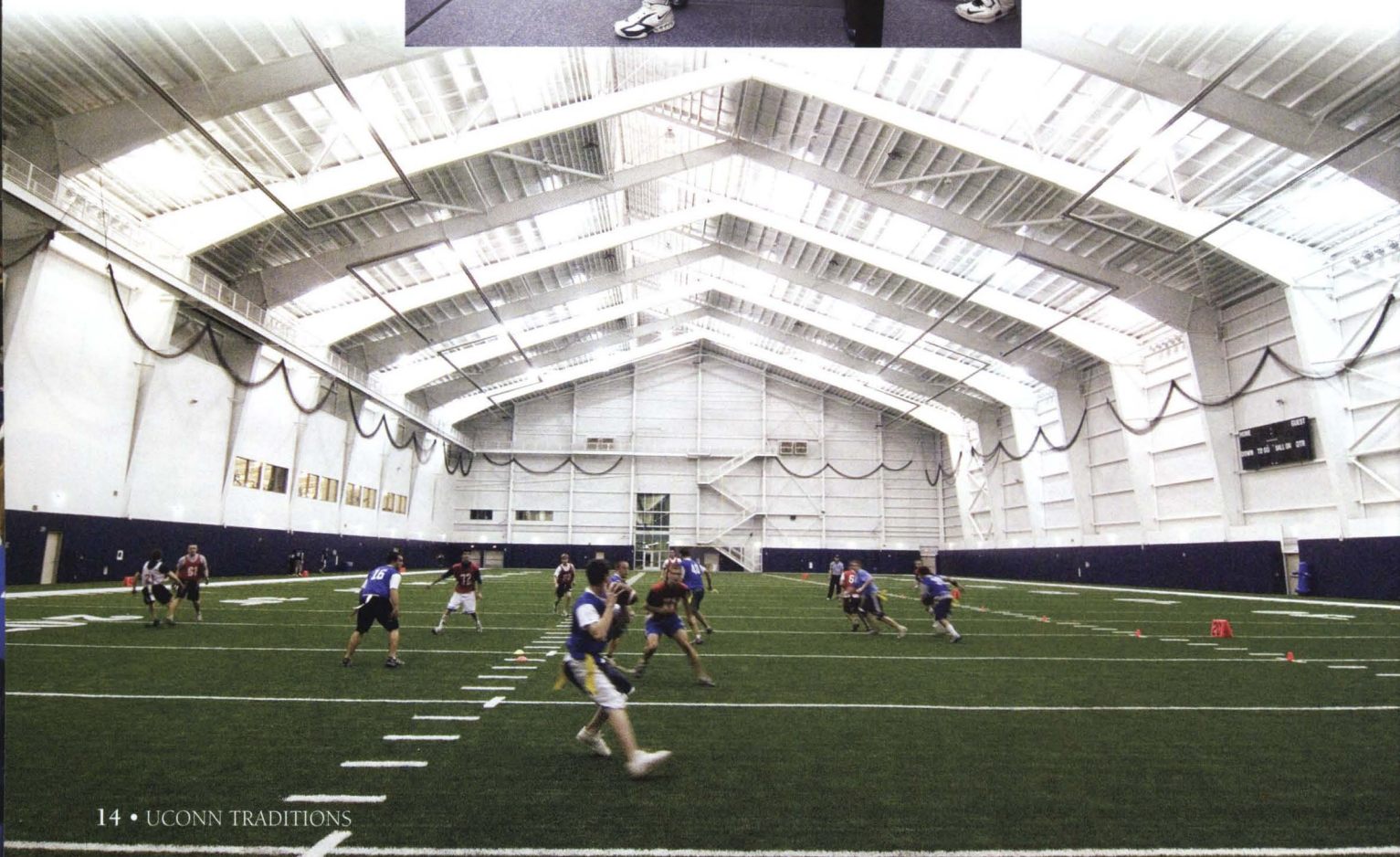
### New Ballroom Opens

Above: Historian and social activist Howard Zinn was the first speaker to address a capacity audience of students and faculty in new ballroom of the Student Union, which opened the completed section of its most recent expansion that includes a new food court, top right.



### Football and Training Center Completed

The Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman Training Center provides one of the nation's best facilities for student-athletes. The complex includes a large, fully equipped strength and conditioning facility, left, and an indoor turf field for the Husky football team, as well as for other intercollegiate and intramural teams, below.





# News

Families are encouraged to participate in their babies' care at the Health Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. These efforts will be bolstered by a new program by the March of Dimes and the New Alliance Foundation.



Lanny Nagler

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

### *Health Center pilots March of Dimes NICU project*

The neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at the UConn Health Center is the first site in Connecticut selected for an innovative March of Dimes project.

The March of Dimes NICU Family Support project is a national program launched in 2004 with the goal of placing and funding a family support specialist in at least one NICU in every state in the country. The March of Dimes supports research into the causes of premature births, which account for about 12 percent of all births every year. In nearly half of all cases, the cause is unknown.

The NICU Family Support program was designed to meet the needs of families throughout hospitalization, during the transition home, and in the event of a newborn death. The project's components include working with March of Dimes volunteers who provide parent-to-parent support including education and specially tailored information and support for siblings and extended family.

"There's no question that the experience of having a baby in the NICU can be overwhelming," says Steven Strongwater, hospital director at the UConn Health Center. "That's why we take many steps to help minimize the stress of this experience for parents and babies alike. The NICU Family Support designation is one more program we are pleased to offer families."

Strongwater says a key factor for the March of Dimes to work with the UConn Health Center is that it is a nationally recognized leader in an infant-and-family-centered approach to care that places special emphasis on the role of parents in supporting their baby's development.

Jeanne Lattanzio has been named the first UConn family support specialist. She began her career as a pediatric and neonatology nurse before moving to hospital administration.

She says she has returned to direct patient care to do more to help families. "I feel like I've come full circle," says Lattanzio, noting she is the grandmother of an 8-year-old boy who started life in a NICU.



## SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

### *Top curator named to lead Benton Museum of Art*

Steven Kern, a curator from one of the top art museums in the United States, has been named the new director of the William Benton Museum of Art at UConn.

A New England native who previously was curator of paintings at the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Mass., Kern arrives in Storrs after serving nine years as curator of European art at the San Diego Museum of Art.

"I look forward to building on the Benton's tradition of excellence, its achievements and best practices and its upward trajectory," Kern says. "Museums are special places with the power to excite, inspire, educate and even to transform lives. I happily accept the charge to strengthen the Benton's position at the core of the University, to serve the student body and faculty and to reach the residents of the state of Connecticut and visitors from surrounding communities."

During his tenure at the San Diego Museum of Art, Kern rekindled interest in the 80-year-old museum's permanent

collections and arranged exhibitions that attracted as many as 200,000 patrons annually.

Kern says he plans to raise the museum's national and international profile.

"During the past two years, the William Benton Museum of Art has become the artistic and cultural heart of the campus. With the opening of the Evelyn Simon Gilman Gallery, the Human Rights Gallery, Café Muse and The Store at the Benton, the Benton Museum plays an important role in the cultural and aesthetic development of UConn's campus," says David G. Woods, dean of the School of Fine Arts. "Steven Kern brings a rich background of European art to the Benton. He will undoubtedly expand and enhance our programs and will contribute significantly to the future development of our collection and our activities at the museum."

The Benton has a permanent collection of more than 6,000 works.

During the past five years, the museum has doubled its number of annual patrons from 20,000 to 40,000.



## SCHOOL OF LAW

### *Responding to changing legal needs*

The School of Law will open a new legal clinic this spring, providing students an opportunity to represent clients in cases involving intellectual property law, a growing area of legal practice that has resulted from the expansion of information technology.

"In our post-industrial society, where the forms of intellectual property have become increasingly varied and complex, the law in this area has truly burgeoned," says Paul Chill, professor and associate dean of the law school for academic affairs.

The clinic is the result of state legislation that established a Center for Entrepreneurship at UConn with a mandate for an intellectual property legal clinic.

The Center for Entrepreneurship will be a joint effort with UConn's School of Business and the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology in East Hartford, where the clinic will be housed.

"The partnership with the business school will enable students from the different disciplines to work together to solve problems," says Kurt Strasser, interim dean of the law school. "When law students are able to work with business students on all aspects of a client's problems, both groups of students see them as a whole, rather than fragmented by the different academic disciplines."

Chill believes the intellectual property clinic will build on the law school's existing strengths in clinical legal education and provide valuable opportunities for students, which also benefits the community.

"Clinical legal education is the most important and positive development in legal pedagogy in the last half-century," he says. "In a law school clinic, students represent actual clients under close supervision by faculty members. There is no better way of learning the complex and varied set of skills it takes to practice law. Clinics are crucibles of learning in which theory and practice interact on a daily basis, yielding rich insights for students and faculty members."



## SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

### *Oral pathology biopsy service helps dental patients*

UConn's oral pathology biopsy service within the School of Dental Medicine helps pinpoint cases of disease so doctors and dentists can properly diagnose and treat thousands of patients with oral disease in Connecticut and the region. It is the only such service in the state.

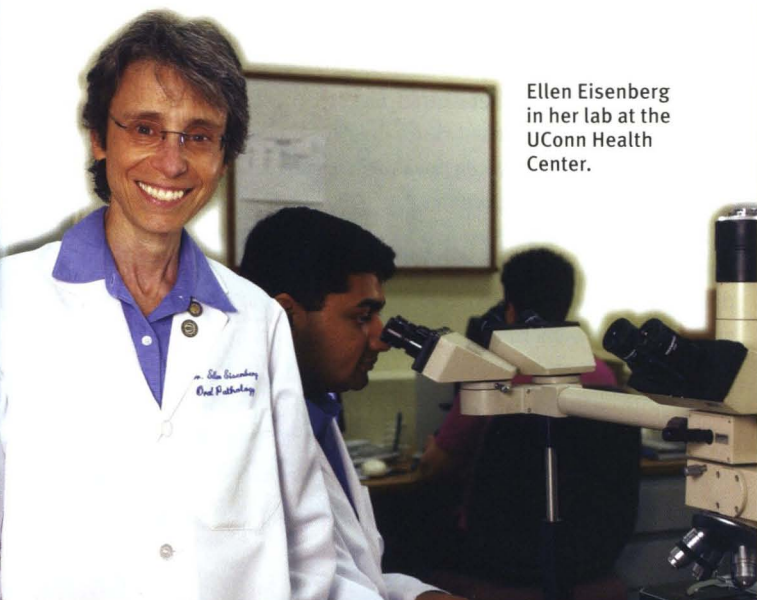
Small samples of tissue or lesions from the mouth and jaw are sent daily to the UConn Health Center by area clinicians. Ellen Eisenberg, director of the service, and her colleague, Easwar Natarajan, analyze the samples to assess the potential occurrence of disease. Generally, they report back to the referring physician within 24 hours after receiving the specimen, allowing for quick treatment.

"Today, there is generally greater awareness, not only of oral disease but of our ability to analyze and diagnose a wide variety of conditions," Eisenberg says. "Last year, we received more than 4,400 specimens, most of them from outside the UConn Health Center."

The service has grown dramatically in recent years. Eisenberg, who is one of several hundred board certified oral pathologists in the country, arrived at the UConn Health Center in the late 1970s, when the service received about 2,000 samples a year.

Eisenberg also teaches the comprehensive oral pathology didactic course to third-year dental students. She says she is "absolutely amazed" by the students' transformation as they gain a thorough understanding of oral disease and the various diagnostic and treatment possibilities related to it.

"Being a dentist is not just about drilling and filling. There is a vast array of conditions that can cause abnormalities in the mouth, from common inflammatory irritants and microbial infections to autoimmune diseases and cancer," Eisenberg says, noting that in addition to diagnosing oral disease problems, UConn dentists use this knowledge to help promote good dental health in their patients.



Ellen Eisenberg  
in her lab at the  
UConn Health  
Center.

## NEAG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### *Atkins Foundation gift to expand nutrition research*

A \$450,000 gift from the Dr. Robert C. Atkins Foundation will support groundbreaking nutrition research being conducted by members of the department of kinesiology in the Neag School of Education.

The gift recognizes the scientific contributions of Jeff Volek, assistant professor of kinesiology, in the area of low-carbohydrate diets. It will enhance the research capabilities of UConn's Human Performance Lab by providing additional funding for program support, graduate assistantships and equipment.

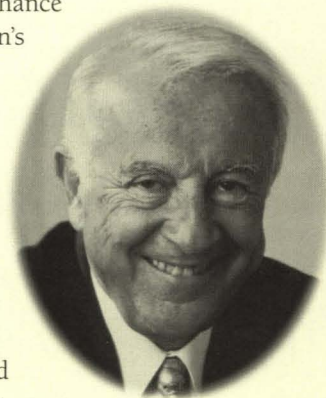
"This gift will help us further expand our research into the many facets of carbohydrate restriction for the treatment of obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and related metabolic syndromes," Volek says. "This support will allow us to enhance our laboratory capabilities and facilitate our ability to make breakthrough discoveries in nutrition research."

For the past seven years, Volek, kinesiology professor William Kraemer, and nutritional sciences professor Maria-Luz Fernandez have compared the effects of a carbohydrate-restricted diet and a standard low-fat diet on weight loss and a variety of risk factors for diabetes and heart disease.

Volek has found that a carbohydrate-restricted diet is considerably more effective than a low-fat diet in improving a host of cardiovascular risk factors, especially those associated with metabolic syndrome or insulin resistance syndrome. Although very low-carbohydrate diets had been viewed primarily as a weight loss tool and associated with concerns about heart disease due to potential high dietary fat intake, Volek's work has shown that carbohydrate restriction is beneficial for cardiovascular markers even in the absence of weight loss and in the presence of higher fat intake.

Building on previous research, Volek and his colleagues also have conducted research into personalized diet prescriptions based on genetic data and their potential for the prevention and treatment of disease.

The Neag School is matching a portion of the Atkins Foundation's gift by providing full funding for a graduate assistantship for each of the three years covered by the gift.



Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (1930-2003). The Dr. Robert C. Atkins Foundation funds independent scientific research examining the role of metabolism and nutrition in obesity, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and other serious health concerns.

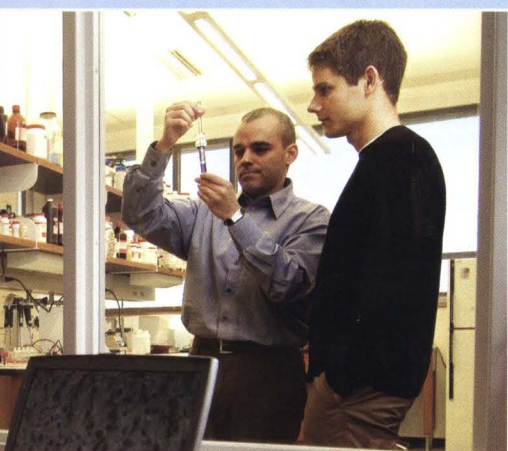


## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

### *Manautou honored by Society of Toxicology*

José Manautou always had an inclination for science, particularly biology and chemistry. He was fascinated by the biology of the body, human diseases and the treatment of disease.

"Pharmacy was a good choice for me. You're still involved with the treatment of patients, and it gives you a great foundation for jumping into a professional Ph.D. program and becoming a scientist," says Manautou, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, who earlier this year received the 2006 Achievement Award of the Society of Toxicology for significant contributions to the field of toxicology.



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José Manautou, left, with a student in his lab at the School of Pharmacy.

In its citation, the society notes his "dedication to the training of young scientists is unmatched" and that "his outstanding research and professional accomplishments place him among an elite few in the field of toxicology."

A member of the UConn faculty for 10 years, Manautou is one of the leading researchers in the field of toxicology, focusing on understanding how the interaction of chemicals alters the functioning of the human liver, with an emphasis on how a damaged liver can repair itself. His research is funded with a four-year grant from the National Institutes of Health.

"The liver is interesting in comparison to other organs," he explains. "You can damage the liver, and if the damage is not overwhelming, with time, it repairs itself and it appears normal. We're trying to study aspects of this mechanism."

Manautou has built his research on long-time study of the drug acetaminophen, known commercially as Tylenol, which is safe when taken in recommended doses but can produce toxic by-products in the liver when consumed in higher quantities. Abuse of the drug can occur when patients take the suggested dosage and then use another over-the-counter medication that also includes acetaminophen, unknowingly raising the potential for toxicity.

He has been involved with the Society of Toxicology since 1988, serves on grant review committees for the National Institutes of Health and recently was named associate editor of *The Journal of Toxicology and Applied Pharmacy*, a premier international journal in the field.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

### *Helping older adults improve health literacy*

Several scientific studies in recent years indicate that older adults say they use twice as many over-the-counter medicines as drugs prescribed by their doctors. Research being conducted at the School of Nursing aims to help older adults avoid adverse drug interactions resulting from self-medication.

An interdisciplinary team led by Patricia J. Neafsey, professor of nursing and co-director of UConn's Center for Health Communications Design Research, hopes to assist older adults to avoid potential harmful drug interactions, improve their overall health literacy and keep their blood pressure in check. The research, which began last year, is being conducted with a three-year, \$1 million grant funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The research team includes health care professionals and UConn doctoral students representing a variety of disciplines within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. The disciplines include communication sciences, computer science, graphic design, pharmacoeconomics, primary care nursing and medicine.

Previous research by Neafsey and her colleagues, for example, suggests that older adults with hypertension tend to self-medicate with over-the-counter drugs like pain relievers, cold remedies and antacids. Frequent use of seemingly harmless medications, such as ibuprofen, can have negative consequences in people with hypertension because they can counteract medications used to treat high blood pressure.

Neafsey adds that improvements to health literacy empower people to take better care of themselves and can reduce their risk of additional health complications and avoidable hospitalizations. Improvements to health literacy are expected to reduce health care costs due to a reduction in serious, perhaps potentially life-threatening, complications.

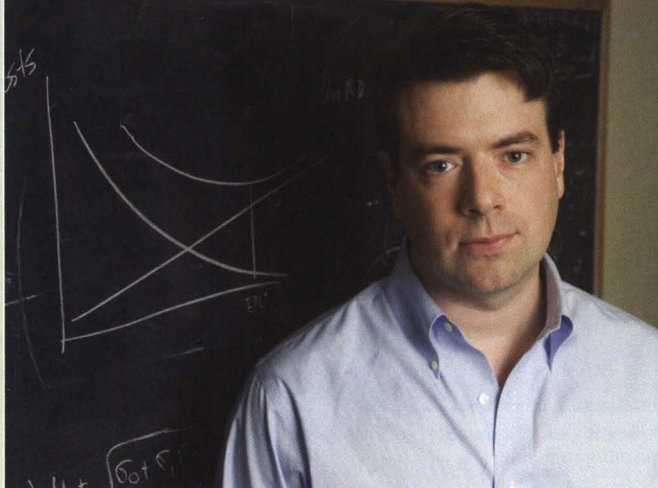
Neafsey says working with an interdisciplinary team provides advantages to researchers working on a common solution to a problem.

"You get a much better result if you have many pairs of eyes with different training and different ways of looking at the problems to build solutions that really work," she says.





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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### *Professor provides insider's view of FDA operations*

Students studying with John Vernon, assistant professor of finance who is an expert in the financial aspects of the pharmaceutical industry, are gaining an extraordinary insider's view of how economic policy is developed at the highest levels of the federal government.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Vernon spends one week each month on loan to the Federal Drug Administration in Washington, D.C., as a senior economic policy advisor to the FDA and to the agency's commissioner, Andrew C. von Eschenbach.

Vernon, who also holds a joint faculty appointment in community medicine at the UConn Health Center, has

testified before committees of the U.S. Congress about his research on the economic consequences of re-importing U.S. drugs from other nations, specifically the regulation of drug prices from nations that have cost controls on drugs.

Initially, the FDA had tried to entice Vernon about taking a full-time position. "I did not want to leave academia, but I was very interested in government policy and working with the FDA," he says.

Vernon says his students enjoy hearing about how the theories taught in the classroom play out in actual practice. "It's enriching what we teach in the classroom theoretically. The real beneficiaries of my work are UConn students," he says. "They get to see how the FDA operates and how some of the things I teach in classroom are actually implemented on Capitol Hill. It's really exciting to me, personally."

