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## It was memorable day as 1,200 get degrees

**S**ome 1,200 graduates received their degrees at the University of Bridgeport's 97th Commencement on May 12 at the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport. For each graduate, it was a day to celebrate personal achievements and to share that pleasure with family and friends.

It was a day when Henry Song of Queens, N.Y. made history. The 22-year-old and Hyun Kyu Seo, 26, of South Korea, became the first students in America to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree as martial arts majors.

It was a homecoming for Nicholas A. Panuzio '57 who returned to campus to celebrate his 50th reunion. This time, he stood on the podium not to receive his bachelor's degree but to give the keynote address and to accept an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

It was a similar homecoming for Mrs. Henry B. duPont III, who was honored with the Colin "Ben" Gunn Award for Distinguished Service in Philanthropy.

And there was some special excitement for President Neil Albert Salonen and his wife Rebecca. The president had the honor of presenting one of those diplomas, a Bachelor of Science degree, to their son David.

Panuzio, a former UB administrator, a former mayor of Bridgeport, a leading and powerful consultant in the Washington, D.C. political circles, a University Trustee and chairman of the 50th alumni reunion of the Class of 1957, was the principal speaker. Bridgeport Mayor John M. Frabrizi welcomed the graduates, and former Bridgeport Mayor Leonard Paoletta attended the ceremony



**Nicholas A. Panuzio, left, displays his honorary degree at the ceremony, with President Neil Albert Salonen, left, and Thomas Oates, vice president for administration and finance, center.**

and the luncheon that followed.

Panuzio joined his fellow Golden Knights on stage and recounted the challenges he and his graduating class faced on their commencement day in 1957: finding jobs, the unpopular war in Korea, the cold war with the Soviet Union and nuclear weapons. He said that these ordeals seemed insurmountable at the time, but, that in looking back, his generation handled the issues as best they could

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**Event volunteers Derrick Brown, Anna Zahova and Stephanie Solano Marzan celebrate the end of the spring semester at a luau for the UB students at the President's house, Waldemere.**



**President Neil Albert Salonen wishes Men's Soccer Coach Brian Quinn success on the new artificial grass soccer field in the heart of the campus. At right is Larry Orman, the UB administrator who directed the construction of the field.**





Neil Albert Salonen

## From the President...

As each academic year ends, we naturally take stock of our accomplishments and make plans for the future. At Commencement in May and the Annual Distinguished Alumni dinner in June, there was a sense of real excitement among participants as the growing rejuvenation of the

University becomes so visible.

People sometimes ask me what the “secret” of our success is. The truth, as is so often the case, is actually quite simple: For a community to grow and be successful, all parts must pull together toward the same goal. When societies or institutions run into difficulty, it is always obvious — although sometimes only in retrospect — that the energy of the community was being dissipated by conflict among the very groups that needed each other to succeed. Because UB’s success is the fruit of the whole community’s efforts, I thought it was time to express my gratitude for what we have been able to do together.

Certainly foremost in my mind is our faculty. The essence of a university is its faculty and students. Recently I attended an alumni meeting in Japan and talked with several successful businessmen who had graduated from UB in the 1980s. Their love for the University was obvious. Their warm memories of their time here centered totally on their professors and classmates — in this case, in the Business School. They had no idea who the President of the University or the Mayor of Bridgeport had been at the time they attended classes here, but they clearly remembered their teachers! The lives of these alumni had been forever changed by the very close guidance and inspiration they received from their professors. That is characteristic of all vital universities. I see it at UB in our design programs, as professors spend time teaching and mentoring each student entering a competition, helping them win prizes. (I have seen this at very close hand over the past few years; our son graduated in May from the Industrial Design program.) The same is true of the Business School and the Engineering School, where our students’ achievements come with the close cooperation of their professors. Our International College students’ success at the Model UN this year could only have happened with the encouragement of dedicated faculty members. The moments of success and personal reward our alumni remember are very often linked to a great teacher.

The faculty, however, needs administrative support staff in order to do their work. This year, I have seen the hard-working staff in the Admissions Office working closely with the faculty to bring in the most qualified future students. The Student Services group, this year with full-time residence hall directors, has had a dramatic impact on the life of our students. Our partner staffs in Food Service and Buildings and Grounds not only rise to every challenge, but they continue to make progress in enhancing the quality of life here on campus.