Another beneficial aspect of Vernon's FDA work is collaboration with other UConn faculty in related disciplines. He works with faculty at the School of Pharmacy and at the UConn Health Center.

"The School of Pharmacy is one of the best in the country. Their expertise is second to none. The collaborations have been very symbiotic and synergistic," he says.

"There are opportunities for additional research involving the business school, the pharmacy school and the Health Center. It's unique to UConn, with an extraordinary pool of resources with respect to health care economics and finance."

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

### *Post-master's certificates address emerging needs*

Two new post-master's certification programs are helping social workers in Connecticut to gain specialized skills in two critical areas of need—clinical supervision and adoption services.

Both programs are being offered in response to specific needs identified by longtime collaborators with the UConn School of Social Work—the state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF).

The certificate in clinical supervision addresses the challenges and complexities of varied supervisory positions found in clinical settings in either public or private agencies, as well as in private practice.

"The program covers specific content typically not included in master's programs. The Connecticut chapter of NASW contacted us about collaboration on the program. As the state's premier MSW program, we thought it was mutually beneficial to join ranks," says Reesa Olins, director of UConn's continuing education section of the School of Social Work.

The 40-hour program includes classroom sessions and online course resources to help accommodate professional students' work schedules.

Olins says the new adoption services program reflects the increasing number of families who are adopting children. There are 2.1 million adopted children in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and about 6,000 in Connecticut, according to the Casey Center for Effective Child Welfare Practice in New Haven.

"One of the goals is to provide a wider group of providers so DCF can refer clients to social services in the community," says Olins.

The program is jointly operated with Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. UConn and SCSU each have 15 students enrolled, and all students periodically convene for guest faculty presentations. The 45-hour program curriculum includes in-class sessions and online course resources and addresses a wide range of issues in adoption, such as development of adoptive families and trans-racial issues.



## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

### *\$2M grant aims to improve state transportation*

UConn's Connecticut Transportation Institute (CTI), has received a \$2 million grant from the U. S. Department of Transportation to explore new ways of improving the state's transportation system. The grant will establish a University Transportation Center (UTC) at UConn.

"CTI is working on some exciting and innovative projects, and this grant will help our state continue to break new ground," Gov. M. Jodi Rell said in announcing the grant with U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons. "From the development of smart growth planning tools and expanding mass transit to promoting strategies that will make our air cleaner and our traffic flow smoother, the institute is a national leader. These are the ideas that will make Connecticut's economy healthy and strong over the long-term. These are the ideas that promote job creation and enhance the quality of life in Connecticut."

The University Transportation Center will be overseen by co-directors Norman Garrick and John Ivan, civil and environmental engineering professors in the School of Engineering, which is home to CTI.

Garrick says he expects UTC initially to assess how other states have developed improved statewide transportation



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**A recent view of commuter traffic approaching Hartford during the morning rush hour.**

systems and how Connecticut compares with them as a first step toward creating new plans for the Nutmeg State.

One issue to resolve is how to better coordinate state and local agencies that have jurisdiction over various parts of the transportation development process, Garrick says. He notes that currently the state Department of Transportation has responsibility for transportation system maintenance and construction while municipal governments control land use.

"Our goal is to serve as a clearing house and think tank that studies how to develop an approach to transportation that addresses smart growth," he says. "We'll be going back to the old style of development, focusing on walking communities built around transportation systems."

Garrick says he hopes to have the initial assessments completed sometime next year.

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### *Hunting is solution to stem growing deer population*

A doctoral student in natural resources management and engineering who studied options for slowing the rapid growth of the deer population in Connecticut says more hunting appears to be the best solution.

Howard Kilpatrick, who works as a project manager for the state Department of Environmental Protection, draws his conclusion from a three-year study he conducted of deer management in the town of Greenwich, which has one of the

highest deer densities in the state.

"Many of the highest deer densities in the state are in areas where there is the least amount of hunting," Kilpatrick says, noting that because it is one of the most developed towns, the ability to hunt deer in Greenwich is minimal compared with less populated areas in northern Connecticut.

The number of deer in Connecticut has skyrocketed in recent years. Kilpatrick says deer are increasingly regarded as a nuisance because of the damage they wreak on the landscape, the spread of Lyme disease from deer ticks and the risk of auto accidents involving deer. Even with opposition to hunting, people become more supportive when they are personally affected by having a child with Lyme disease or hitting a deer with a car, he adds.

Deer can live up to 18 years, and an adult doe generally gives birth to two fawns a year. Based on his study, Kilpatrick recommends that towns develop local area-specific deer management plans, encourage both gun and bow hunting and provide more information to property owners about deer management and hunting.

Another strategy for deer management is fertility control, but new contraceptive drugs have not yet been approved for commercial use, Kilpatrick says.



Howard Kilpatrick gestures to show the level of damage done by deer to an evergreen.

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## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

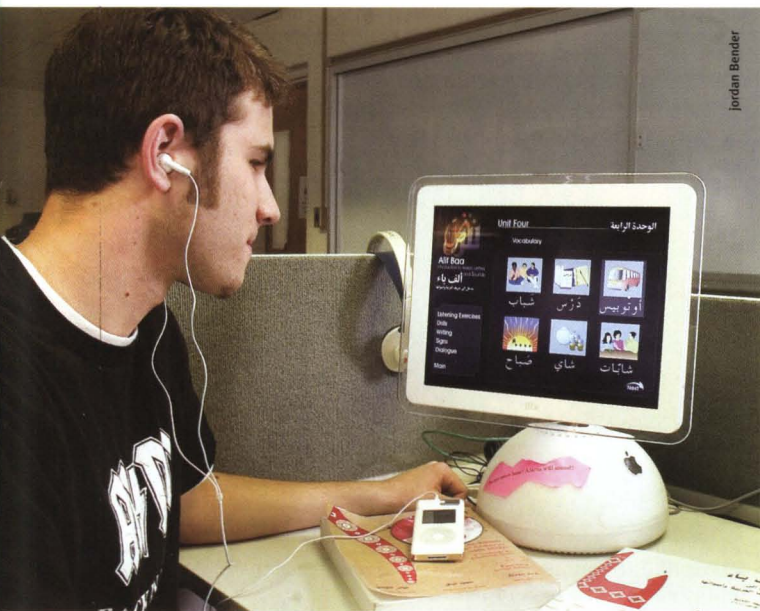
### *iPods help students learn foreign languages*

In addition to textbooks, last spring students studying Chinese and Arabic began using iPods—the ubiquitous music players—to allow them more frequent exposure to the language they are trying to learn.

The iPods—provided by the University and used in conjunction with laptop computers, language software and other technology tools—are helping students with what are considered “level 4” language studies because they take three to four times longer to learn than languages such as French or Spanish.

Currently, the iPods and laptops are only for students of Arabic and Chinese. The iPods are loaded with language files that reinforce and expand what the students learn in weekly instruction with a native-speaking conversation partner.

“You need as many resources as you can get. The iPod makes language studies easier,” says Michael Crutchfield ’07 (CLAS), a senior majoring in political science and sociology, about studying languages. He is studying Mandarin Chinese so he can teach English in China after graduation.



Max Gidle, a sophomore political science and international relations major, uses a podcast and “Alif Baa,” a computer learning program as part of his Arabic studies in the critical languages program in the Multimedia Language Center.

The iPods and other materials were purchased with a \$475,000 grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the research and development arm of the U.S. Department of Defense. DARPA promotes

learning of languages in areas where the U.S. has strategic interests.

The students’ self-instruction is further bolstered by a variety of resources, including computer labs, wireless iBook laptops, digital cameras, Web-based language programs and iChat instant messaging.

Students must also record and publish their own podcast—an Internet-based digital broadcast—to demonstrate their language proficiency. The goal of the podcast is to help students more quickly learn languages that traditionally have not been part of a college curriculum. The use of podcasts and various computer technologies allows instructors to hear students’ progress with the language more easily and remediate problems during the semester, says Barbara Lindsey, director of UConn’s Multimedia Language Center in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

### *Taking a historic view of Iran’s struggle for democracy*

With Iran in the headlines in recent months as part of the turmoil in the Middle East, Fakhreddin Azimi, UConn associate professor of history, finds himself pulled from his historical studies and research into contemporary events.

Born in Iran, Azimi was educated in the United Kingdom and is a recognized authority on the history of modern Iran. He has been at UConn since 1991, where one of his key areas of research is the 100-year-long quest for democratic rule in the country of his birth. He teaches undergraduate courses on the Middle East in both medieval and modern times, as well as a graduate seminar that explores the relationship between history and the social sciences.

Azimi acknowledges that “democracy” and “Iran” may not often be linked in the minds of evening television news viewers but, he says, democratic institutions and aspirations have been part of the Iranian political landscape since 1906. In class, he encourages students to view today’s events through the prism of history, taking into account 100 years of seesawing between parliamentary and authoritarian rule.

Despite the changes in Iran’s governance over time, Azimi believes there are good reasons to be optimistic about the future of Iran, in large part because of young people.

“The younger generation will not indefinitely tolerate being ruled by aging ayatollahs,” he says. “Modernity has spread, young people follow international trends, and they have a spirit that cannot be suppressed.”

Azimi says many of the structures of Iran’s government have counterparts in the United States, including the three branches of government, and he notes that much of the internal debate in Iran over the past 100 years touches on individual rights and other issues that were debated during the American Revolution.



# The Future

## Ford Foundation funds Latino research project

*Study of Latino sexuality examines cultural, societal context*

A two-year, \$304,000 grant from the Ford Foundation of New York will provide funding for research at UConn's Institute of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies.

The research project by Marysol Asencio, associate professor of Family Studies/Puerto Rican & Latino Studies, will enable an assessment of research in the field of Latino sexuality. The grant will also promote the assembly of a 10-member, nationally acclaimed peer board of scholars to identify uncharted research areas and Latino scholars in the field and eventually disseminate the findings through publication and other venues.

"Research with Latinos in the broad field of sexuality is still rather limited,

and many areas are still unexplored," says Asencio, a national expert in issues of Latinos, sexuality, gender, migration and race/ethnicity issues. "Sexuality is a lens. In the same way that gender, socioeconomic status and race allow us to examine society and social interaction, so does sexuality. We view a number of broader issues through it."

Two major components of the grant will be to publish the research analysis for dissemination and host a national conference based on this work in October 2007. This will assist in broadening the field of experts in the topic of Latino sexualities and help link the research to policy and programmatic initiatives that could include new aca-

demetic courses at UConn and elsewhere.

Asencio says the study of Latino sexualities examines practices, meanings and contexts, not only because they provide information to assist in health-related issues and social concerns such as HIV/AIDS and pregnancy but also for what they tell us about the larger culture and societal organization.

The UConn Institute of Puerto Rican and Latino Studies is now in its 12th year of operation on the Storrs campus and serves as a multipurpose, interdisciplinary research and teaching program with a focus on the Puerto Rican, Mexican and other populations of Latin American origin across the state and nation.

## \$1M gift to benefit UConn's Hillel House

A \$1 million donation from a benefactor of Jewish programs at UConn will help enhance the planned \$6 million expansion of Hillel House and programs at the Jewish student center on the Storrs campus.

Morris N. Trachten '48 (BUS) and his wife, Shirley, presented the gift as part of a multiyear campaign to enhance the educational and cultural landscape at UConn.

In 2003, Trachten was the major donor in helping create the only kosher food service on campus, the Morris N. Trachten Kosher Dining Facility at the Towers residential complex.

"After the kosher kitchen opened, a number of parents called to ask me about it and find out what else UConn was doing for Jewish students," he says. "Now with Hillel, we'll be able to attract Jewish students, including graduate students, who we just couldn't before."

UConn's Hillel chapter is part of the international organization Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, which serves to enrich the lives of students through cultural programming, social events, social action projects and religious programs. It partners with the University to attract and retain outstanding Jewish students, collaborating with other campus ministries



Morris N. Trachten '48 (BUS), left, at the opening of the kosher dining facility named for him in Towers in 2003.

and Greek life and participating in summer orientations for parents and first-year students.

Approximately 10 percent of UConn students are Jewish, and most are served by Hillel in some capacity. The existing Hillel facility was constructed with private funds in 1950 as a religious center. Hillel officials plan a number of improvements, including a coffee house, dedicated study space, a new kitchen and religious and social facilities.



## ALUMNA ENDOWS WOMEN'S HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

A new scholarship fund to benefit students researching women's health issues has been established with a \$25,000 endowment from a UConn alumna who was once helped in her own studies by similar support.

Christine N. Witzel '81 Ph.D. made the gift to support promising UConn graduate and undergraduate students working with the innovative Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention (CHIP) in Storrs. During her own graduate studies at UConn, Witzel was aided by a fellowship that allowed her to focus on research in women's health and health care evaluation.

Part of the department of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, CHIP is a multidisciplinary research center studying the dynamics of health behavioral changes in individuals and targeted at-risk populations. Its researchers create new interventions for preventing the spread of HIV infection, increasing medical adherence, diabetes management, cancer prevention, nutrition and other health risks.

"I'd love for the scholarships to promote new talent who may otherwise not be able to conduct their research," Witzel says. "I hope it helps young people find a career and for that career to benefit a lot of people."

Witzel has been personally active in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area for many years. She became involved in women's health issues in the 1970s by helping found Connecticut DES Action, an organization for those affected by the use of the drug diethylstilbestrol, a synthetic form of estrogen prescribed for women who have had miscarriages or premature births which may adversely affect the fetus. Witzel says she sees research and social change as the key to preventing similar health care crises.

To qualify for the Christine N. Witzel Awards, students must be recommended by a CHIP faculty member and write a three- to five-page draft proposal for innovative research in the area of women's health. The proposal must also show particular promise for future funding from a private foundation or a federal agency such as the National Institutes of Health.

## Private support continues to increase for UConn

The UConn Foundation reports that giving to the University of Connecticut totaled \$43.65 million last year, continuing the recent trend of strong private support for students, faculty and programs.

More than 34,000 donors contributed to UConn, representing an increase over the previous year. The Foundation's Annual Fund, which includes the student-run phonathon, generated nearly \$3.8 million, a 23 percent increase over last year and 15 percent above the goal for fiscal year 2006.

With nearly 25 percent of the total amount raised coming from alumni, UConn ranks seventh in the nation among public universities for alumni participation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

"Our donors see the importance of their gifts to research, education and public service at UConn and, by extension, the impact that the University has on the entire state," says John K. Martin, president of the UConn Foundation.

A wide range of scholarships, fellowships, endowed chairs and programs were created or enhanced as a result of this year's fund-raising. Of the total amount, \$11.5 million was raised for the UConn Health Center, nearly \$15 million was raised for athletics and \$17.2 million was received for the Storrs and regional campuses, and the School of Law. Major gifts included \$1.25 million from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals for an endowed chair in the School of Pharmacy, \$584,000 from the MassMutual Foundation for Hartford for underprivileged Hartford public school students and major program support to the UConn Health Center from dental implant companies Astra Tech Inc., and Straumann USA.

The Foundation's endowment investments showed equally strong performance. Investments gained 14.4 percent, a 44 percent improvement over 2005, despite a turbulent year for financial markets owing to sharp increases in oil and natural gas prices, general inflation pressures, interest rate hikes and the economic effect of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Endowed assets grew to a value of \$299 million, approximately a 10 percent increase over 2005 and up from \$42 million in 1995.

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**"The Annual Fund generated nearly \$3.8 million, a 23 percent increase over last year."**



# Research

Tricia Gabany-Guerrero



A research team led by Prof. Tricia Gabany-Guerrero discovered the earliest known dental modification in the Americas.

## Gabany-Guerrero digs to uncover Mexican village's past

*Archaeological dig finds early evidence of dental work*

The interdisciplinary team from the Mexican Environmental and Cultural Research Institute, Inc., (MEX-ECRI) found “the bald man” right where the village elder told them to look. He was buried high upon the shoulder of one of the ancient volcanoes that pock the landscape of this region. And he was far and away the most significant discovery yet made in the central Mexican state of Michoacán by UConn’s Tricia Gabany-Guerrero and her colleagues from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, Central Washington University and the University of Guanajuato in Mexico.

The finding was an Archaic human burial site dated between 2570 B.C. and 2332 B.C., the oldest burial site discovered in that region. The remains are of a healthy adult male between 28 and 32 years old, who was approximately 5 feet, 1 inch tall, with the earliest known example of dental modification in the Americas.

An assistant professor in residence and associate director at UConn’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Gabany-Guerrero is a Meso-american anthropologist whose work focuses on discovering the origins and cultural history of the Purepecha

people of Michoacán, Mexico. The forested upland of Michoacán is part of a region where, she notes, “we have seen the development of some of the most important civilizations that have influenced the Americas. Both graduate and undergraduate students at UConn have the opportunity to conduct archaeological and ethnohistorical research as part of the field study, which is funded by the National Geographic Society. UConn graduate students are currently conducting research on ceramic pipes and obsidian points and blades at other settlement areas. Gabany-Guerrero also integrates her research into classroom



teaching about what she has learned near Parangaricutiro, the village in Michoacán where MEXECRI's work is focused. Gabany-Guerrero helped found the organization, which aims to help indigenous communities develop "a sustainable future, rooted in the past."

The MEXECRI researchers could not ask for better collaborators than the villagers of Parangaricutiro. They are as anxious to know about their ancestors as are the researchers. It is an irony not lost on Gabany-Guerrero and her colleagues, for in many respects these people are the past incarnate. They are Purépecha, Indians whose ancestors contested the Aztecs and laid claim to this land centuries before the Spanish advent. In the shadow of Parícutin, a volcano that roared into existence in 1943, forcing the relocation of the Parangaricutiro community, where the villagers today struggle to preserve ancient corn production techniques.

But though the Purépecha carry on the ancient traditions of their forebears, Gabany-Guerrero says they operate a sophisticated communal lumber operation that is the "largest in the Americas." Water accounts for the presence of both the area's vast pine and oak forests and the villagers who manage them. The area is soaked by annual seasonal torrential rains that last from July until October. The storms are epic, says Gabany-Guerrero, and present challenges for the UConn researchers, who work every summer.

Six years ago, following the advice of a village elder, researchers began examining cliff paintings in the rugged highlands, about an hour's drive from Parangaricutiro on primitive roads. They found tantalizing clues suggesting that people lived there much earlier than previously believed.

But excavation along likely spots for civilization—ancient river basins—produced no evidence of habitation making it unclear where the ancients had lived.

It was an important question because the region has not always been a temperate rainforest and the surrounding lowland area where Parangaricutiro now exists would have been much dryer during the Late Holocene.

The site near the cliff paintings, however, was suitable for a hunting and gathering society. Runoff from ancient natural mineral springs pooled in the egg-shaped bowl of an ancient caldera creating an oasis for migrating waterfowl, which could have been an important source of human food. And it was near that spot that Gabany-Guerrero's team found the skeletal remains of the man the Purépecha have named Huitziniki, "the bald man."

Radiocarbon dating proved he was interred approximately 4,500 years ago, which makes this the oldest burial site yet discovered in the area and all the more remarkable considering the damp climate. "He was buried beneath 12 feet of volcanic ash and a boulder," says Gabany-Guerrero. "That's what helped to preserve his skeleton."

What really distinguishes Huitziniki is his teeth according to paleoanthropologist James Chatters. The upper front ones were intentionally filed down

so that he could wear some sort of prosthesis, most likely made of animal teeth and used for ceremonial purposes. That means he was probably a tribal leader, possibly a shaman, and his teeth are far and away the earliest example of dental modification ever discovered in the Americas.

Gabany-Guerrero, who has worked in Mexico for nearly 20 years, has a special interest in regional agriculture, the ways it has changed over long periods of time and how those changes have impacted indigenous human populations. Part of the research team's work involves painstakingly assessing the record of pollens, preserved deep within the soil of the region.

"Examination of micronutrients in his teeth has also shown that he had access to succulent vegetables and, possibly, corn," says Gabany-Guerrero. Because there is no previous evidence of corn or squash in the region, she says, Huitziniki may be an important link in the transition from hunting and gathering to farming.

In the three years since the MEXECRI team found him, the team has unearthed a nearby Classic Period settlement some 1,300 years old, including 14 ceremonial pyramids. Gabany-Guerrero says the team has, quite literally, just scratched the surface of the site's contents and their meaning. Huitziniki's remains are destined for a community museum in the custody of the Purépecha, who have adopted him as an important symbol of their ancestral past and its value—both economically and educationally—for their future.

Gabany-Guerrero is looking for graduate and undergraduate students who are interested in participating in the research project for 2007. For more information, go to the following Web site: [www.clacs.uconn.edu/michproject.htm](http://www.clacs.uconn.edu/michproject.htm) — Jim H. Smith



A research team led by Tricia Gabany-Guerrero working at a dig site in central Mexico.



## Amelia Arnold is a CA who makes a difference

*Helping other students adjust to their college experience*

An important part of being a community assistant (CA) in a residence hall is to make a big place seem small and the overwhelming first days of college more manageable. Amelia Arnold '07 (PHR), a CA in Towers residence hall, is one of the best at making her fellow students feel secure as they go through the rigors of their first year. She received the 2006 Jackie Seide Outstanding Community Assistant Award, named for the retired associate director of residential life who

“Amelia exemplifies what we want in a pharmacist.”

—Prof. Lauren Schlesselman '94 (PHR)

spent more than 30 years helping to assist UConn residence hall students.

There are 37 women on Arnold's floor, one of two Pre-Pharmacy First Year Learning Communities, where academic anxiety and homesickness are common freshman issues.

In a demanding program such as pharmacy, UConn's First Year Experience program helps students to adjust to all aspects of their college experience by sharing most of the experience as a group. Community assistants work under the guidance of an adult hall director.

"A student who was on the verge of tears came to talk to me because she thought she would fail biology," recalls Arnold. "I gave her some tips which helped her to feel more confidence in herself. She did much better than she thought she would on the final. That's what it's all about—you make a difference in someone's life."

"One of the things about Amelia that makes her stand out is that she's really approachable, compassionate and intuitive," says Chuck Sundquist,

Towers residence hall director. "She's good at understanding other people's perspective, not just in her residents but staff members as well."

Arnold, who came to UConn from Mexico, Maine, a small mill town, says she chose UConn because wanted to attend a large university with an excellent pharmacy program. She found that within UConn, the pharmacy program provides a close-knit family community. "You have all the programs and advantages of a big school, but you still get to know everyone's name," she says.

"I help my residents to make connections," Arnold says. "I don't have all the answers, but I promise I will find the answer by putting them in touch with the right person."

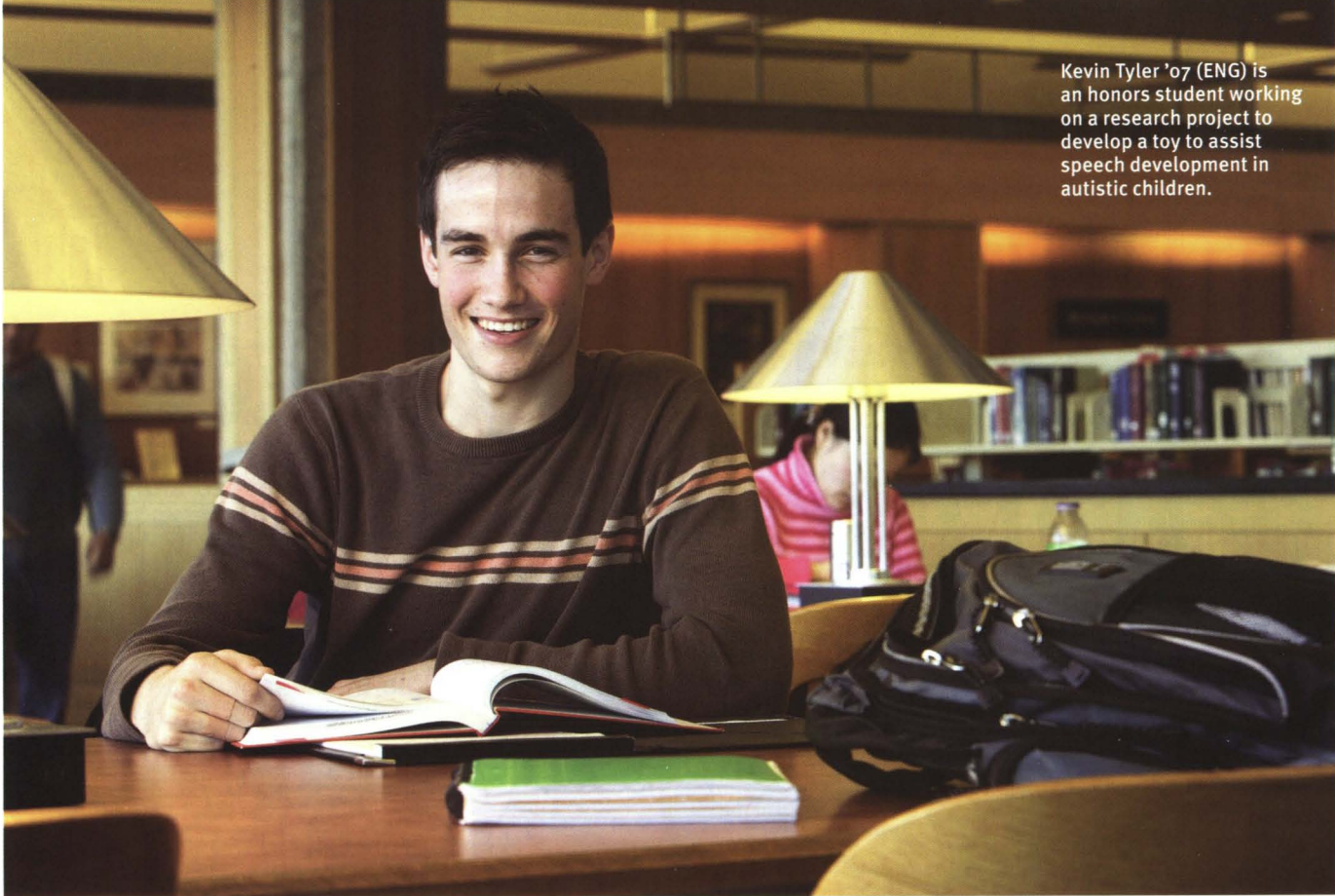
"Amelia exemplifies what we want in a pharmacist. She shows you can do more than just study. You can be involved in the pharmacy school itself and still be a CA," says Lauren Schlesselman '94 (PHR), assistant clinical professor in pharmacy. "She just has a great personality. She always has a smile on her face. She's completely energetic."

In addition to her duties as a CA, Arnold is active in the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists and serves as secretary in Phi Lamda Sigma, treasurer in the National Community Pharmacist's Association, and co-advisor for the Towers Area Council. — *Alix Boyle*



Amelia Arnold '07 (PHR) assists 37 first-year female pharmacy students living on the same floor in a Towers residence hall.





Kevin Tyler '07 (ENG) is an honors student working on a research project to develop a toy to assist speech development in autistic children.

Lanny Nagler

## Pushing the boundaries

*Kevin Tyler uses engineering to help others*

Professors in UConn's School of Engineering recognize something special is happening when Kevin Tyler '07 (ENG) sits in their classroom. The electrical engineering major's work is superior, he also demonstrates a penchant for anticipating complexities the class has not yet broached.

"He's an exceptional student," says Monty Escabi, assistant professor of computer and electrical engineering. "He can see the next question. He pushes the boundaries of where the class is going."

Tyler, an honors student with a minor in mathematics, seeks and engages mentors who can advance his formal education and broaden his skills, as is the case with the research project he is working on as a University Scholar. He is assisting in the development of a new interactive toy designed to encourage speech development in autistic children, many of whom do

not develop an ability to speak.

His interest in autism originates with his older sister, who is autistic. Tyler wanted to combine autism research with applied engineering, a path that led him to find a research and toy project at the Yale Child Study Center in New Haven, Conn., where he was able to get credit for his work at UConn. An interdisciplinary team of researchers, including speech language pathologists and engineers, have been among Tyler's many mentors as he has delved into the science behind autism, speech and hearing and the programming and hardware design challenges of the project.

In a related project, Tyler received a UConn Summer Undergraduate Research Fund grant to participate in the Yale team's efforts to research what kinds of speech autistic children find interesting. Tyler developed some software that tests listening

preferences—along the way broadening his programming skills and clinical experiences with the toy's "target audience."

Escabi says that Tyler is not intimidated easily by such wide-ranging endeavors. "He sees the big picture, which is rare for an undergraduate," says the professor, who also serves as Tyler's primary project advisor.

Even with his busy schedule, Tyler recently wrote a software program to help his mother systematically coordinate the scheduling of his sister's multiple therapists and caregivers, a task that had been a logistical nightmare. Tyler relishes such real-world challenges that serve a purpose while also teaching him something new.

"The more skills I have, the more I can powerfully contribute to what I'm interested in," says Tyler, who says he will likely work for a year after graduation before enrolling in graduate school. "I'm investing time in my education now, and later I can be instrumental in getting some serious work done for the causes I'm interested in helping."

—Leslie Virostek



# Memorable Moments

*UConn Traditions* asked alumni to recall the most memorable moments from their days as students

at UConn. Alumni from eight decades responded with recollections of moments of discovery, enlightenment, historic events and, of course, the memorable people they encountered during an important time of personal growth and transformation.

**A**s a freshman I received an invitation to participate in an honorary celebration of our baseball captain (Arthur Allard '33), who was to be recognized by an award of a floral crown. The time of the celebration found me supplied with a crown of flowers to place on his head. I climbed up a ladder in preparation of this occasion. Wearing the flower crown was originally "sissifying," but the audience's loud approval after hearing speeches of his success proved that it was appropriate recognition. The two of us became close friends thereafter and frequently reviewed our act with chuckles.

**Louise Teich Johnson '36, '52 M.A.**

Vivid bookend memories: One was my "welcome" to New England for graduate work in sociology. My trip from California was made by railroad coach in the dead of winter. In spring, the Northeast was battered by a 100-year record storm. The other is the distinction of receiving the last degree from Connecticut State College. Two of us—me and the late William R. Crooks were awarded the final master's degrees. Since the order of presentation was alphabetical, I received the last diploma. The next year the College became the University of Connecticut.

**C.R. (Dick) Draper '39 M.A.**

I had just arrived at my part-time job at Wilbur Cross Library when I was asked if I had heard about Pearl Harbor. I remember thinking: these graduate students are so serious. What was Pearl Harbor? The next day, we crowded into Hawley Armory to hear President Franklin D. Roosevelt's famous "Day of Infamy" address. Many of the men would leave to enlist immediately. Most would be in the service by the end of the next year. Nothing would ever be the same again.

**Polly Murray Cunningham '43 (CLAS)**

During my junior year, I enlisted in the Air Force and was told that I would not be called for duty until I graduated in June 1943. Unfortunately, the Air Force decided to require my enlistment in February of that year. Fortunately I had enough units for graduation, but comprehensive exams were given only in June. The department of chemistry, my major, was reluctant to offer these exams at any other time. Dean C. Burt Gentry's intervention was especially memorable since he arranged to send these exams to my commanding officer who arranged for a proctor during six hours of examination. I graduated in absentia with the class of 1943.

**Julius Glater '43 (CLAS)**

One of the events of Freshman Week was the annual rope pull across the pond between freshmen and sophomores. Sophomore seniority gave them the choice of direction to pull—up hill or on the level. They chose to pull on the level. They remembered walking through the water the previous year. But the Frosh had had some thinking people at Storrs Hall, and several were dispatched with shovels and flashlights after dark to the hill. Several hours of work produced rock-lined steps up the hill not visible across the pond. The next day, shortly after the order to begin pulling, the Sophomores were again walking in water, in spite of the added friends who tried to help them pull.

**Robert B. Neumann '49 (ENG)**

My fondest memory is when I portrayed Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Community Chest parade. I had the trench coat, sunglasses, and Army cap and stood in back of a convertible and had "Secret Service (my fraternity brothers from Tau Epsilon Phi) guard me as they held water pistols. That was around April of 1951. It was a blast.

**B.S. "Chic" Hendel '51 (BUS)**







I remember with pride the introduction of the “new” UConn Marching Band in the fall of 1952. Andrew McMullen was the new director, and musical arrangements were by Harold Kidder, a music professor who moonlighted doing arrangements for the Stan Kenton Orchestra. We rehearsed night after night. On the big day, we came onto the field marching at 180 beats per minute, playing “UConn Huskies.”

I remember the people in the stands rising and cheering us. I am willing to bet that we in the band were in as good physical shape from the intense rehearsal as our football team.

**Lou Marhefsky '54 (BUS)**

In the fall of 1951, I suddenly realized that I had just learned to read in a very special way. Robert Wooster Stallman entered my life with an American literature class with an emphasis on Stephen Crane and a new critic’s approach. Following a detailed examination of *The Red Badge of Courage*, the class went on to Crane’s short stories. My breakthrough was the identification of the red wafer of the sun as a communion wafer. Imagine the world ahead...*Moby Dick* read at least once a year with discoveries of nuances every time. It is enough to say that Dr. Stallman changed my life in a most positive manner. His enthusiastic, animated, intellectual stimulation helped me remember through the years of the lesson learned one quiet day in Storrs.

**Frank Kurt Cylke '54 (CLAS)**

At German House, tradition was that the seniors prepared breakfast for all the underclassmen working on the Homecoming Display. Their creation was a mock-up of a “country fellow” taking a bath in a wooden tub—which was suspended across the front of German House. It was created from chicken wire, cardboard, crepe paper and colored tissue. Given special permission from our housemother, Mrs. Smith, a few male friends were allowed above the first floor to help set up our entry. It looked great, but it needed “soap bubbles” as our fellow scrubbed his back to a tune similar to “Splish, Splash, I Was Taking A Bath,” so a number of girls took assigned positions and, with fans and lip power, they blew bubbles around our fellow as the judging took place.

**Phyllis Mancini Kaercher '56 (CLAS)**

Back when the Student Union and I were young, we used to listen to math instructor Tom Paley play his five-string banjo on the terrace of the union in the spring. Tom went on to form a very famous musical group, The New Lost City Ramblers. They were instrumental in bringing back America’s traditional mountain music. I got an “A” in math, but I remember Tom mostly for his generosity of spirit, sharing with us his passion for lost treasures. I have recordings of the group, and when I play them, I think of those UConn days.

**Nancy Canevari Lindemeyer, '56 (CLAS)**

We had our art classes in the old Rostoff building on campus. I had Nathan Knobler for drawing and, since there were only a few art majors, felt closer to the instructors. I wrote to Prof. Knobler a few years later, and told him I had become an art teacher and wanted him to know how he influenced me. He wrote back. I then visited the new Art Department building and Prof. Knobler. Retired after 33 years in elementary art and education, I again wanted to contact Prof. Knobler. I went on line and found him through the Philadelphia College of Art, where he

was teaching. I am so glad I could contact him once more before his recent passing, 50 years after having been in his class at UConn.

**Sandra Whitman Manning '58 (CLAS)**

We were among the first families in Redbud Apartments and spent many fall/spring evenings exploring Horsebarn Hill and the apple orchards. We attended football games and superb performances, such as Victor Borge. We celebrated our daughter’s birth in Windham County Hospital in 1957.

**Ann G. Phillips '58 M.A.**

**Col. Victor F. Phillips, Jr. '59 M.S.**

My memorable moment describes the events surrounding our wedding ceremony on Jan. 6, 1962, in the University Chapel while I was a graduate student in physics. We had only a few days to prepare. The University chaplain, Rev. Wagoner, of the First Unitarian Church, graciously accepted our request to perform our marriage ceremony in the University Chapel. My best friend and fellow graduate student, Richard Breslow, kindly agreed to be my best man and his wife, Mimi, was maid of honor for



John E. Bailey



## "I got to see the first moon landing at the UConn Student Union in the Summer of 1969." *[NASA Astronaut] Franklin Chang Díaz '73 (ENG)*

my wife-to-be, Hazel. They also graciously offered to give an after-ceremony reception at their home. We celebrated this happy occasion amidst the well-wishing fellow grad students, faculty members, staff, and their spouses of the Physics Department.

**Chong K. Lewe '60 M.S., '62 Ph.D.**

Summer session of 1960, I found myself in Business Law I, the instructor the dean of the School of Business, Laurence J. Ackerman. Each morning, a student who drove in from Hartford and was late would always apologize and mention something about traffic, flat tire or alarm clock mal-function, whatever. After four or five days of class, this student was concerned over the fact that Ackerman had not called on him to discuss a case, and he brought this to the dean's attention. Ackerman scanned his notes, confirmed the student's concerns and apologized to the student. From that point forward, Ackerman would call on this student at exactly at 8 a.m. Of course, the student had not arrived yet, but the good dean was calling on him. I often wondered if that student passed the class.

**Harold Holderith '61**

Our christening party for Kingston House got us placed on social probation straight-away. In '61, our winter jaunt to classes from the new Towers Quadrangle was often a trek through frozen tundra. In due course, I would attend Robert Wooster Stallman's inspiring English classes, and I would settle for journalism after encountering James Baldwin in American literature. My very first week, however, featured discovery of another sort. Challenged by my prowess as a snorer, my housemates counter-attacked. One night, when I was far gone in NREM slumber, the hallway fire alarm bolted me awake. A blanket of diaphanous, white puffs covered me neck-to-toe, like a corpse on a slab at the morgue. My Kingston floormates stood around guffawing at their handiwork with the shaving cream. Thank God they didn't take pictures.

**Les Payne '64 (CLAS)**

Before attending UConn I had taken three thermodynamics courses at various other universities. However, as I sat in Prof. William L. Masterton's courses and he covered various topics, I repeatedly said to myself, "So, that's what they meant!" Between his thermodynamics courses and his general chemistry lectures which I attended, it was very easy to decide that he was the best teacher I had ever had, which covered over 22 years of formal education.

**Ladislav H. Berka '65 Ph.D.**

I remember how we were just about sitting down to dinner on Nov. 9, 1965, and all the lights suddenly went out in the dorm. Quickly we learned that the entire campus was without power. What would 12,000 college students do on a weeknight without power for lights? Slowly but surely, the entire student body found its way to the shores of Mirror Lake just to mill around and to try and find out what was going on. Soon, shortly after darkness had set in, the University fire trucks arrived with temporary lights and some power. The firemen lit up a small area and played music, and we all danced and socialized until it was time to go to bed. Little did we know that that night would be forever remembered as the Great Northeast Blackout.

**James B. Seger, '66 ENG**

Two classes in particular stand out for me. One was a Latin American history class with Fred Turner that gave me a great sense of American foreign policy and the impact it had on developing countries. Another was a constitutional law class with Fred Kort, which at a time when many government officials were thinking about Constitutional reforms, gave me a great love and belief in our constitution and the rights of a constitutional democracy.

**Sam Gejdenson '71 (CLAS)**

I got to see the first moon landing at the UConn Student Union in the summer of 1969. I had arrived at the University as an engineering freshman that year, a bit earlier than the rest of the student body

to sharpen my English skills. It was a moment of major significance for me in my short life in the United States where I had come to pursue the dream of becoming an astronaut. As a young boy in Costa Rica, the dream of flying in space seemed to me far away but—just perhaps—achievable. To get closer to it, I knew I had to come to the United States. That day, witnessing that magnificent human achievement, I felt a very private and personal sense of communion with those two men in their bulky suits hopscotching on the lunar surface. My personal dream seemed now less distant.

**Franklin Chang Díaz '73 (ENG)**

I lived in The Jungle and played on the freshman hockey team coached by Rick Andrews. Practice began at 6 p.m., and we were provided an early dinner at around 4 p.m. in the North Campus dining hall. After eating quickly, we walked to the field house, changed into our hockey gear and carrying sticks and hockey bags, walked to the old outdoor rink. The shortest distance was across the field. As we crossed the field, the lights from the rink created a magical sight, spreading light across the open field and highlighting the unique shape of the rink's roof. At the rink, we donned our skates, gloves and helmets in the old warming hut—a fire usually blazing in the stone fireplace. We practiced for an hour or so and made the return trip.