We also are indebted to those local businesses, public officials, and individuals who have understood our vision and responded to the needs of the University. Trustee Mrs. Henry B. duPont III provided the means for renovating our premier public space, the duPont Tower Room, and other trustees worked simultaneously to reach the governor and other state officials to secure a total of \$1 million in grants for the construction of the new Fones Dental Hygiene clinic. City officials also cooperated with us by agreeing to close and abandon public roads so that we could construct a world-class athletic field on campus. These individuals were willing to work with us because of their recognition that the University is a powerful asset to the city and the region.

Finally, I want to thank each of you, alumni and friends, who have each year increased your participation in financial support of our programs and in many other ways. No one will ever feel as much pride in a university as those to whom the institution “gave birth” — the alumni. You are, after all, our only product and the only reason for our existence.

## State grant renewed for UB’s ConnCAP

UB has been awarded a new ConnCAP grant that will run through 2011. Christine Hempowicz, Director of Grants, was notified in the spring that the application for continued funding was approved. Annual grants amount to about \$120,000 a year.

The acronym stands for Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation Program. It is a pre-engineering tutoring and teaching service for some 60 Bridgeport public school students, Grades 6 through 12, two-thirds of whom are both from low income and first generation families, and one-third of whom are either low income or first generation.

The goal of ConnCAP is to increase the number of low-income and first generation public school students attending college.

It provides classes and tutoring on Saturdays through the school year, and during a daily six-week summer program. The program operates on Saturdays during the academic year and through a six-week intensive summer program. Asaad Samaan, Ph.D., has served as UB’s ConnCAP Program director since 1999.

## UB providing free bus passes for students

The University of Bridgeport, through a special trial arrangement with the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority, is providing its full time undergraduate and graduate students with bus passes that allow unlimited rides.

A similar pass is being offered to faculty, staff and part-time students at greatly reduced rates.

The service was formally kicked off on March 19 by UB President Neil Albert Salonen and Ronald Kilcoyne, CEO of the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority.

In the first week, students used the passes for more than 2,000 rides on the GBTA bus lines.

Passes will give students free rides on all GBTA routes - from the UB campus to downtown, to the Trumbull or Milford malls, to the Dock Shopping Center, to the movie theaters and anywhere the buses go, and back. The student passes are good seven days a week and for an unlimited number of rides.



Ronald Kilcoyne, CEO of the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority, and President Neil Albert Salonen shake hands on the bus pass arrangement, with Thomas Oates, center, vice president for administration and finance, who arranged the passes, looks on.

“We see this as an important service to our students, many of whom do not have cars. And even for those who do, it’s a way to practice conservation at a time when global warming, pollution, and oil and gasoline prices are of concern. It’s part of the University’s continuing efforts to go green,” Salonen said.

Kilcoyne said the arrangement provides a way for students to be introduced to the transit services, their values and economies. “The GBTA buses can get you most anywhere, and they’re on regular schedules, convenient to almost anyone who needs transportation through the day and into the late evening,” he said.

There are already bus runs that serve the east and west sides of campus, so buses are convenient and accessible to UB students. UB also operates a campus shuttle that covers the campus and the downtown Bridgeport Transportation Center. The arrangement with GBTA means its buses will now replace the shuttle runs to Wal-Mart and the Milford and Trumbull malls.

UB students are being issued these bus passes through the campus security office between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The reduced rate passes offered to UB faculty, staff and part-time students are available in the cashier’s office, in the Bursar’s Office and in Wahlstrom Library from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GBTA schedules are available at Campus Security, the Student Center Information Desk or online at [www.gbtabus.com](http://www.gbtabus.com).

## Accentuating the positive



The UB counseling and design programs had students address the facts of alcoholism in a poster competition. A national CORE survey shows that UB students use alcohol or drugs less than other college students in New England.

Poster by UB Graphic Arts student, Audra Christoloni



Students at the Tuba City Boarding School on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona give their greetings to UB students who were concluding their week's work as volunteers at the school in March.

## UB students spend spring break as tutors at Navajo reservation school

**T**en University of Bridgeport students spent their spring break doing community service at the Navajo Nation in northern Arizona. They were volunteers in the Tuba City Boarding School from March 10 through 17, taking on many assignments, among them tutoring children in classes ranging from pre-kindergarten through grade 8.

"It was a life-changing experience," said Lisa Slade, a graduate student in community counseling, who was part of the UB team, and who lives in Bridgeport. "We tutored children and assisted in classrooms. The children embraced us and gave us memories we will never forget."