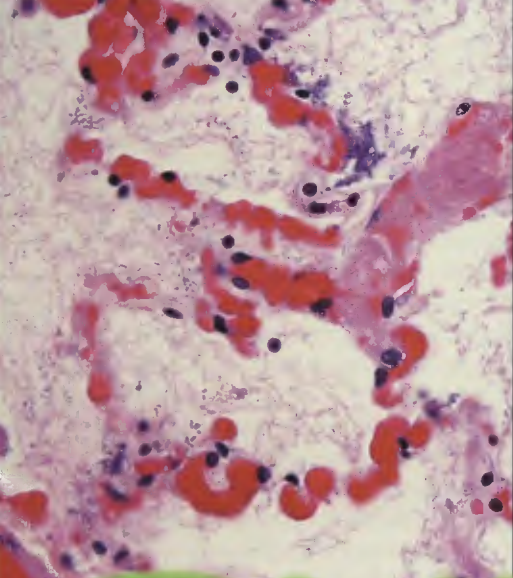
**David Gallogly '74 (CLAS)**

The national service sorority and fraternity used to do the Campus Community Carnival, in which we raised thousands of dollars for local, state or national charities. We tried to get each dorm involved, and sponsored events such as a pancake breakfast, an auction, an 84-hour Radio Marathon, a clown contest, a pie throwing contest (which brought in celebrities like U.S. Sen. Lowell Weicker); a Midway Carnival, Trike-a-thon and my favorite, the parade. UConn's Marching Band led the excitement, along with many other bands from Connecticut. We would top off their performances with historical fire trucks, clowns, floats from various dorms and the ever famous Budweiser Clydesdale horses.

**Donna Fazzino '76 (SFS)**

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Pathobiologists in  
the **Connecticut  
Veterinary Medical  
Diagnostics Laboratory**  
are at forefront of  
fighting disease

# CVMDL: ANIMAL FORENSICS

By Karen Singer '73 (CLAS)

It was an intriguing murder mystery: Police in New Jersey wanted to know whether the victim was alive while being dragged by the neck behind a car. The pathologists dissected the body, taking tissue samples and examining the neck area, which showed no evidence of swelling or hemorrhage. X-rays revealed multiple broken bones and a fractured skull.

Their conclusion: the victim—a cat—was dead before the car dragging, most likely struck first by another car. In another case, the pathologists uncovered a most unusual cause of a dog's demise: a bar of soap stuck in its larynx.

Such forensic work, a kind of "CSI" for animals, is one of many services the Department of Pathobiology and Veterinary Science in UConn's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources provides through the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Labora-

tory (CVMDL) on the Storrs campus, the only lab in New England accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians.

The laboratory is staffed by eight faculty members, five residents and several technical support staff who conduct investigations in collaboration with state and regional federal veterinarians, private practice vets, livestock producers and pet owners, among others. "We cover a full spectrum of animals; everything from oysters to horses, cows, mice and rabbits," says Herbert Van Kruiningen, director of the lab and head of the pathobiology and veterinary science department. The UConn lab also serves as a watchtower for new and emerging diseases.

Over the past quarter century, the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory has helped to advance the fight against disease. In the late 1980s, UConn researchers demonstrated a link between Lyme disease and domestic animals. A decade later, Van Kruiningen and his colleagues made



Peter Morneau





Left to Right: Kathleen Deering, pathology resident; Herbert Van Kruiningen, lab director and head of the Pathobiology and Veterinary Science Department; Akinyi Nyaoke and Steven Goldie, both pathology residents.



an important discovery, finding West Nile encephalitis in a red-tailed hawk, that he says, acquired it most likely by consumption of an infected crow rather than from mosquitoes. More recently the lab has been the center for testing domestic and wild birds for avian flu and watching out for evidence of bioterrorism in animal diseases.

This past summer, CVMDL researchers began implementing a new federal program to test waterfowl for avian flu, which augments programs for

testing domestic flocks and inspections at live bird markets in Bridgeport, Boston and New York.

Last year, CVMDL performed nearly 131,750 tests, including serology, virology, bacteriology, parasitology and molecular diagnostics on blood, serum, milk, feces and tissue samples from a variety of species. Of the total, 1,450 tests were necropsies or biopsies handled by the pathology service. Some tests, such as those for brucella—bacterium that can be transmitted from

animals to humans—are mandated as part of state and federal disease control programs.

“Once in a while, we get a forensics case where somebody is upset because they think a neighbor poisoned pet, or the animal went to a kennel and wasn’t supposed to die but did,” Van Kruiningen says, noting that often necropsies are performed on farm animals and family pets. “One of the things that we do is to bring closure to a case, by allaying the fears of an owner that they had done something wrong.”

State police may ask the pathologists to search animal corpses for a suspicious cause of death, such as being shot, but the lab’s investigations sometimes can save an entire herd of farm animals. Van Kruiningen recalls a case in which several dead calves were recognized to have died of blackleg, a fatal disease caused by bacterial spores. Penicillin was quickly given to the other animals, stopping the outbreak.

In one instance about a dozen years ago at UConn’s Mirror Lake, a normally tranquil landmark on the Storrs campus, waterfowl were dying. Swans, ducks and geese couldn’t fly because they were paralyzed.

“They couldn’t eat,” Van Kruiningen says. “They couldn’t hold their necks up and some of them drowned.”

Finding that their highly sought expertise was needed literally in their own neighborhood, the UConn scientists conducted tests and analysis to quickly discover that because of an especially dry summer with extremely low water levels, the birds were eating vegetation growing in soil containing spores of botulism, which produced a deadly neurotoxin. About 150 birds died before sufficient rainfall fixed the problem, Van Kruiningen says.

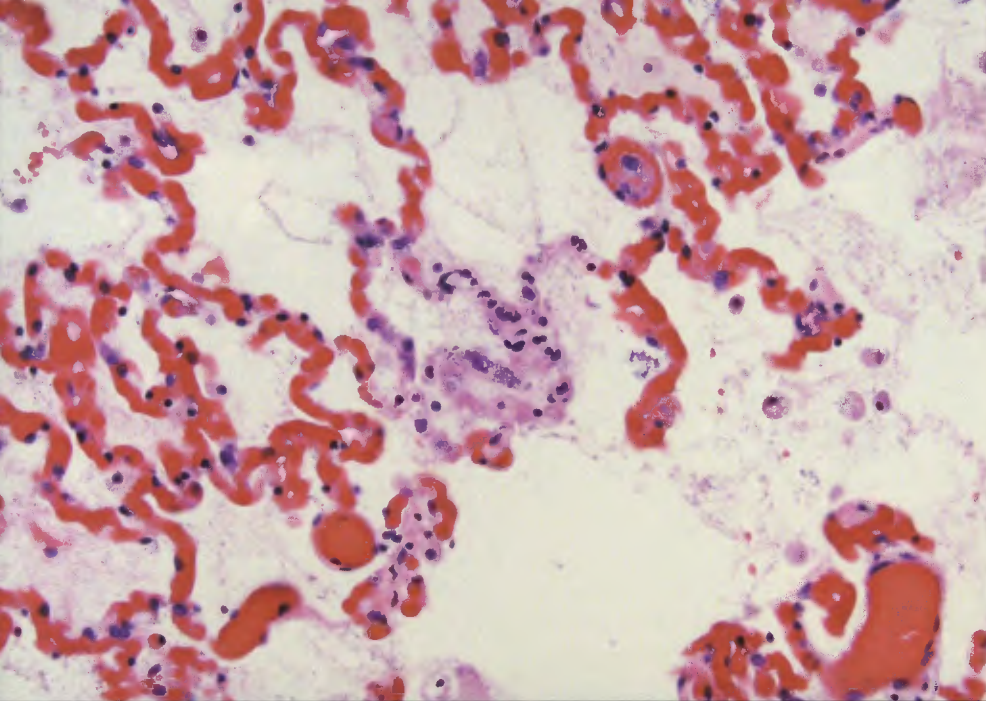
The laboratory’s origins date back to the early 1920s, when it was in the school’s Department of Animal



Peter Morenus

**Salvatore Frasca Jr., professor of pathobiology and veterinary science in the lab with Stephanie White-Hunt, a pathology resident.**





Lung tissue sample from a cat helped UConn pathologists to determine that an *e-coli* bacteria was responsible for necrotizing pneumonia in a group of cats.

Diseases. The first director, Erwin L. Jungherr, an Austrian veterinary pathologist, focused on testing for diseases prevalent in the state at the time—brucellosis, an infectious disease affecting goat, sheep, cattle, swine, dogs and other animals and Eastern encephalomyelitis of horses and humans.

The second director, Charles F. Helmboldt, a pathologist with a strong interest in avian pathology, helped create the Northeastern Research Center for Wildlife Diseases, which opened on campus in the late 1960s as a collaborative venture between 13 states. Projects included studying lead poisoning in waterfowl, mercury poisoning in mink and otter and the transmission of Lyme disease. Over time, the collaboration waned as each state developed its own laboratory.

The department name has changed over the years, along with the interests of the faculty. By the 1970s, it was known as the "Pathobiology" department. The words "veterinary science" were added several years ago.

The laboratory investigates zoonotic diseases, or diseases that affect animals and people, says Sandra L. Bushmich, an associate professor who heads the Diagnostic Testing Services

part of CVMDL. The laboratory is part of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network and receives funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The national lab network seeks to improve diagnostic capabilities aimed at early detection of an animal disease outbreak or a biological attack. The avian flu monitoring programs have dramatically increased the lab's output.

"We tested 700 birds in one week," Bushmich says, adding it is important for the public to know that domestically raised poultry are very safe. Bushmich keeps tabs on lists of animal diseases and toxins published and updated by the World Organization for Animal Health.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. developed a list of select agents most likely to be used in a bioterrorist activity, including anthrax, the toxin of botulism and highly pathogenic viruses that can affect either animals or humans.

"These aren't the only diseases we're worried about," Bushmich says, "and we have to keep an eye on the necropsies for something that could be a big deal."

Which is one reason Van Kruiningen frequently tells his pathology residents that, "Every day there is the potential to see something important."

## Saving Seahorses

Seahorses are popular attractions at aquariums and big investments. These fascinating fish, which can be difficult to keep in aquaria, are being threatened by commercial development of their natural habitats and exploration for the fishing trade. Aquariums seek to raise various species to help sustain and recover natural populations.

"There's a great deal of interest on the part of aquariums to learn all they can about seahorses and seadragons. As a result, we've seen a lot of diagnostic cases," says Salvatore Frasca Jr., a UConn associate professor of pathobiology and veterinary science who works nationally with 20 aquariums on problems ranging from maintaining collections to rehabilitating injured and stranded mammals. Among those he works with are the National Aquarium in Boston, Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco and the New England Aquarium in Boston.

Frasca and his colleagues are assembling "a manuscript detailing the diseases of seahorses and seadragons" for the aquarium and veterinary communities in order to shed light on the common problems encountered in keeping these animals. As aquariums become more eager to understand the biology and pathology of aquatic animals, they are also helping to develop expertise in the field. The New England Aquarium, for example, recently began funding a new, post-doctoral fellowship at UConn stemming from Frasca's five-year collaboration with the institution.

The UConn researchers also work with farmed fish diseases and are "providing insights to the industry, and giving them ways to manage disease better."











# WORLD BEAT

By Gary E. Frank

As a student at Hartford's Weaver High School, John Yearwood '86 (CLAS) hopped on a bus and traveled to the University of Connecticut's main campus in Storrs because he had some questions he wanted to have answered. It was not the first time the student had visited the campus, but the answers he found that day still resonate with him.

"Because of my interest in journalism and in UConn, I went there to take a look around," says Yearwood, who has been world editor of *The Miami Herald* since 2003. "[Evan Hill], the head of the department, sat me down and talked with me about what to expect in the journalism business and what I'd be likely to face over time."

## John Yearwood '86 (CLAS) covers the world for *The Miami Herald*

It was, he says, one of the "most profound conversations" he has ever had.

"I still remember most of it," recalls Yearwood, among a handful of minority editors in the country responsible for national and international coverage. "Professor Hill told me that I'd be entering a profession where some people might offer me a job because I'm black. 'Don't get angry,' he said. 'Just surprise them.'"

Have I been offered jobs since I left UConn because of my race? I honestly don't know. I would like to think I was the best qualified of the people who applied. Regardless of the reason, I still hear Professor Hill's voice in the back of my mind saying, "Surprise them."

After 20 years as an award-winning journalist, no one should be surprised by Yearwood, whose career has taken him around the globe and into encounters with major players on the world stage, such as Nelson Mandela, Lady Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, President George W. Bush and former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

On an early weekday afternoon in late July, Yearwood's day had already included a meeting of the newspaper's managers, the daily morning editorial planning session, a meeting with an editor of another department, telephone calls to a *Herald* stringer in Jerusalem and a reporter in Washington, and more calls regarding the newspaper's upcoming conference on Caribbean and Latin American affairs and the national convention of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), for which he serves as treasurer.

"And it's barely two o'clock," says Yearwood, as his computer's singsong tone announces the arrival of new e-mail messages. "On any day, there are so many different things going on. Either here or abroad, there's always something interesting happening somewhere."

On this particular day, "interesting" included the latest developments in the armed clash between Israel and

David Adams



Hezbollah, a killer heat wave in California and continued carnage in Baghdad. There is also the announcement of a presidential visit to South Florida, which meant reaching a reporter who had gone to Capitol Hill to inform her of a “slight redirection of her priorities for the day,” and talking with the *Herald’s* Jerusalem-based stringer, who had just interviewed Floridians evacuated to Cyprus from the chaos in Beirut.

The typical workday for an editor at one of the 25 largest newspapers in the country is nothing if not frenetic.

Yearwood visited UConn for the first time through a high school program that took promising students on tours of college campuses.

“Here was this huge campus where they taught anything that you might be interested in,” he recalls. “The people I met on the first tour were warm and welcoming. I remember

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doing it.’ I met her years later, and she said that she remembered our chat.”

Yearwood says the generosity of people such as Thomas is in part why he has been so active in NABJ and with mentoring young reporters. “I believe that it’s important to give back if one has been successful. If we fail to give back and share what we know, then we will fail the next generation of journalists,” he says.

After graduation, Yearwood worked for the Associated Press in Hartford and Oklahoma City before moving on to the *Dallas Morning News*, where he began working on international stories, covering news from the Caribbean, Asia, Africa and Europe. During his travels to Africa, Yearwood met one of his heroes, Mandela, the South African political prisoner turned statesman.

“I was with a few journalists and friends from the [United Nations]. We visited him at his home outside Johannesburg to talk about poverty eradication. But we talked about a number of issues over an hour or so with him. It was truly an amazing experience and the highlight of my journalistic career,” says Yearwood. “A close second was being in the ballroom at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg when Mandela formally declared victory in [South Africa’s] first multi-party elections. What an electrifying night!”

After 10 years working in Dallas, Yearwood decided to leave daily journalism when there was an opportunity to return to his family’s roots in Trinidad. He became president and chief executive officer of IBIS International, a media relations and marketing firm headquartered in Trinidad that published a magazine, also titled *IBIS*, where he served as editor and publisher.

“The experience opened my eyes to the business world,” says Yearwood. “On the journalistic side, I felt good about being able to tackle some serious issues facing Trinidad at the time, such as race and crime.”

Managing and editing a magazine also helped Yearwood to understand what he wanted to do with his career. “I realized how much impact an editor can have,” he says.

After two years in Trinidad, Yearwood returned to the United States, first as an assistant editor of governmental and political coverage and later national and international editor at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* from 1999 until 2001, and then to his current position at the *Herald*. Eventually, Yearwood hopes to run his own media company.

“More than anything, I started my career in journalism to give a voice to those who feel they have lost theirs. There are so many people whose ‘voices’ would not be heard if it were not for those of us in the media,” Yearwood says. “I particularly enjoy reporting on historically underserved communities. I still have that drive today. Perhaps that’s why I’ve reported so much over my career from Africa and why I push for stories now that portray people and communities in a three-dimensional way.”



John Yearwood, center, during the morning budget meeting at *The Miami Herald* newsroom.

thinking that here was a place that was large in size yet still felt small enough for me, a place where I could thrive.”

A political science major at UConn, Yearwood threw himself into his studies and into being an active student journalist, writing for the *Daily Campus*, serving as the paper’s student ombudsman, believed to be the first for any student newspaper in the country, and becoming public affairs director for WHUS Radio. It was a time filled with campus news, including the last days of John DiBiaggio’s presidency and the inauguration of John Casteen as UConn’s president. He also read the news, aired live broadcasts and hosted a weekly talk show for the radio station.

“It was great fun,” Yearwood says, but at one point, he says, he struggled with balancing the demands of academics and journalism. He read the book *Dateline: White House*, by the legendary White House correspondent Helen Thomas, who has covered every president since John F. Kennedy.

“I couldn’t put it down,” says Yearwood. “After reading it, I called her. She advised me to ‘Hang in there and keep

David Adame



# Faculty

## Keeping watch on the health of female athletes

*Researcher investigates athlete triad syndrome*

In a quest for better times in the swimming pool, many elite women swimmers, who already exercise a lot, restrict their calories, mistakenly thinking that a thinner body will help them swim faster. This can lead to what is known as the female athlete triad: energy deficit, which leads to irregular menstrual cycles, followed by bone loss. Jaci VanHeest is trying to find a remedy for the female athlete triad.

"Young athletes generally don't care about osteoporosis, but if I can tell them their performance will suffer because they are abusing their bodies, they'll care about that," says VanHeest, an associate professor of kinesiology in the Neag School of Education and a 2006 University Teaching Fellow, a designation that recognizes excellence in undergraduate and graduate teaching.

Coaches of female athletes face a two-headed dragon: win while also caring about the long-term health of the young women in their charge, VanHeest

**"If athletes are genetically predisposed to obesity, they often rapidly gain weight once they retire from competition."**

says. Of course, many elite athletes are healthy and can expect to improve their athletic performance, yet those who face the female athlete triad may one day experience serious long-term health risks.

VanHeest recently completed a study of active women who became amenorrheic—missed menstrual periods—and were experiencing bone loss because they ate too little to refuel properly after their training. Subjects in the study received birth control pills. The estrogen improved their bone turnover in the first two weeks, but then



Jaci VanHeest, associate professor of kinesiology, working with overweight elementary school children.

the positive changes dissipated. "We don't know what the potential negative long-term affects could be on health in competitive athletes, osteoporosis perhaps. It's tough to document," VanHeest explains.

In an upcoming study, VanHeest will examine what to feed athletes to help restore menstruation and performance. Swimmers primarily use glucose when they are competing, but both carbohydrates and fats when training. If athletes are genetically predisposed to obesity, they often rapidly gain weight once they retire from competition. She will investigate what the right diet combination should be for people with this particular phenotype.

A Michigan native, VanHeest earned her doctorate from Michigan State University. She came to UConn in

1998 after serving as director of physiology for USA Swimming, where she helped Olympic athletes improve their performances. She has studied UConn athletic teams over the past several years primarily to evaluate adaptation to training regimens. In addition to teaching women in sport and anatomical kinesiology, VanHeest has also created Paws PALS, a five-days-a-week before-school exercise program for overweight elementary students. In addition to seeing the children regulate their weight, teachers report that the pupils are more attentive in class and ready to learn.

The program received intense media coverage, including an article in *Sports Illustrated*, and VanHeest hopes to see the program replicated in other schools in Connecticut and throughout the United States. — Alix Boyle

Peter Morenus



# Prolific researcher with a passion for teaching

*Michael White twice named UConn's Teacher of the Year*

As a teenager, C. Michael White felt unsure of what career path to follow.

A chance meeting at his high school's college fair, however, changed that. "There was this guy from Albany College of Pharmacy," says White. "I went over just to take a pamphlet. I'd never thought about pharmacy as a career."

As it turned out, pharmacy fit him like a glove.

He graduated with honors from the Albany College of Pharmacy. White then did his post-doctoral fellowship in cardiology at UConn's School of Pharmacy/Hartford Hospital. His UConn mentor, clinical pharmacy professor Moses Chow, inspired his interest in research. The results have been far reaching.

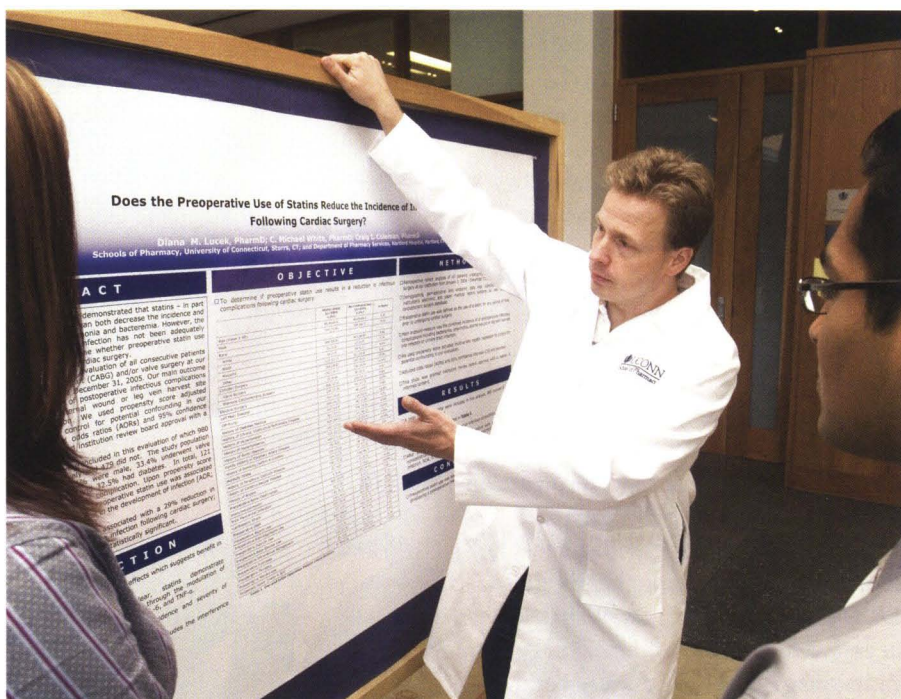
Until recently, theories that cholesterol-lowering drugs known as statins had the power to prevent cancer had been debated for years. By combining clinical trials representing tens of thousands of patients and applying statistical methods, White led UConn researchers who concluded that statins neither elevate nor eliminate the risk of cancer. *The*

**White has written 150 peer-reviewed articles and contributed nine chapters to various medical textbooks.**

*Journal of the American Medical Association* published the work earlier this year.

White's interest in cardiology began as an undergraduate when his mother was hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat. Thousands of Americans undergo such arrhythmias following open-heart surgery. It can usually be corrected using various methods—although a significant number suffer stroke.

White and UConn researchers showed that a time-honored drug called amiodarone, administered as a preventive measure, reverses this trend. "We're



Michael White, associate professor of clinical pharmacy, has been recognized for his skill as a teacher and a researcher.

trying to increase the understanding of drugs in different populations by determining which ones can be used for what and their limitations," says White.

"Mike is probably one of the country's most prolific people in the area of cardiac clinical pharmacy," says Robert McCarthy, dean of UConn's School of Pharmacy.

Currently, White is researching magnesium. He believes it might decrease arrhythmias in patients with implanted defibrillators. This could lead to fewer shocks and a major improvement in quality of life.

Since becoming UConn associate professor of clinical pharmacy practice in 1998, White has written 150 peer-reviewed articles and contributed nine chapters to various medical textbooks. In addition, he mentors new faculty, precepts post-doctorate fellows and

consults at Hartford Hospital's cardiac intensive care unit.

His awards and citations run the gamut of *Who's Who in America* to a Fellowship in the American College of Clinical Pharmacologists.

"He played a major role in my decision to enter academia," says Craig Coleman '99 (PHR), '01 Pharm.D., UConn associate professor of clinical pharmacy, who studied under White and now collaborates on research. "He's as strong a teacher as he is a researcher."

White has twice been named UConn Teacher of the Year and recently received one of the University's highest teaching honor, the Teaching Fellow Designation. His old mentor is not surprised.

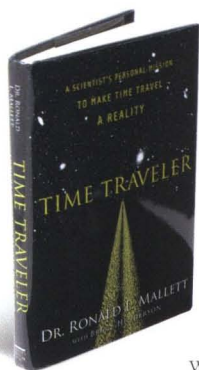
"Michael is an achiever," says Moses Chow, who now heads the School of Pharmacy at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "He is definitely a bright rising star in the world of clinical pharmacy." — Ron Meshberg





## Recent works by alumni and faculty

### Professor's travel through time



Great storytellers receive applause from their audiences following their tales. In his book *Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality* (Thunder's Mouth Press), Physicist Ronald L. Mallett recalls the time his UConn students applauded after a lecture.

The response to Mallett's autobiographical story of his quest to build a working time machine—which includes a crash course in physics—is generating the same result. *Publisher's Weekly* says Mallett's "simple prose makes for clear and concise explanations of the science involved," noting that "he must be an excellent teacher."

Mallett says he could not separate his drive to pursue time travel from his life since his passion for his work stems from the premature death of his father, who died at age 33 from a heart attack. After reading *The Time Machine*, by H.G. Wells, Mallett hoped to see his father again by going back in time. "I want people to realize this interplay of science in my life is a part of my life, woven into the fabric of my life," Mallett says. "I didn't want it to be a science lesson. By having it autobiographical, I want readers to acquire the science information as I did."

Mallett says he also hopes readers will understand there is an excitement about science.

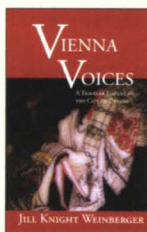
"Science is a human activity like music or literature," he explains. "Some say that science is the dispassionate inquiry of nature. I believe nothing is more passionate than the inquiry of nature. It's easier for people to see that a composer has passion or an artist. But if you look at the lives of scientists, you see something similar."

The physicist says he kept his work on time travel a closely held secret for years, fearing ridicule. However, a colleague at the University of Michigan, the astrophysicist Fred Adams, encouraged him to "come out of the time travel closet" because many other respected physicists were beginning to do serious research into the subject.

"Fred had originally suggested doing a book about it," Mallett recalls. "I didn't want to write a book about other people's contributions to time travel, unless I made a contribution."

The favorable reaction and publicity surrounding the publication of his time machine concept in a prestigious scientific journal established Mallett as a contributing pioneer in his field, so he began writing his book. — *Kenneth Best*

## ALSO OF INTEREST



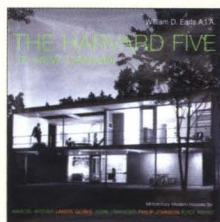
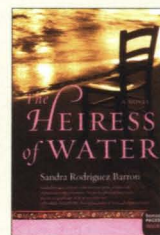
***Vienna Voices: A Traveler Listens to the City of Dreams***  
Jill Knight Weinberger '92 Ph.D.  
(Parlor Press)

Weinberger combines a travelogue with family history in *Vienna Voices: A Traveler Listens to the City of Dreams*. A noted travel writer previously honored with the Lowell Thomas Award for Travel Journalism, Weinberger traces her 28-years of journeying to Vienna with her husband's family history in the city. As a creative writing professor at Central Connecticut State University, she brings an eye for detail and an ear for dialogue to her writing that allows the reader to see and hear the city of Mozart, Schubert and Freud.

### ***The Heiress of Water***

Sandra Rodriguez Barron '89 (CLAS)  
(Rayo/HarperCollins)

Sandra Rodriguez Barron's debut novel has already been well received in critical reviews. It is part of the Borders Original Voices program, which highlights books that are considered innovative, and was named as a BookSense notable selection by the American Booksellers Association. The story centers on an expatriate El Salvadoran woman who leaves Connecticut to return to her homeland, where she begins to unravel the mystery and a tangle of secrets held by her wealthy relatives just before the death of her mother. Some scenes and references in the novel are linked to the UConn campus.



***The Harvard Five in New Canaan***  
William D. Earls '85 (BUS)  
(W.W. Norton)

In a package of photography, architectural line drawings, narratives and published criticism, Earls offers insight into how one of Connecticut's affluent suburban bedroom communities became the launching pad for modern home design in the middle of the 20th century. Between 1947 and 1966, five renowned architects who spent time at the Harvard Graduate School of Design created new homes for themselves and clients in New Canaan, Conn., a community otherwise noted for its 300-year-old New England structures. Included is the work of Philip Johnson and his famed Glass House, which is now part of the National Historic Trust for Historic Preservation.



# News&Notes

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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



### Save the Date June 1-2, 2007

Reunion Weekend—Classes of 1957, 1952, 1947 and 1942

Mark your calendars! Reunion Weekend will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 1 & 2, 2007. The schedule will include tours of campus, keynote speakers, museum tours, a dinner Friday evening and a New England clambake on Saturday afternoon. Check your mail in April for

registration information or check our Web site, [www.uconnalumni.com](http://www.uconnalumni.com), for program updates.

### Special Interest Reunions

Interested in getting reconnected with that special group of friends? Let the UConn Alumni Association help. If you have questions about the above events or have a specific group (i.e. dorm, fraternity, sorority, student organization, athletic team, intramural team, etc.) that you would like to get together for Reunion Weekend 2007, contact Kim Lachut '90 (ED) at 860-486-2240 or toll-free at 888-UC-ALUM-1, or by e-mail: [kimberly.lachut@uconn.edu](mailto:kimberly.lachut@uconn.edu).

## 1930s

Louise Teich Johnson '36 (CANR), '52 M.S. is a volunteer at the Children's Day School, a daycare center for children of low-income families, in Palm Beach, Fla. She lives in Mansfield, Conn., and spends the winters in Florida.

Morton Katz '39 (CLAS), '51 J.D., vice chairman/magistrate in the Connecticut Judicial Department, was reappointed by Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell to the Connecticut Public Transportation Commission.

## 1940s

Kenneth Bird '48 (RHSA) is semi-retired after selling the nursery he had owned since 1979.

David Epstein '48 (CLAS) published *Home-Life in the Jewish Home for Children*, a book about his life in an orphanage during the Great Depression,

## 1950s

Hugo DeSarro '50 (CLAS) of East Hampton, Conn., a widely published poet, had one of his poems selected by the *Oklahoma Review* (Cameron University) as the best submission of 2005-2006.

Carlos Fetterolf '50 (CANR) addressed the 50th anniversary meeting of the Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Fishery Commission. He also completed a terms as an advisor to both the National Sea Grant College program and the University of Rhode Island.

Peter Zikowitch '51 (ED), '54 M.A. received the St. Paul of the Cross Award from the Passionist religious community for his 55 years of service to the Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford, Conn.

Rollin Hickcox '52 (RHSA), '57 (CANR) retired after 50 years with Agway. He still works part-time.

Chuck Lassen '52 (BUS) is semi-retired after 50 years as a financial planner in the Philadelphia, Pa., area.

Thomas Dillon '54 (CLAS) is a government consultant in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., after serving a combined 48 years in the military and government service. He was inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., in June 2006.

Walter Powell '54 (SFA), '59 M.A. has taught political science at Slippery Rock University, in Slippery Rock, Pa., for 42 years. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children and nine grandchildren.

Lois Greene Stone '55 (ED) and Gerald Stone of Pittsford, N.Y., celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 10, 2006, with their family, which includes three children and 13 grandchildren.

Dick Marsh '55 (BUS) and Audrey (Roxbury) Marsh have become "snowbirds," wintering in Fort Meyers/Estero, Fla. Dick retired from his management consulting practice after 30 years of new product development in Europe and the United States.

Douglas Lamb '56 (BUS) has been retired from his marine consulting firm for eight years. He and his wife of 55 years, Jean Cantrell Lamb, live in Spring Hill, Fla. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.



Peninnah (Manchester) Schram '56 (SFA) received the Dean Karen Bacon Award as Outstanding Senior Faculty

Member from Stern College of Yeshiva University in New York City. She has been on the faculty of the speech and drama department for 37 years.

Douglas Watson '56 (SAH) is a volunteer physical therapist at a free clinic in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is married with 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bernard Berson '57 (ENG) will become president of the National Society of Professional Engineers in July 2007. He has

## 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

### The Man Behind the Golden Globes

When **Chris Donovan '69 (SFA)** arrived at UConn, he knew he wanted to pursue a career in broadcast production. It was just the medium that he had wrong.

Donovan thought he was headed for a career in radio when he enrolled as a theater major. But when he discovered UConn's video production facilities, as a junior, it was like someone opened a window for him.

"I soon had a job directing videos of professor's lectures," Donovan recalls. By the time he was a senior, he was a seasoned videographer. And when a public television station wanted to record a production of *Far From the Valley of Green*, an award-winning play by fellow student Ronald J. Smith '70 M.A., Donovan was tapped for that assignment as well.

When Donovan graduated in 1969, David C. Phillips, UConn's former head of speech and drama and later the first dean of the School of Fine Arts, helped him land a job at WHCT-TV in Hartford, allowing him to graduate with both a job in the industry and an impressive reel for a rookie.

"I got my start at UConn," Donovan says, "and I'll always be grateful."

Soon after completing graduate work at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, Donovan became manager of west coast cable programming for the Times Mirror Corporation. He went



on to become president of the California Cable Television Association. Later, his production work earned an unprecedented 25 national cable television awards for excellence in broadcasting, which led to owning a production company for a brief period of time.

"I didn't want to manage a production company. I wanted to produce and direct," Donovan explains. He sold the company and became a freelance producer and director, first working on a series of situation comedies. It was in that role that he met the late Gene Weed, senior vice president of Dick Clark Productions. Weed and Clark, the pioneer of rock 'n' roll on television with *American Bandstand*, became his mentors.

Today Donovan enjoys a reputation as one of Los Angeles' top producers and directors. He has directed such shows as *The Independent Film Spirit Awards*, *Meet My Folks*, *Paradise Hotel*, *Sherman Oaks and Greed*, and was nominated for his third Emmy for *Dinner for Five*. Since 1999 Donovan has directed *The Golden Globes*, the second most-watched award show in the world.

*The Golden Globes* is "by far the hardest show to direct," says Donovan. "Dick Clark's challenge is to keep it spontaneous. So, we work with 26 cameras, including crews crawling on the floor between the tables. You never know who's going to get up and wander off just when you're about to go for a shot. And you can't let that distract you. You have to keep it moving and show the story as it unfolds."

— *Jim H. Smith*

been honored by the New Jersey and National Societies of Professional Engineers, including the NSPE Distinguished Service Award and the NJSPE Engineer of the Year. He lives with his wife, Toby, in Perrineville, N.J.

**Richard Williams '58 (CLAS)** is co-author of *Twelve British Statisticians*, a biography published by Boson Books.

## 1960s

**Allan Zenowitz '60 (CLAS)** was named a senior fellow at the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute. He lives in Cambridge, Mass., and Biddeford Pool, Maine.

**John Huber '63 M.S.** retired as manager of process engineering at Lipton in 1998 after 19 years with the company.

**Jim Gadarowski '64 (CLAS)**, '67 J.D. retired after 27 years as legal counsel at Phoenix Life Insurance Company. He keeps

busy baby-sitting his granddaughters, traveling, volunteering at CRIS Radio, and serving as an arbitrator for the Connecticut Superior Court and the National Association of Securities Dealers.

**Joel Hirschhorn '64 (CLAS)**



was included in the 2006 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers*, which recognizes a high degree of professional achievement.



**Joel Wilensky '64 (CLAS)** operates Joel H. Wilensky Associates of Sudbury, Mass., which has placed 900

candidates in jobs within the retail industry.

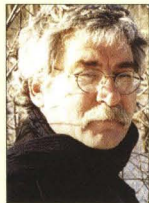
**Jeanne Rogalla Persinger '65 (CLAS)**, '67 M.A. and **James Persinger '67 (BUS)**



are retired and living in Dover, Del., enjoying their children, grandchildren, and traveling. They show their Husky spirit by having UCONN 1 and UCONN 2 license plates.

**Jewel Friedman '66 (CLAS)** has moved to New Hampshire to ski after a career in journalism in Connecticut. She established the Franconia Heritage Museum with a collection of artifacts from the family of Luke Brooks, the discoverer of the Old Man of the Mountain profile in Franconia Notch, N.H.

**John Surowiecki '66 (CLAS)**, '78 M.A. was awarded the Pablo



Neruda Prize for poetry by the University of Tulsa's *Nimrod International Journal*. He also won the Washington Prize and will have his second collection

of poetry, *The Hat City After Men Stopped Wearing Hats*, published in January 2007 by The Word Works.

**Arthur Krieger '67 (CLAS)**, '70 M.A. is the Sylvia Pasternack Marx Associate Professor of Music at Connecticut College. He specializes in electronic music composition, evolution and techniques.

**Gail Champlin '68 M.S.W.**, director of the Career Counseling Center at the University of Hartford, was recognized as one of the eight most Remarkable Women in Business for 2006 by the *Hartford Business Journal*.

**Carol (Milardo) Floriani '68 (NUR)** has established HC Consulting, which provides quality assurance and educational services to the health care industry.

**William Brustein '69 (CLAS)** will become president of the Association of International Education Administrators in February 2007. He is associate



provost for international affairs and director of international programs and studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## 1970s

**Tony Miller '70 (CLAS)** is an instructor at two residential facilities for the mentally ill in Santa Barbara, Calif. He recently won the Ventura Chess Club Championship for the seventh straight time.

**Edward Nusbaum '70 (CLAS)** was elected president of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a member of the Westport law firm of Nusbaum and Parrino, P.C. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Weston, Conn., with their sons, Jesse and Cody.

**David White '70 M.A.** was appointed chair of the New England Conference Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, which has responsibility for collecting and preserving the significant records of the annual conference.

**William Robinson '71 Ph.D.** is in his third year as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island. One of his law clerks this past year is a UConn alumna, Heather Pierce '01 (CANR).

**Richard Tavone '71 M.S.W.** started a clinical golfing school at Washington Village Golf Course in Coventry, R.I. He is the teaching golf pro at Washington Village and was nominated as Golf Teacher of the Year for Small Golf Courses in *Golf Range* magazine.

**Marilyn Harris '72 (SFA)** is touring to support her latest jazz CD, *Round Trip*, which features the L.A. Jazz All Stars Big Band and native Connecticut trombonist Bill Watrous.



**Christopher Leone '72 (CLAS)**, a full professor of psychology at the University of North Florida, was recognized by the Southeastern Psychological Association as 2006 Mentor of the Year.

**Leslie (Hetzl) O'Connor '72 (NUR)**, an advanced practice psychiatric nurse, was promoted to administrative director at Yale-New Haven Psychiatric Hospital in New Haven, Conn. She is responsible for psychiatric hospital operations, financial performance and business planning. She is board certified

as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatry and mental health nursing. She and her husband, Charles O'Connor, a retired psychiatrist and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, reside in South Glastonbury.



**Jeff Davidson, '73 (BUS), '74 M.B.A.** published his forty-first book, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting Things Done*, by Alpha/Penguin.

**Richard Ricci '73 (BUS)** is the director of finance for the City of Pleasant Hill, Calif. He lives in Concord, Calif., with his wife, Maria, and their two grandchildren, Andrea, 13, and Mimi, 8.

## PROFILE

### Broad vision of financial issues boosts bank success

**John A. Klein '71 B.A., '77 J.D.** was working his way through the UConn School of Law at People's Bank in Bridgeport, Conn., when he suggested that instead of outsourcing its legal work, the bank should consider building its own in-house legal department. The bank's CEO agreed, and Klein was hired for the job.

As the bank's general counsel, he later lobbied a bill through the 1985 Connecticut General Assembly, paving the way for the formation of the first bank mutual holding companies. In 1987, People's became the first bank mutual holding company in the United States. In August 2006, People's became a federally chartered savings bank, allowing it to open branches or acquire financial institutions in other states.

Klein says his UConn degrees in psychology and law trained him to think broadly about issues. Over the course of his 35-year career at People's, he has held a diverse range of positions, becoming CEO of People's Bank in 1999 and then chairman of the board of directors two years later.