Slade and fellow Bridgeport student David Valle, a senior majoring in graphic design, are collecting funds and school materials to continue their support of the students.

The UB students went as *Norge W. Jerome Service Scholars*. UB Trustee Norge Winifred Jerome, professor emerita of preventive medicine and public health at the University of Kansas, personally funded the program.

Dr. Jerome believes that every citizen has a responsibility to commit some time to public service; this is the second year that she has supported such an experience. In March of 2006, a delegation of 9 students and 2 staff traveled to Alabama, Mississippi and New Orleans to assist in the reconstruction projects under way after Hurricane Katrina left destruction and flooding in her wake.

"All of us who can ought to give back something to our society and community," Dr. Jerome said. "Students may not have money to give, but



UB students who spent their spring break in northern Arizona, working as volunteers in a Navajo Nation boarding school. They are, seated, from left: sophomore Ying Duan from Hunin, China; Director of Community Service and Student Programming Edina Oestreicher; Residence Hall Director Chermele Gordon from Bridgeport, and sophomore Monica Geneva from Lovech, Bulgaria. Standing, from left: junior Eliana Oliva of Brentwood, N.Y.; senior Andrea Neal of Somerset, Ky.; senior Giovanni Scaringi of Nanuet, N.Y.; senior Heather Weber of Pemberton, N.J.; sophomore Rui Huang of Mianyang, China; senior David Valle of Bridgeport; graduate student Lisa Slade of Bridgeport, and graduate student Prasanjit Chaudhuri of Mumbai, India.

they have the energy and enthusiasm to volunteer. And they can have an impact. I want these students to see how vast the need and the opportunities for volunteers are and to be an example for other UB students to do the same."

The students were selected from a group of 23 candidates. They had to complete a six-essay application and were interviewed by a scholars' committee before the final decisions were made.

The students came from as near as Bridgeport and as far as China, India and Bulgaria. Besides Slade and Valle, the other scholars are: seniors Andrea Neal from Somerset, Ky., Giovanni Scaringi from Nanuet, N.Y., and Heather Weber from Pemberton, N.J.; junior Eliana Oliva of Brentwood, N.Y.; sophomores Ying Duan of Hunin, China, Rui Huang of Mianyang, China and Monica Geneva of Lovech, Bulgaria; and graduate student Prasanjit Chaudhuri of Mumbai, India.

The UB delegation was accompanied by Director of Student Programming and Community Services Edina R. Oestreicher. The program was organized by Amizade, an international service-learning organization for students that is based in Pittsburgh.

The team flew to Phoenix and then made the four-hour drive to Tuba City. Their week-long stay included a one-day sightseeing trip to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

## Fones salutes top students, awards pins to graduates

**T**he 57th annual Fones School of Dental Hygiene Pinning and Awards Ceremony was held in the Arts and Humanities Building, Littlefield Recital Hall, on May 11, 2007. Graduating students from the Fones School were gathered to be recognized for their accomplishments and to receive their Fones School Pin.

Natalie Young, president of the Fones Chapter of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association addressed the class acknowledging their efforts over the past two years and the bond that they developed as a class.

Fones students Amauri Barbosa, Jennifer Breton, and Young presented a moving musical rendition of "I Hope You Dance."

Highlights of the event include the Fones pinning ceremony and the dedication to the

profession of dental hygiene as the class recited the American Dental Hygienists' Association Oath, capturing the heart of the public mission of the profession of dental hygiene.

The following students received special recognition through receipt of awards:

Maria Perdomo, Dean's Award; Amauri Barbosa, Paul P. Liscio Award; Anthony Moran, Clinical Faculty Recognition Award; Kathryn Donisch, Connecticut Dental Hygienists Association Award; Alona Shevchuck, Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award; Sara Grega, Oral B "Excellence in Chairside Education" Award; Kathryn Donisch, Colgate S.T.A.R. Award; Stephanie Oliver, Mabel C. McCarthy Public Health Award; Amy Neussl, Commencement Award, and Amauri Barbosa, Sara Grega, Marie Perdomo and Natalie Young,



Kathryn Donisch receives the Connecticut Dental Hygienists Association Award from CDHA President Celeste Baranowski, RDH. Donisch also received the Colgate S.T.A.R. Award. Mrs. Baranowski is a Fones alumna.

the Sigma Phi Alpha National Dental Hygiene Honor Society.