"We're in a people business—it's in our name. We're focused on helping our employees help our customers and communities, empowering and enabling people with opportunities to make dreams come true," Klein says.

The bank was the first in the region to offer full-service, seven-day banking in more than 73 Super Stop & Shop locations. Last year, the *Wall Street Journal* ranked People's Bank No. 1 for its 1-year and 3-year average returns to shareholders—23.4

Peter Morenus



percent and 46.3 percent, respectively.

"The challenge of managing in today's intensely competitive and dynamic banking industry starts with engaging our employees who, in turn, create loyalty among our customers by providing an outstanding customer experience," says Klein, a member of the UConn Foundation board of directors, adding that People's Bank has a long history of supporting community organizations and education programs.

In 2002, People's Bank and UConn entered into a 10-year partnership through which the bank provides support to UConn athletics and to educational programs with the Neag School of Education, the School of Business, the UConn Health Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. — Anna Manzo



**Elizabeth Allison '74 (ED), '80 M.A.** is an assistant professor of music education at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

**Lynn Cummings '74 (SFA)** is the senior director of development and stewardship at Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

**Philip Rubin '74 (CLAS), '76 Ph.D.** was named as chair of



the board of the National Academies on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences. He is the chief

executive officer and a senior scientist at Haskins Laboratories of New Haven, Conn.

**John Salek '74 (BUS)**, a national practice leader for Parson Consulting, published *Accounts Receivable Management Best Practices*, with John Wiley & Sons. He and his wife, **Linda Partesano Salek '74 (CLAS)**, live in Fairfield, Conn.

**Marion Ehrich '75 Ph.D.** was honored for excellence in teaching in veterinary medicine by the American Veterinary Medical Association. She is a professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology at Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Barbara (Allen) Loucks '75 (CANR)**, a research scientist for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, received an Award for Distinguished Service to the Environmental Cause from the New York City Audubon Society for her work on restoration, protection and management of the peregrine falcon and other rare species.

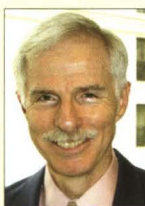
**Monica Orosz '75 (NUR)** is retired after working as a psychiatric nurse and as a community health nurse.

**Mark Richardson '75 (BUS)**, senior vice-president of Totura & Company, was installed as president of the National

Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters at their annual Conference in Orlando, Fla. He and his wife, Marguerite, live in Boca Raton, Fla.

**Tom Jeffery '76 (ENG)** is a senior engineering fellow at the Raytheon Company, concentrating in radar system architecture and design and engineering education.

**Andrew Shreeves '76 M.A.** manages the concert performance crediting department for



the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). He had served as the society's staff musicologist

for 19 years. In addition he is the heckelphonist for the Metropolitan Opera and frequently performs in the orchestras of Broadway musicals.

**Paul Pizzo '76 (CLAS)** was named to the General Agency Onboarding Team at MetLife Investors Distribution Company in Hartford, Conn. He lives in West Hartford.

**Mark DeLucca '77 (CLAS)** is the chief executive officer of Adams Fashion Headwear of Niceville, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Marie.



**Joel Hurliman '77 (CANR)**, chief of police in Shelton, Conn., retired from the Connecticut Army National Guard as master sergeant after more than 23 years of service. He received the Meritorious Service Medal and the Connecticut Medal of Merit on retirement.

**Roy Pietro '77 (BUS)** developed



the UConn Homeland Security Education Center, including both a training program for first responders as

well as a master's degree program, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Naval Post-Graduate School.

**Anthony Salvatore '77 (ED)** received his doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Hartford in May 2006. He is an assistant principal at Reed Intermediate School in Newtown, Conn.

**Robert Abrams '78 (ENG)** is a senior technical staff member at IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He lives with his family in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.



**Michael Hartnett '78 Ph.D.** has been appointed to the board of governors of the University of New Haven.

**William Luddy, Jr. '78 J.D.**, professor at the Lally School of Management and Technology, at Rensselaer-Hartford has been appointed to the U.S. Technical Advisory Group working on the development of a variety of international standards for international trade and business for e-Commerce and information technology.

**Damian Macaluso '78 (CLAS)** is vice president of operations for Metal Industries Inc., a manufacturer of grills, registers, diffusers and air terminal units.

**Robin (Randall) Purcell '78 (SFA)** had her watercolor painting, *Summit from Southgate*, published in the 2006 edition of *Splash*, a collection of the 100 best watercolors from around the world that is published biennially by Northlight Books.

**Karen (Willig) Schoessel '78 (ED)**, director of special education/special programs in Tumwater, Wash., was named Special Education Director of the Year by the Washington Association of School Administrators.

**George McLaughlin '79 (BUS)** was elected president of GWM Insurance Services, HRC, a California commercial insurance brokerage. He lives with his wife and two children in Santa Ana, Calif.

## 1980s

**Donald Altschuler '80 J.D.**



completed a term as president of the West Haven Bar Association. He lives in Wallingford with his

wife, Peg, and their children, Sarah, 6, and Daniel, 2.

**Patrick Evans '80 (CANR)** is district conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, for Latah County in northern Idaho. He assists landowners, including farmers and ranchers, in installing conservation practices on the ground, benefiting soil, water and wildlife through Farm Bill Programs.

**Brian Lofman '80 (CLAS)** is the dean of the School of Business at Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

**Sandy (Maryann) Sandford '80 (CLAS)** is the owner of Sanford Consulting LLC, which provides assistance to families applying for Medicaid for nursing homes. She and her husband, Brian McAdam, live in Thomaston, Conn., and travel to Mexico at least twice a year, 28 years after spending a semester there as an exchange student.



**David Demme '81 M.B.A.**

is a vice president for the management consulting and engineering firm R.W.

Beck of Boston, Mass.



**John Driscoll, Jr. '81 (CLAS)**, a member of



the board of directors of the UConn Alumni Association, is the senior vice president and senior financial

planner for U.S. Trust's New England region. He recently received the Deborah Eldridge Award from the Estate and Business Planning Council of Hartford at the council's annual meeting.

**Jayne Olderman '81 (CLAS)** wrote, produced, engineered and played all instruments along with J. Donte Harris for Tiffany Milagro's debut CD on Diamond Heart Records.

**Steven Smith, '81 (PHR), '83 M.B.A.** is an oncology medical liaison in clinical trials for Roche, an international pharmaceutical firm. He lives in Gainesville, Fla., with his wife, Alma, and their children, Andrew, 13, and Daniella, 10.

**Phil Steele '81 J.D.** has published a new book, *Any Good Movies? Commentaries on our Modern Literature*, which is available at Amazon.com.

**Karen (Rand) Bassett '82 (CANR)** graduated in May 2006 from Pacific University with her M.A. in counseling psychology.

**Elizabeth (Marquez) Crandall '82 M.S.** has been on the faculty at the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville for nine years. She received the national Outstanding Community College Faculty Award from the University of Texas National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.

**Paul Larson '82 M.D.** was appointed to the Board of Chancellors and chair of the Commission on Quality and Safety of the American College of Radiology in May 2006.

**Edward LaVallie '82 M.S.**, an associate director of biological research for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass., received a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Boston University School of Medicine for his research on a new treatment method for osteoarthritis. He lives in Harvard, Mass., with his wife, Lynn and their children, Carissa and Nathan.



**Virginia Palmer-Skok '82 (BUS)** published a book, *Southbury Revisited* with Arcadia Publishing, and is a

past vice president of the Connecticut Press Club. She lives in Monroe, Conn. with her husband, Andrew.

**David Minicozzi '83 (CLAS)** received the Knight of the Blind award from the Lions Club of New Haven, Conn.

**John Paternoster '83 (ENG) and Ellen (Markey)**



**Paternoster '83 (BUS)** celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary this year. They have three children, and their oldest

child, Erin, is a freshman at UConn. The family lives in Madison, Conn.

**Mark Wilson '84 (SFA)** is vice president of Pert Survey Research in Bloomfield, Conn. He lives in South Windsor, Conn., with his wife, **Candace (Prasser) Wilson '84 (CLAS)**, and two daughters, Chelsea, 14, and Liana, 11.

**Sean Cleary '85 (CLAS)** an associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in the School of Public Health & Health Services at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., received a Fulbright Senior Scholar lecturing/research award for spring 2007 in Nepal.

**Jill Coughlin '85 (CLAS)** was recognized for sales achievement at Wells Fargo's 2006 sales and service conference in Cancun, Mexico. She lives in Phoenix, Ariz., with her husband and son.

**Mark D'Ambrosio '85 (PHR)**, owner and president of Terraviva Coaching, is certified as a Professional Co-Active Coach through the Coaches Training Institute. He specializes in working with small and medium sized businesses. He lives in Old Saybrook, Conn.

**Carol Tomasetti Records '86, (ED)** a media specialist for Killingly Central School in Killingly, Conn., recently

completed her certification as a library media specialist in the ARC program.



**Col. John Rivenburgh '86 M.S.** retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, following a 30-year career of distinguished military service.

**Nanci (Block) Wilharber '86 (CLAS)** is the executive director of Temple Emanuel of Tempe, Ariz. She and her husband, Michael Wilharber, live in Phoenix.

**Ann Schwartzwalder '87 M.S.W.** is the program director for Crotched Mountain Community Care of Portsmouth, N.H. She lives in Kittery, Maine.

**Craig Zettergren '87 (ED), '88 (SAH) and Kathy Kelley '88 (SAH)** opened The Physical Therapy Center of Southington-Cheshire in Cheshire, Conn., joining their other office, Physical Therapy Center of Bristol, LLC, in Bristol, Conn. They live in Wallingford, Conn., with their two daughters, Jessica and Julia.

**Jonathan Diamond '88 M.S.W.** a practicing psychotherapist, and adjunct faculty at Smith College School for Social Work, has published *Fatherless Sons: Healing the Legacy of Loss*, with John Wiley & Sons, Inc

**Charles Duncan '88 (CLAS)** is a senior consultant with Hollis Taggart Galleries in New York City, specializing in American paintings and drawings of the 19th and 20th centuries. He and his wife, Rachel Dressler, divide their time between Manhattan and Bethlehem, N.Y.

**Christine (Zalewski) Hruska '88 (CLAS)** is the department chair for the English Department at the Wooster School (K-12) in Danbury, Conn. She lives in Danbury with her husband, Derek, and sons, John, Chris and Luke.

## IN MEMORIAM

### ALUMNI

Francis M. Noonan '34  
Willard Huntley '37  
David Smith '38  
Howard Johnson '39  
Irving Saslow '41  
William Edgerton '45  
James Calkins '50, '52,  
'65 6th Year  
Raymond Cooper '51  
Jacob Moidel '52  
Mildred T. Hastedt '54  
Henry Hine '56  
Katherine Camlin Cooke '57  
Maryann Kay Clark '57  
Joseph Burns '61  
Cynthia Hoyt '63 M.S.  
Vernon Cooke '69  
Kevin Keyes '70  
William Brown '72  
Andrew Yakovetsky '72  
Benjamin Weed '73  
Christine Brittle Smith '74  
Michael Montgomery '76, '78  
Tony Raucci '94 M.M.  
Shannon Closter Driscoll '99  
Michael Nichols '05

### FACULTY

Robert Jensen  
Peter Sacco

### STUDENTS

Kyunga (Katie) Bu '07  
Cpl. Jordan C. Pierson '09  
Jeffrey Hoffelder '10



**Jim Emanuel '89 (BUS), '90 M.B.A.** is an associate in intellectual property practice with Lathrop & Gage, L.C. in Boulder, Colo.

**Michael Flores '89 (CLAS)** and **Sarah Turano-Flores '90 (SFA)** announce the birth of a boy, Aurelio Miguel Nathaniel Flores, on Oct. 3, 2005. He joins siblings Liliana Pilar, 10, and Adalia Raquel, 6. Michael is a litigator with Zisson and Veara in Dennis, Mass. Sarah is a lawyer specializing in land-use and zoning matters with Nutter, McLennen and Fish.

**Roberta Gordenstein '89 M.A., '93 Ph.D.,** professor of Spanish at Elms College in Chicopee, Mass., translated *Women Without Background Music*, by the Chilean poet Delia Dominguez.

**Kelley Hangos-Carrano '89 (SFA)** has returned full-time to her graphic design business, Kellgraphics. She lives with her husband and their 3-year-old son in Monroe, N.C.

**Ann Marie (Griskauskas) Hoffmaster '89 (CLAS)** and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of a daughter, Meredith, on March 25, 2006. Ann Marie is a human resources manager with Corning Incorporated. The family lives in Elmira, N.Y.

**Sandra Rodriguez Barron '89 (CLAS)** published her first novel, *The Heiress of Water*, with Rayo/Harper-Collins Publishers. Set partly in Connecticut, partly in El Salvador, *Heiress* is one woman's journey to unravel the mystery of her marine biologist mother's disappearance 15 years earlier. See p. 41.

## 1990s

**Suzanne (Sasso) Deane '90 (SFS)** and her husband, John, announce the birth of a son, Gavin Mitchell, on March 22, 2006. He joins a brother,

Spencer John, 3. The family lives in Salem, N.H.

**Julianne (Chase) Drake '91 (CANR), '96 (NUR)** and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Margaret, on July 25, 2005. She joins her sister, Rebecca Keighley. Julie is an endoscopy nurse at Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center in Hartford, Conn. The family lives in Ashford, Conn.

**Tom Cooney '90 (BGS)** is the director of information technology planning, quality, architecture, and risk management at International Specialty Products in Wayne, N.J.

**Ron Corey '90 M.B.A.** was named senior director for project management with Daiichi Asubio Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in Rochelle Park, N.J. He has substantial management experience with multi-national pharmaceutical firms including Pharmacia, Novartis and ALTANA Pharma.

**Kevin Downer '90 M.B.A.** graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May 2006, was ordained as a minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in August 2006 and is currently the interim pastor at MCC San Antonio. Kevin will start a new MCC Church in Chicago in 2007.

**Heidi (Bosse) Fagan '90 (CLAS)** and her husband, Brant, announce the birth of Camden Archer Joachim, on March 4, 2006, who joins brother, Zachary, 6. Heidi is a professional drama instructor/director in New Hampshire and Vermont.

**Cynthia (Hansen) Lishawa '90 (CLAS)** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Rae, on May 17, 2006. The family lives in Montclair, N.J.

**Sean Fay '91 (CLAS)** has joined 1 Management in New York



City, which manages the careers of actors such as Nick Stahl, Billy Campbell and Josie Maran as well as the fashion careers of models such as Naomi Campbell, Claudia Schiffer and Iman.

**Brent French '91 (CLAS)**, a senior account executive at Lexmark, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Massachusetts State Air Force Reserve. He and his wife, **Kristin Greene French '91 (BUS)**, live with their two daughters in Westborough, Mass.

**Michael Polityka '91 (CLAS)** and his wife, Leslie, announce the birth of a son, Bennett Michael, on May 7, 2006. Bennett joins sister Alexis, 11. The family lives in Holly Springs, Ga.

**David Reser '91 (CLAS)** earned a Ph.D. in neuroscience in 2000. He is a research officer in the physiology department of Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

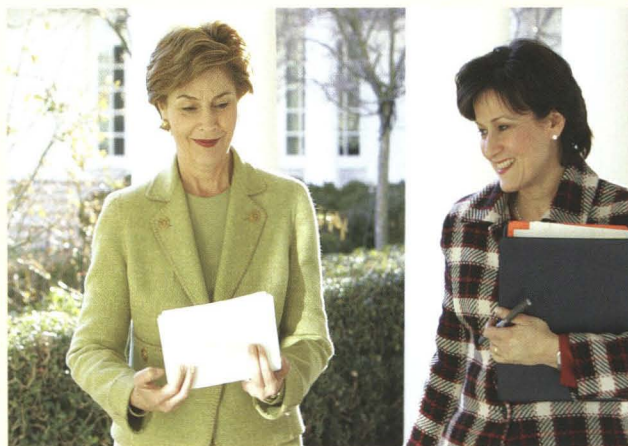
**Kellie (Roper) Ennis '92 (SFS)** completed her first Ironman Triathlon in Lake Placid, N.Y., as a member of Team Tiara, the charity division of Girls on the Run, and raised over \$1,400.

**Corryne (Riedinger) Hamilton '92 (CLAS), '02 M.B.A.** and her husband, Jamie, announce the birth of a son, Quince Reid, on July 20, 2006. Corryne is the first at the Hartford Financial Services Group to be certified as a black belt through the company's Six Sigma quality management program. The family lives in Cheshire, Conn.

**Barry Inger '92 (CLAS)** and his wife, Maureen, announce the birth of a son, Michael Robert, on Jan. 12, 2006. He joins siblings, Elizabeth, 7, Kevin, 5, and Brian, 2. Barry is the federal sales manager

## WORKING THE WHITE HOUSE

**A**nita (Bevacqua) McBride '81 (CLAS), right, walks with First Lady Laura Bush to a meeting at the White House in Washington, D.C. McBride has served since 2004 as deputy assistant to the president and chief of staff for the First Lady and recently was promoted to assistant to the president by President George W. Bush while still retaining her role as chief of staff for Mrs. Bush. She previously served in various capacities in the White House for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, including as director of White House personnel. She lives in Washington with her husband, Tim, and their two children.





for Application Security, Inc., in New York City. The family lives in Groveland, Mass.

**Alfred Kovalik '92 (ENG)** is the vice president of GeoDesign, Inc. of Middlebury, Conn., a privately held engineering consulting firm that completes environmental investigation and remediation projects and geotechnical projects. He lives in North Branford, Conn., with his wife and two daughters.

**David Nelson '92 M.F.A.** and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of a girl, Rosemarie Frances, born on April 20, 2006. She joins a sister, Michaela Joan.

**Michelle New '92 (CLAS)** is a vice president at McLagan Partners in London, England.

**Jason Russell '92 (CLAS)** was elected to the Westfield, Mass.,

City Council in Nov. 2005. Jason works for Merck Pharmaceuticals. His wife, **Jenifer (Bidwell) Russell '92 (CLAS)** is a freelance marketer and corporate writer. The couple spent two weeks on a mission trip to teach English in Central China. They have three children and live in Westfield, Mass.

**Pamela (Rothfuss) Switzer '92** and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail, born Sept. 17, 2005, who joins a brother, Wyatt, and a sister, Josie. The family lives in Marlborough, N.H.

**Wayne Tønning '92 (CLAS)** and **Deena (Pacelli) Tønning '92 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a daughter, Hailey, on July 11, 2005, who joins her sister, Skylar, 3. Wayne is president of Tønning & Associates, a landscape architecture firm

and Deena is an attorney. The family lives in Boca Raton, Fla.

**Burt Williamson '92 M.B.A.** launched PlanPrep LLC in June 2006 to serve the computer and planning needs of financial advisors.

**Peggy Wishart '92 (CLAS)** graduated in May 2006 with a master's in American and New England studies from the University of Southern Maine, in Portland. She is employed by Heinemann publishers in Portsmouth, N.H., and lives in Kittery, Maine.

**Craig Perra '93 (CLAS), '97 J.D.** and **Michelle (Weinstein) Perra '97 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a daughter, Reese Violet, on Feb. 8, 2006. She joins a brother, Trey Lyle, 3. Craig is a home office consultant for The Hartford and is

currently pursuing his M.B.A. at UConn. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Manchester, Conn.

**Ivo Salmre '93 (ENG)**, a researcher on electronic medical technology at Microsoft in Seattle, Wash., published *Writing Mobile Code: Essential Software Engineering for Building Mobile Applications*, with Addison-Wesley.

**Eileen Washburn '93 (CLAS)** and **John Magel '92 (ENG)** announce the birth of a daughter, Nora Kate, in March, who joins her sister, Charlotte. Eileen received the Tassy Walden Award for New Voices in Children's Literature for her middle-grade novel, *Our Brooklawn Summer*.

**Roy Caratozzolo '94 (SFA)** owns and operates the Top Street Photography website, [www.tozzophoto.com](http://www.tozzophoto.com).

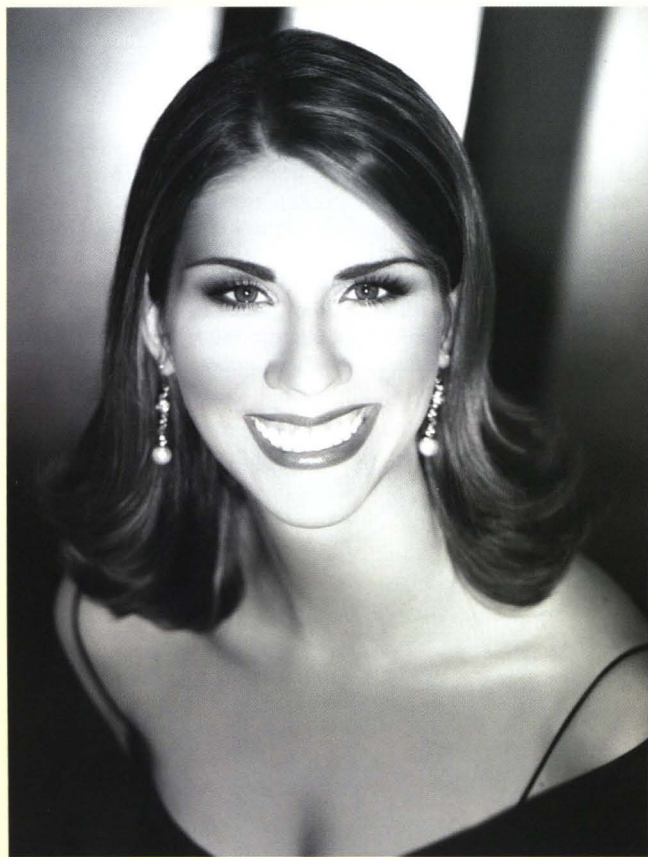
**Dan Gleason '94 (PHR)** and **Karen (Lillpopp) Gleason '95 (PHR)** announce the birth of a son, Daniel Frederick, on June 5, 2006, who joins his siblings, Catherine, Joseph, and Peter.

**Desarae Latino-Davis '94 (ED)** and her husband, Ian, announce the birth of a daughter, Marcyanna, on April 3, 2006. She joins a brother, Aiden. The family lives in Groton, Conn.

**Mary Anne (Kanakry) Clarke '94 M.A.** was one of two teachers from Rhode Island to attend the Arthur and Rochelle Belfer Conference for Educators at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

**Laura Kierol Andrews '94 M.S.** received the Beverly Koerner Research Award for her dissertation from Iota Upsilon Chapter at Large of Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society. She is an acute care nurse practitioner and manager of the medical rapid response team for the department of critical care medicine at New Britain General Hospital.

## AN ENGAGING VOICE



**M**eredith (Sheely) Ziegler (SFA) '02, M.A. '04 is serving as the 2006-07 Resident Artist with the Connecticut Opera, where as a mezzo-soprano she will perform the role of Mercedes in *Carmen*. She made her first international appearance performing Leonard Bernstein's *Arias and Barcarolles* with the American Institute of Musical Studies Festival Orchestra in Graz, Austria. She has performed roles in a variety of productions with the Opera Theater of Connecticut, Connecticut Opera, Connecticut Lyric Opera, Shaker Mountain Opera and the Simsbury Light Opera. Her featured solo concert performances include the American Institute of Musical Studies, New Haven Oratorio Choir and the Holyoke Civic Symphony. In 2005, she won the Ilene D. Kaplan Award from the Connecticut Opera Guild.





**Anna Freitag-Kedersha '94** M.D., a board certified endocrinologist, was named a Top Doctor in endocrinology

and internal medicine by *Connecticut Magazine*.

**Jeremy Kohler '94 (CLAS)**, a staff writer for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, was a finalist for the 2005 IRE and Livingston awards for his reporting on crime. He won first place for public service reporting from the Missouri Associated Press Managing Editors. He lives in St. Louis, Mo.

**Erik Laakso '94 (ENG)** and his wife, **Lisa (Bald) Laakso '95 (BUS)**, announce the birth of a daughter, Kristen Rose, on Aug. 1, 2006, who joins a sister, Mia Grace, 3. The family lives in Windsor, Conn.

**Christine (Maher) Roberts '94 (BUS)** and **Jason Roberts '94 (BUS)** announce the birth of a son, Aaron Allen, on June 2, 2006, who joins a sister, Macey. The family lives in Hingham, Mass.

**Michael Short '94 (ENG)** and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of a son, Conor Michael, in March 2006.

**Jeffrey Stanton '94 M.A., '97 Ph.D.** is the director of the doctoral program in information science and technology at Syracuse University.

**Scott Tarter '94 (CANR)** and Elizabeth Rohfritsch were married in May 2005. The couple owns and operates Twin Lakes Farm, a riding academy and competition stable in Bronxville, N.Y.

**Catherine Ulbricht '94 (PHR)** is a co-founder of Natural Standard Research Collaboration, which produces evidence-based reviews of herbs and supplements to educate health care providers and consumers.



**Jeffrey Bass '95** M.A., '05 Ph.D. is an assistant professor of history in Quinnipiac University's College of

Liberal Arts, in Hamden, Conn.

**Patrick Byrne '95 M.B.A.** founded Aspetuck Financial Management, LLC, a registered investment advisor based in Westport, Conn. He lives in Fairfield, Conn., with his wife and three children.

**Zygmunt Dembek '95 (CANR), '05 M.P.H.** is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and was mobilized to active duty at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md.

**Jennifer (Galvin) Fitting '95 (CLAS)** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of a son, Ryan Benjamin, on May 13, 2006. Jennifer received a master's degree in 2005 and is working as a school counselor at Guilford (Conn.) High School.

**Rick Greenberg '95 (CLAS)** and **Jessica (Tottenham) Greenberg '95 (SAH)** announce the birth of a son, Justin Erick, on Feb. 5, 2006, who joins a brother, Jayson, 2. The family lives in Branford, Conn.

**Jared Goodfriend '95 M.B.A.** is vice president of program management for Fairchild Controls, an aerospace firm. He lives in Frederick, Md., with his wife, Michelle, and their three children.

**Patricia Halpin '95 M.S., '96 Ph.D.**, a resource faculty in science at Granite State College, received the 2006 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award from the University of New Hampshire at Manchester. She lives in Sunapee, N.H.

**Peter Larkin '95 (CLAS)** and **Jennifer (Robella) Larkin '96 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a daughter, Kendall Shea, on Oct. 12, 2005, who joins a brother,

## PROFILE

### Legal education shapes a career path

While working her way through the UConn School of Law, **Kathleen Murphy '87 J.D.** recalls professors urging her to take a variety of legal jobs and internships.

"These practical experiences helped shape the direction I headed in," says Murphy, who today is group president of Dutch company ING's U.S. Worksite and Institutional Financial Services. She has responsibility for 2,100 employees and several businesses, including Hartford-based retirement services, which provides retirement plans for corporate, education and government clients. ING has been the sole plan administrator for the state of Connecticut's retirement plans, including UConn, since 2005.

After graduating early from Fairfield University with bachelor's degrees in economics and political science, Murphy headed off to law school, where as a first-year student, she worked part-time for a UConn alumna whose eclectic law practice ranged from criminal law to business matters. The following year, she did an internship for a Wall Street firm but decided to reject job offers at leading Wall Street firms to gain experience in corporate law.

Murphy participated on a state blue ribbon commission on tort reform and helped establish a national moot court competition at the UConn School of Law, underwritten by local insurance companies. She did internships at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and with Judge José Cabranes, now a federal jurist.

"He told me one of the best places a lawyer can work is in insurance, which is at the intersection of common law and statutory law and greatly impacts the regulatory process," Murphy says. "And he was right."

After graduation, Murphy accepted a job at Aetna, Inc., moving up the ranks from health care to financial services and becoming general counsel and chief compliance officer of Aetna Financial Services, a position she held in 2000, when ING acquired the company.

She served as general counsel and chief administrator for ING U.S. Financial Services and senior advisor to its CEO. Today, in her capacity as an ING group president, she was instrumental in the company's decision earlier this year to construct a new building in the Hartford area.

"In many ways, ING's strong positioning in the retirement plan business is a result of the talented employees we have in Hartford. Retaining that talent is critical," Murphy says. "Connecticut also remains attractive because of its ability to tap into a knowledgeable and well-educated workforce, which stems from critical mass in the financial services industry and strong local college and university programs such as those offered by UConn."

Last October, Murphy was elected to the board of directors of the UConn Foundation. —**Karen Singer '73 (CLAS)**





Quinn Patrick, 2. Peter is a glaucoma specialty sales representative for Alcon Laboratories. Jennifer, who recently received her master's degree, is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Hebron, Conn.

**Maggie (Conway) McGillicuddy '95 (CANR)**, a science teacher at Torrington High School, earned a master's in education from Saint Joseph College in December 2005. She and her husband, Michael, have two children, MJ and Katie.

**Adrienne (Earl) Pollard '95 (CLAS)** and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of a son, Finn Robert, on July 13, 2006. He joins a brother, Joshua Earl.

**Kimberly (Norton) Smith '95 (CLAS)** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of a

daughter, Presley Helene, on Nov. 25, 2005. Kimberly is a juvenile probation officer for the state of Connecticut.

**Marta Bertoldo '96 (BGS)** founded Title & Legal Doc Prep, LLC, an independent paralegal firm specializing in residential and commercial real estate closings, in Meriden, Conn. She also founded the real estate brokerage firm, Marla Properties, LLC, also in Meriden.

**Christopher Bieszczad '96 (CLAS)** and his wife, Justyna, announce the birth of a boy, Anthony John, on Feb. 16, 2006.

**Stephanie Criscuolo '96 (CLAS)** was elected to serve a three-year term on the University of New Haven's Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is a senior project manager for process and quality improvement for Wellpoint (Anthem), Inc. in North Haven, Conn. She lives in East Haven, Conn.

**Edward Eggleton '96 (NUR)**, a liver transplant specialist at Columbia University Medical Center, received his adult nurse practitioner degree at Columbia University in 2003 and was one of 30 national AASLD NP Liver Fellows for 2005-2006.

**Adrienne (Martin) Johnson '96 (CLAS)** married James Andrew Johnson in May 2006. The couple lives in Richmond, Va.

**Don Masch '96 (CLAS)** and **Penny (Lane) Masch '96 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a daughter, Julie Elizabeth, on Feb. 23, 2006.



**James Oliver III '96 (CLAS)** is an investment advisor representative for Bancnorth Investment Group, Inc., in Newington, Conn. He lives in Avon, Conn.

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

**Amy (Gallo) Trimani '96 (CLAS)**, '03 M.B.A. and **Robert Trimani '97 (CLAS)**, '00 (PHR), '02 Pharm.D. announce the birth of a daughter, Lily Isabel, on June 3, 2006. The family lives in Cromwell, Conn.

**Jennifer (Lind) Brady '97 (BUS)** and her husband, Terence, announce the birth of a son, Philip Anthony, on April 30, 2006. She is a project research associate at the Financial Accounting Standards Board in Norwalk, Conn. The family lives in Fairfield, Conn.

**Kristen (Terninko) Buch '97 (CANR)** and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of a son, Todd Henry, on October 8, 2005. The family lives in Ashford, Conn.

**Amy (Curley) Doherty '97 (BUS)** and **J.J. Doherty '97 (BUS)** announce the birth of a son, Jack Robert, on July 1, 2005.

**Barbara Johnson '97 Ph.D.** completed master gardener training sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service at South Dakota State University. She was also elected as a delegate to the 2006 state Democratic convention.

**Jake Laban '97 (BUS)**, an assistant deep sea welder for Valero Oil Co., completed an assignment in the Gulf of Mexico repairing oil rigs damaged by Hurricane Katrina. He lives in Costa Mesa, Calif.

**Ronald Lambert '97 (SFA)** is a visiting assistant professor in the School of Art & Design at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y.

**Beth (Graham) Lamy '97 (ENG)** and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey Graham, on June 16, 2005, who joins a brother, Ryan David, 3. The family lives in Fayetteville, N.C.

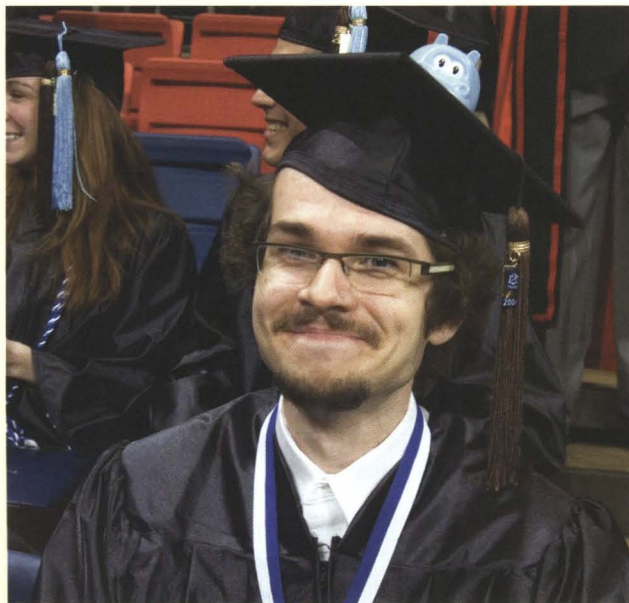
**Felicia (Piscitelli) Liebler '97 (CLAS)**, '99 M.A. and **William Warren Liebler, III '97 (CLAS)**, '00 M.B.A. announce the birth of a son, William Warren Liebler, IV, on July 26, 2006.

**Sal Lombardi '97 (BUS)** is the vice president of financial planning and analysis for Affinion Group in Norwalk, Conn. He lives in Monroe, Conn., with his wife, **Alison (DiGiovanni) Lombardi '99 (CLAS)**, and their daughter, Marianna, 2.

**Jill (Huntington) Mazzalupo '97 (CLAS)** and her husband, Marc, announce the birth of a son, Matthew, on March 13, 2006, who joins a brother, James, 2. Jill is a third-grade teacher in Montville, Conn. The family lives in Old Lyme, Conn.

## SCULPTING A CAREER IN METAL

**Jeremi Bigosinski (SFA) '06** is on a Fulbright Grant in Poland studying metal sculpture at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. A native of Poland, he grew up in the United States, he hopes to emulate his ancestor, Aleksander Kokular, a painter of the Royal Court in Warsaw and co-founder of the School of Fine Arts there in 1844.



Dottie Harvey



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**Alyse (Colombo) Moore '97 (CLAS)** and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of a daughter, Lily Alessandra, on June 13, 2006. The family lives in White Plains, N.Y.

**Kevin Taylor '97 M.B.A.** is the director of the Master of Business Administration program at Quinnipiac University.

**Jennifer Grannis '98 (ED), '99 M.A.** and Martin Garcia were married in June 2006. She is a special education teacher at Booth Hill School in Trumbull, Conn. The couple lives in Hamden, Conn.

**Aimee Gross '98 (SFS)** is a nanny in Cos Cob, Conn.

**Vicki (Yanosy) Hintz '98 (BUS)** and **Michael Hintz '97 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Joyce, on May 3, 2006. Carolyn joins her brother, A.J., 2.

**Curt Leng '98 (CLAS)** operates a consulting firm, Curt Leng & Associates, LLC, that focuses on grant writing, economy and community development and political consulting.

**Jennifer (Skillen) Megna '98 (PHR)** and her husband, Damian, announce the birth of a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, on May 11, 2005. The family lives in Framingham, Mass.

**Melissa (Ross) Silberberg '98 (ED), '99 M.A.** and **Matthew Silberberg '97 (SAH)** announce the birth of a son, Ryan Matthew, on May 5, 2006, who joins a sister, Sarah Rose. The family lives in Manchester, Conn.

**Kimberly (Bundock) Ambrosio '99** and **Ken Ambrosio '99 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a son, Nicholas John, on April 28, 2006. Ken is a sales specialist

at Factset Research Systems in Norwalk, Conn., and Kimberly is an elementary school teacher in Westport, Conn. The family lives in Trumbull, Conn.

**Don Anderson '99 (BUS)** and **Sara (Swanson) Anderson '01 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a daughter, Alison Brooke, on March 27, 2005. Don is a technology manager for the Federal Reserve System. The family lives in Stow, Mass.

**Lisbeth Dizney '99 (ED)** announces her engagement to Jeffrey Kurjiaka, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. A June 2007 wedding is planned.

**Melissa Moore '99 (CLAS)** graduated from Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in May 2006. She is a veterinarian at Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services in Glastonbury, Conn.

**Melissa (Koerner) Reeve '99 (SFS)** and **Jason Reeve '97 (ENG)** announce the birth of a son, Cooper Theodor, on June 24, 2006.

**Christine (McCann) Rich '99 (ED)** and **William Rich '01 (BGS)** announce the birth of a son, Owen William, on July 31, 2006. The family lives in Wallingford, Conn.

## 2000s

**Shelly (Seney) Blanchette '00 (SFS)** and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of a son, Caden Ray, in Feb. 2006.

**Courtney Gaine '00 (SAH), '05 Ph.D.** is an assistant professor of nutrition and exercise science at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

**Kathryn Mazzarella '00 (SFS)** graduated with a master's of education from DePaul University in Chicago, Ill., in June 2006. She is teaching second grade in the Chicago suburbs.

**Andrew Miller '00 (BUS)** and his wife, Rita, announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Isabella, on July 5, 2006. Andrew is the director of subadvisory relationships for Ivy Funds. The family lives in Overland Park, Kan.

**Kelly (O'Connor) Pergola '00 (ED)** and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of a son, John, on May 15, 2006. The family lives in Torrington, Conn.

**Shannon (Cholewa) Stevenson '00 (SFA, ED)** and her husband, **Brian Stevenson '01 (SFA, ED)**, announce the birth of twin girls, Amelia and Emma, on Dec. 3, 2005.

**Sara (Tapke) Varga '00 (ED), '01 M.A.** and **Stephen Varga '96 (CLAS)** announce the birth of a son, Matthew Kenneth, on April 18, 2006. The family lives in Ellington, Conn.

**Sarah (Griffin) Casper '01 (SFS)** and **Christopher Casper '00 (BUS)** were married in July 2006. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist with a private practice in West Hartford, Conn. He is an accountant.

**Luz Marciano '01 M.S.W.** is the permanency planning supervisor at the Department of Social Services in Springfield, Mass. Luz completed a post master's program at Springfield School of Social Work in advance practice with children and adolescents in May 2005.

**Mary (Wattick) Palmer '01 (NUR)** and **Ron Palmer, Jr. '00 (CANR)** announce the birth of a daughter, Casey Margaret, in June 2006. The family lives in Mansfield, Conn.

**James O'Malley '01 (CLAS)** and his wife, Meredith, announce the birth of twin boys, Jack and Max, on March 8, 2006.

**Christine Archambeault '02 (CLAS)** and **Alexander Edgar '01 (BUS)** were married in June 2006. The couple lives in Middletown, Conn.

**Melanie (Brooks) Brennan '02 (CANR)** graduated in May 2006 in the top 5 percent of her class from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

**Rachel (Barker) Buck '02 (ED)** and **Christopher Buck '02 (BUS)** announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah May, on April 6, 2006.

**Valeri Melekhov '02 M.B.A.** is the director of business development at Rhodes technologies in Coventry, R.I.

**Amy (Phillips) Alderton '02 Ph.D.** is a senior food scientist in new product development for Subway.



**Heather Bliss '03 (SFS)** is the head women's lacrosse coach at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.

**Kevin Chamberlin '03 Pharm.D.** and **Annik (Carrier) Chamberlin '04 Pharm.D.** announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Ann, on June 10, 2006.

**Robert Dickman '03 (BGS)** became board certified in medical practice management by the American College of Medical Practice Executives.

**Hope Dzurovcik '03 (BUS)** will marry Christopher Alfieri in October 2006. She is an international reporting and consolidations accountant for Schering-Plough.

**Elizabeth Knowlton '03 (SAH)** received her doctorate in physical therapy from Franklin Pierce College in May 2006. Elizabeth lives in McAllen, Texas, where she works at Milestones Therapeutic Associates.