## Faculty Notes

## Some of the teachers who make the UB experience so unique

The heart of any university is its faculty. It is that special magic when a teacher and student connect, where suddenly the subject matter takes on a real and personal meaning to the student. That's when learning begins and personal motivation is stimulated.

The University of Bridgeport is known for its talented teachers. It has been for years; this has been one of its distinguishing characteristics.

## Eugene R. Zampieron

## Naturopathic Medicine

Eugene R. Zampieron, a licensed Naturopathic physician and senior lecturer in the University's College of Naturopathic Medicine, tells an engaging story of his introduction to naturopathic medicine. During field work in Jamaica while pursuing a master's degree in biology, he fell gravely ill and was healed by a shaman using traditional herbs. This experience prompted a personal conversion in Zampieron and commenced a thread that continues through his subsequent career path. Commitment to natural healing, says Zampieron, extends to his lifelong interest in the natural world, herbs, and gardening. Zampieron believes that natural healing methods hold the key to preventing occurrence of many chronic illnesses. His research program unifies these values and includes work in ethnobotany.

Zampieron earned a B.S. in Biological and Marine Sciences from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. In 1990, he completed the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.D.) degree at Bastyr University. Zampieron has significant professional accomplishments. He has published widely in the areas of natural medicine and natural healing. Among his books are *The Alternative Medicine, Definitive Guide to Arthritis, The Natural Medicine Chest, and Cycles of Life, Herbs for Women*, co-authored with Ellen Kamhi. This summer, Zampieron is working on an *Idiot's Guide to Natural Medicine*.

Known professionally as "Dr. Z," Zampieron also runs a private practice in

Woodbury, Conn., where he specializes in the care of patients with autoimmune disorders, chronic illnesses, and "very challenging health cases." His care stresses "quality, detail-oriented time with patients." In addition, he hosts a radio program entitled "Natural Alternatives" on FM 90.1, and "The Natural House Call," alternating Sunday Mornings on WPKN 89.5 FM in Bridgeport, Conn., which is simulcast online.

Zampieron was a force on campus before joining the faculty. In 1996, he served on an advisory council for then-president Richard Rubenstein to propose founding the College of Naturopathic Medicine at the University of Bridgeport. This appointment gave him the opportunity to contribute to developing a school dedicated to naturopathic medicine in the Northeast, fulfilling a personal vision.

Zampieron's philosophical reflection on naturopathic medicine is far-reaching. "Naturopathic Medicine," he says, "is a political science." He points out that commitment to natural methods of healing, respect for the integrity of the earth, the use of organic foods, and the organismic potency of life commends an altered perspective toward life and social organization. The great naturopathic thinkers, Zampieron says, have all taught variations on this theme. Ecumenical and eclectic by orientation, Zampieron says he finds no conflict with conventional allopathic medicine, which he thinks has an important place in the treatment of medical crises. "Holism includes that as a possibility," says Zampieron, before adding "But there is a clear difference between naturopathic medicine and the so-called 'green allopathic' treatment."

Using the word *dharma* to describe his sense of teaching vocation, Zampieron links teaching to a deep philosophy of life. He finds that teaching is an element of everything he does, whether lecturing to a class, educating his radio audiences, dealing one-on-one with patients, or giving a talk as a professional lecturer. He notes the "diversity and commitment" of the students at the naturopathic college and lauds their commitment to the healing arts. Teaching naturopathic healing, says Zampieron, listens to the call of the Sankofa bird, which knows the "wisdom of the past holds potential to guide us into the future."

Zampieron resides with his wife Kathleen and children Caitlin and Kevin in Woodbury, Conn.



## Kurt Frey

## Psychology

Associate Professor and Chair of Psychology Kurt Frey joined the university faculty in 1998. He moved from a faculty appointment at Yale University after earning a B.A. at Millerville College and his M.S. and Ph.D. at Purdue University. Frey says, "It was the students who drew me to the university, especially their diversity." Noted for excellent teaching and inspiring lectures, Frey was named Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 1999.

Frey specializes in social psychology and personality psychology, although he describes himself as a generalist by orientation. His approach to psychology is thoroughly methodological; he traces his intellectual heritage back to the work of "hard-core experimentalist Wilhelm Wundt, the father of psychology." An intellectual, Frey also describes himself as a "sociobiologically oriented neo-Christian existentialist."