**Laura Krenicki '03 (ED)**, a middle school teacher in Colchester, Conn., was awarded a five-week field study with the National Endowment for the Humanities to research



"Mozart's Worlds" during June and July 2006. She is one of 30 teachers who studied in Vienna, Austria, during Mozart's 250th birthday year.

**Andrea Lichatz '03 (SFS)** married **Daniel Dziadul '06 (BGS)** in July 2006. The couple lives in East Windsor, Conn.

**Sarah Mulligan '03 (SFS)** married Evan Stuart in March 2006. She is a pre-school program manager at Next Generation Children's Center in Westborough, Mass.

**Dave Oleksiw '03 (BUS)** is the information technology technician for Luralton Hall in Milford, Conn., where he is also the golf coach. He was named Golf Coach of the Year by the *New Haven Register*.

**Renee (Christopher) Deemy '04 (SFS)** and **Gregory Deemy '04 (CLAS)** were married in April 2005. Renee works in the human resources department for Federated Logistics & Operations in Cheshire, Conn. Greg is a closer II for CitiMortgage in Milford, Conn. The couple lives in Waterbury, Conn.

**Brendan Fahey '04 (ED)** completed a master's degree in athletic administration from Marshall University.

**Brendan Falvey '04 J.D.** married Lindsay Elliman in June 2006. He is the coordinator of sponsorship sales and consulting for Team Services LLC, a sports marketing agency in Rockville, Md. The couple lives in Rockville, Md.

**Adam Kaprove '04 (ENG)** and **Sarah Belanger '03 (PHR), '05 Pharm.D.** were married in Sept. 2006. Adam is an innovation architect for St. Paul Travelers Insurance in Hartford, Conn. Sarah is a staff pharmacist for Rite Aid in Plainville, Conn. The couple lives in South Windsor, Conn.

**Lukas Kowolik '04 (CLAS)** is an English as a second language teacher in the Bronx, N.Y., as part of the New York City Teaching Fellows.

**Lauren (Nadro) Forker '04 (ED), '05 M.A.** married Jon Forker in July 2006. The couple lives in Stamford, Conn.

**Daniela Maron '04 (BUS)** earned the designation of Certified Fraud Examiner and was promoted to audit senior at the public accounting firm of Haggett Longobardi, LLC in Glastonbury, Conn. She is engaged to Monte Nussbaumer.



**Natalia Smirnova '04 Ph.D.** participated in the teacher training workshop at the New York Stock Exchange in August 2006.



**Daniel Reyes '05 (CLAS)** is a technical editor for United Space Alliance, which handles all NASA space shuttle operations. He lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife, Julia, and his son, David.

**Michele Strutz '05 M.A.** was accepted into the doctoral program of educational studies at Purdue University in the fall of 2005 and was selected as the recipient of the prestigious Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship.

**Michael Tosca Jr. '06 (CLAS)** is attending the University of California at Irvine on a full scholarship to study Earth systems science.

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and **Tina Modzelewski**

## 125th ANNIVERSARY

# Crossword



A crossword puzzle contest was held for students with clues based on UConn's 125th Anniversary celebration. Teams of three students per group competed online under a 30-minute time limit for prizes of \$125 per team member. The winning team of senior engineering students included Michael Cahill, Paul Ryvkin and Christopher Shores. See answers on page 10.

### Across

1. First professional athletics director E.O.
6. It might do this in Storrs in April
10. Most students will work for this or cash
14. Letters preceding a cyber-opinion
18. USN bigwigs
22. Baseball's Nomo
23. To \_\_\_\_ his own
24. Natural emollient
25. Words of woe
26. Pay stub fig.
27. Anniversary flavor
29. Knock senseless
30. "\_\_\_\_ my lips!"
31. Freitas Arena shape
32. \_\_\_\_ Place (swank digs in NYC)
33. Ms. Lenya
35. Puts up
37. Green Bay Packer QB Favre
38. Gym iteration
40. \_\_\_\_ capita income
41. Poet Stephen Vincent \_\_\_\_
42. What students need money for
43. Execs., collectively
46. Super blooper
48. At first, say
51. Israel's Olmert
53. Tree exudation
56. Indy racer Luyendyk
58. NFL analyst Collinsworth
59. Cash holder
60. "Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
61. Prefix meaning "trillionth"
62. Rub his nose for luck
64. UConn's first arborist, Albert Gurdon \_\_\_\_
67. Article of property
69. Up to one's ears
70. North Sea feeder
72. Letters on a baseball scoreboard
73. Ready for business
75. "Because \_\_\_\_!" (parental rationalization)
76. Prefix with marketing
78. Caber tosser
80. Stats for Tyson
81. Holds title to
83. Passbook abbr.
86. Curtain holder
87. With 147-Across, uniform of the completed (and proud)
88. Long, long time
89. Education benefactor Ray

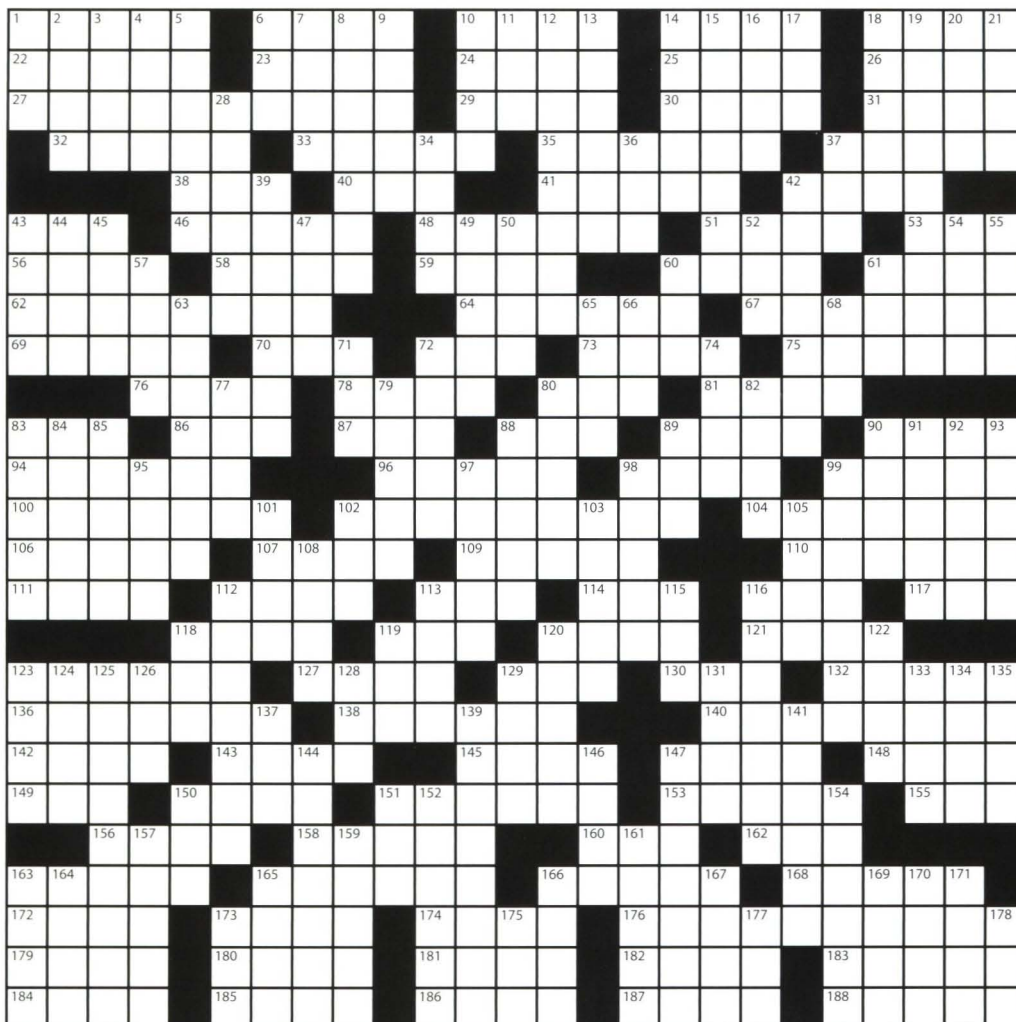
90. \_\_\_\_ Hari
94. Adman's come-on
96. R&B singer Bryson
98. Beach scavenger
99. French-speaking African nation
100. UConn athletes
102. Albert \_\_\_\_ Auditorium, named for longest-serving UConn president
104. Daily Campus predecessor, the \_\_\_\_
106. "The results \_\_\_\_!"
107. Husky talk letters
109. Illegal torching
110. Brothers who gave a gift of 170 acres and \$5K
111. Unsupervised novel
112. Garden intruder
113. Indy 500 locale
114. "Ben-Hur" Author Wallace
116. Student Support Services: Abbr.
117. Cracker Jack bonus
118. Ellington's "Take \_\_\_\_ Train"
119. Size of annual ice cream sundae
120. Just O.K.
121. Air-conditioned
123. Kosygin of the U.S.S.R.
127. Poi source
129. Suffix with robot
130. Subject of protests
132. Chef DiSpirito
136. Mice, squirrels, etc.
138. Teatro alla Scala city
140. Where students profile themselves
142. Outback avians
143. Like a buttinsky
145. Sci-fi sightings
147. See 87-Across
148. Letters near "O" on a phone
149. "Lost" network
150. Hand over
151. Barber-chair dangles
153. Hemispherical home
155. Tooth care org.
156. Crow's-nest cry
158. Pie chart lines
160. ATM-making co.
162. Orch. section
163. Actor Sean or John
165. After-homework period, maybe
166. Stage whisper
168. Made simpler
172. Not of the clergy
173. Propeller sound
174. Campus VIP



176. Football home field  
 179. Run \_\_\_\_\_ (go wild)  
 180. Chickpeas  
 181. Give off  
 182. Prefix meaning "cold"  
 183. French textiles city  
 184. D.C. 100: Abbr.  
 185. Pager signal  
 186. X-ray dosages  
 187. "Pronto!" on a memo  
 188. Impersonal communication

### Down

1. Moo \_\_\_\_\_ pork  
 2. Easily split mineral  
 3. Altar assents  
 4. Jamboree setup  
 5. You need 1380 for invitation to join  
 6. Get a gander of  
 7. The Mets' league: Abbr.  
 8. Critter with an ink sac  
 9. See 50-Down  
 10. Lose strength  
 11. Suffix with scam or schnozz  
 12. Huskies' dirty game  
 13. Some tractors  
 14. Element in Marx Brothers films  
 15. First Dean of the Graduate School, Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. "\_\_\_\_\_ corny as Kansas in August ..."  
 17. Tied the knot  
 18. Previously, in poetry  
 19. Uniformity is bland—celebrate \_\_\_\_\_  
 20. Tough exam for docs  
 21. Bagel topping  
 28. Language spoken in Gabon  
 34. Equestrian pace  
 36. Suffix with butyl  
 37. Pickup truck feature  
 39. Celebrated St. Patrick's Day, perhaps  
 42. Friction-reducing liner  
 43. "The Naked \_\_\_\_\_" (Goya work)  
 44. Shoot up  
 45. Rocker Turner  
 47. Larry of the Three Stooges  
 49. SUBOG-sponsored activity, Late \_\_\_\_\_  
 50. With 9-Down, these colors are true  
 52. Ad \_\_\_\_\_ committee  
 54. Where freshmen who need direction go  
 55. Team with numerous championships  
 57. Big \_\_\_\_\_, a league of our own  
 60. Needle feature  
 61. School org.  
 63. Legalese adverb  
 65. Bird on a Canadian dollar  
 66. Mini-albums, for short  
 68. Balaam's beast  
 71. Upper-left key  
 72. Pioneer of survey research



74. Carolers' song  
 77. Tribal tales  
 79. Guitarists' gadgets  
 80. First president of S.A.C., Benjamin Franklin \_\_\_\_\_  
 82. Handball need  
 83. "\_\_\_\_\_ to Be You"  
 84. Prefix with transmitter or surgery  
 85. Perp subduer  
 88. Thumb-turning critic  
 89. One with a habit  
 90. Powerful shark  
 91. Scuttle, at Canaveral  
 92. Rhode Island's \_\_\_\_\_ Synagogue, the oldest in the U.S.  
 93. Prone to fidgeting  
 95. Dieter's milk choice  
 97. From the top  
 98. They determine our look, health, and abilities  
 99. Lost one's temper  
 101. \_\_\_\_\_ 'Pea ("Popeye" kid)  
 102. "Oklahoma!" baddie  
 103. Music students' spotlights  
 105. \_\_\_\_\_ buco (veal dish)  
 108. Key to thermal dynamics  
 112. First university librarian,

- serving 34 years; Edwina \_\_\_\_\_  
 113. Natatorium feature  
 115. How community feels about the first week of school  
 116. Writes in chicken-scratch  
 118. Taps hour  
 119. Hartford, Waterbury and Torrington constitute the \_\_\_\_\_ Campus  
 120. You can't have just one from the Dairy Bar  
 122. Wily player, like her namesake  
 123. Surface calculation  
 124. Bausch & \_\_\_\_\_ (lens maker)  
 125. UConn's three-part mission: \_\_\_\_\_, Research & Service  
 126. Signs like an illiterate  
 128. Holy cow! She's not original  
 129. What Lodewick Visitors Center provides to guests  
 131. In \_\_\_\_\_ (clueless)  
 133. Club in a Manilow hit  
 134. Housing men and women together  
 135. Gumbo veggie  
 137. Groundskeeper's buy  
 139. Geno, who coaches women

- to victory  
 141. \$100 bills, slangily  
 144. UConn contributes to state through \_\_\_\_\_  
 146. Nine-digit IDs  
 147. Bridge supports  
 150. Swindle  
 151. "Star Wars" initials  
 152. Lumberjack's cry  
 154. Delphic prophet  
 157. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, who started UConn's only 2-year program  
 159. "Take \_\_\_\_\_ down memory lane"  
 161. Roughly, date-wise  
 163. "Woe is me!"  
 164. Bar order, with "the"  
 165. Quaker's pronoun  
 166. "Hamlet" has five  
 167. One-named Irish New Ager  
 169. Leveling wedge  
 170. Fitzgerald of scat  
 171. Cold cuts purveyor  
 173. One-Stop Shopping facility  
 175. Suffix with fact or planet  
 177. Dreidel, e.g.  
 178. Fam. member



## Memorable Moments

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I can still remember thinking, "What am I doing here?" during my first semester in the political science graduate program, sitting in a U.S. diplomatic history class taught by Prof. J. Garry Clifford. I felt too young, too intimidated to compete with the other grad students. Luckily, Prof. Clifford was approachable and encouraging. And he even liked my writing. Thanks to him and another young faculty member, Susan Koch, I became more confident and more outspoken. And I learned something about politics and about myself.

**Stuart Rothenberg, '76 Ph.D.**

My most memorable moment at UConn was my commissioning day as a second lieutenant from the UConn ROTC program, which also was graduation day, May 16, 1976. My father and mother, now both deceased, were there to pin the 2nd Lt. bars on my shoulders and I was very proud to be able to serve my country. I retired from the U.S. Air Force on June 1, 2006, after 30 years of service. I tried to have the mandatory retirement date extended, but that proved to be harder than graduating from UConn.

**Col. Robert F. Ravelo '76 (CLAS)**

When I was a senior living in Eddy Hall, I always wondered if Willard Eddy, for whom the building was named, was still alive. I found out that he was and contacted him. To my surprise, he and his wife had never stepped foot into Eddy Hall. I invited him back to meet the students, and hundreds of students showed. The Alumni Association sponsored a dinner in his honor, and a portrait was made. Mr. Eddy and I remained friends until his death.

**Leslie Savitsky Wolfson '82 (CLAS)**

In February, 1982, I was a junior on the men's track and field team and we were about to leave to compete in the college New Englands at Boston University. I was late, and the van actually came to Belden Hall to pick me up. The first thing Coach Bill Kelleher said to me as I got into the van was, "If I didn't know you were going to qualify for Division 1 nationals today,

I would have left you." I went on to win that day and qualified for Nationals in Detroit. I learned a valuable lesson that day—be on time and listen to your coaches.

**Steven R. Keyes '83 (SFS)**



In the 1980s, I lived in Merritt, one of the smallest dorms in South Campus. We were very close...like family. Each year, just before winter break, we would have a "Special Dinner." Everyone got all dressed up for the occasion. When we entered the cafeteria, the tables were set up for a banquet with tablecloths and candlelight. The special menu included dishes such as Alaskan king crab legs, New York sirloin, and green beans almondine. Fancy desserts followed. No one missed dinner on that night. It was like going out to dinner in your dorm. The food was great, but the best part of it was being together with our Merritt "family."

**Lisa (Bottone) Goggi '88 ED**

The most memorable experience at UConn for me was the first time I ate in the cafeteria in the Jungle and realized you could have ice cream for dessert at every meal! For me, a freshman and away from my parents for the first time, that was memorable!

**Cheryl A. (Makara) Whipple, '89, '97**

The memory that stands out the most is watching the UConn-Clemson game in a crowded New Haven Hall dorm room in the Jungle. When Tate George hit the shot, you could hear the collective roar, not just from the room, but from across campus. The spontaneous pep rally and bonfire that ensued in the Jungle quad was the students' capstone to the Dream Season.

**Andrew Slitt '92 (CLAS)**

As a master's student at the School of Social Work, I was fortunate to have a field placement with Save the Children. My first winter break was spent in the Philippines, conducting an early childhood development-related program review. It opened my eyes in a new way to the opportunities and challenges of the developing world, to the economic and other inequities at home and abroad, and to cross-cultural partnerships and communication.

**Lara Herscovitch '95 M.S.W.**

My most memorable moment was the opportunity to know Birgit Berry, the former M.B.A. director of UConn's Stamford campus. She was a great educator with passion, intelligence, and care. Under her guidance, I felt at ease right away even though I was a rare case of being a full time international student on the Stamford campus. I completed the M.B.A. program with good results, and we have stayed in touch ever since.

**Jyh-An, Lin '03 M.B.A.**

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## An enduring memorable moment

**O**n Dec. 1, 1969, my fate and the fate of all American males who had reached the age of majority, had been drawn from a glass canister filled with 366 blue capsules at Selective Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. Based on my birthday, my lottery number was 288, which meant my being drafted and going to Vietnam was unlikely. My roommate, born one day later, was number 5. He would be one of the first called to serve.

The following spring, I attended a Black Panthers meeting at Jorgensen Auditorium and a protest rally on the quad behind the Student Union. A thousand or more of us were protesting racial and class injustice, Nixon's incursion into Cambodia and the National Guard's killing of four American students at Kent State University. Middle-aged men in ties and sports jackets—the FBI, everyone said—wandered through the crowd taking pictures. At rally's end, we marched from the quad to the ROTC hangar, where the most radical among us painted the walls with flowers and butterflies. Having declared the building a daycare center for children of the poor rather than a tool of the military-industrial complex, UConn students had decided to redecorate.

My father answered the phone when I called home to tell my parents I was on strike. "The hell you are!" he yelled. "Get to class!" But Nixon and Dad were interchangeable

that season. I boycotted my classes and exams in favor of the administration-sanctioned pass-fail option. At 19, I was on board for the student revolution and blind to its excesses. The world was broken and I thought we could fix it.

Two years later, I graduated and became a high school teacher—a member of the establishment myself, albeit one in turtlenecks, bell-bottoms and hair that touched my shoulders. I taught teenagers for 25 years, went bald, wrote a few novels, and did a stint as a UConn professor. These days, I teach writing to inmates at Connecticut's maximum-security prison for women. My students teach me, too, about the uses and abuses of power and the reasons why the justice system needs fixing.

In the spring of 1970, a sociopolitical earthquake rocked the country. Its epicenter was Washington D.C., but the shock waves were felt in Storrs. While I was a UConn student, the political became personal. From those days to these, I have held fast to my convictions that the socioeconomic status quo is unacceptable, that war solves nothing and that the world is in dire need of fixing. I remain an unswerving, unapologetic liberal.  
—Wally Lamb '72 (CLAS), '77 M.A.

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