Frey's early research addressed questions of social cognition, and over time his focus has shifted to translating the fruits of social psychology for everyday people. In 2003, Frey and co-authors Robert P. Abelson and Aiden Gregg published

*Experiments With People: Revelations From Social Psychology*. Frey's scholarship aligns well with his approach to teaching psychology. Students consistently comment that he masterfully communicates ideas. In Fall 2007, he will teach a course entitled "*Psychological Blockbusters*" for the University's Honors Program. Students will read empirical journal articles that are profound in import, have counter-intuitive results, and that are relevant to non-psychologists.

Frey's favorite UB moments include the annual International Festival, where he sees manifest the full diversity of the student body. He also finds team-teaching involved in new course development to be an extraordinary opportunity. He has been a major champion of such curricula, having co-taught courses entitled *Perspectives on Human Nature*, "Psychology and Religion," and "The Intellectual Cutting Edge." Frey was instrumental in developing and teaching the University's "First Year Seminar," a program that aims to cultivate scholarly habits of mind among first-year students.

Frey believes that the implications of findings in psychology place it at the interface of other disciplines, rendering it well-suited for multi-disciplinary consideration of key questions facing humanity. Frey likens the University's faculty to a family. "UB is an easy place to socialize, talk, and



form friendships," he says.

Asked about the direction of the University, Frey says he believes that it will continue to be a place where uniqueness is embraced. He sees UB becoming stronger overall and believes that programs which put the University's signature attributes on display will especially thrive.

An avid chess player, Frey often can be found playing a match with students. He also runs and has a "major avocational goal of running 100 miles in 24 hours."

"The last time I did it," he adds, "I only made 80 miles. Somewhere I need to find that extra 20 miles." Frey and his wife Ceilia reside in Cheshire, Conn., with sons Kyle and Lukas.

## Christopher Good

**Chiropractic**

Christopher Good is an associate professor of clinical sciences in the College of Chiropractic. He studied biology at Ursinus College, near Philadelphia, and then began chiropractic studies at Texas Chiropractic College in 1979. There he met Stephen Perle, now one of UB's eminent professors. Looking for a change of scenery — and, so the running joke goes, to flee young Perle's incessant classroom interruptions — Good transferred to Palmer College of Chiropractic to complete the Doctor of Chiropractic degree, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1982.

Good served in private practice for five years in New Jersey before accepting a faculty appointment at the Anglo-European Chiropractic College. During his seven years in England he earned a master's degree in education at the University of Southampton. From there, Good moved to an appointment at New York Chiropractic College and was promoted to full professor five years later. His long-term friendship with Perle helped guide his path to UB. Working first as a visiting professor, he accepted a full-time faculty appointment in fall 2007.

Good's early research focused on the teaching and learning of psychomotor skills pertaining to chiropractic technique. He has published in the areas of spinal biomechanics and management of degenerative joint conditions. His current interests include professional continuing education and risk management issues for practitioners. Good has been invited to join a national panel that will perform a literature review of research on spinal joint lesions (subluxation). His training at Palmer was primarily subluxation-oriented, but his more contemporary broad-based approach benefits UB's program focus on neuromusculoskeletal conditions and treatments.

Good's philosophy of teaching chiropractic centers on the role of chiropractors as physical medicine doctors as well as wellness coaches. By building on the neuromusculoskeletal focus, says Good, chiropractors also can serve as resources for health promotion, involving areas such as nutrition and dietary issues. A part-time home practice on Seneca Lake, N.Y., which included many members from the Amish, Mennonite and farming communities, became the basis for the clinical vignettes he brings to the classroom.



"Practice-based instruction that highlights the breadth of chiropractic care is imperative in the training of modern chiropractic students," notes Good. He currently teaches the second semester "Principles and Practices" course and fifth and sixth semester "Chiropractic Technique" courses.

Dr. Good sees opportunity everywhere he looks at UB. "We're moving in the right direction on so many levels," he says, adding, "This is a good time for curricular transformation and integration of various elements in the learning process."

As a former college soccer and tennis player, he comments favorably on the new multipurpose athletic field being installed adjacent to the college's primary building. "Losing parking spaces and our beloved copper beech tree was a negative," he says, "but the gains are very important."

Good resides in Milford, Conn., where he suffers "a humbling addiction to golf" and enjoys walking his dog Lady and biking along the Long Island Sound, "nor'easters notwithstanding."

## Ausif Mahmood

**Engineering**

Ausif Mahmood, professor of computer science and engineering and electrical engineering, joined the University's School of Engineering as an associate professor in 1995. He arrived from a faculty position at Washington State University, where he also had earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in computer science and engineering. Mahmood earned a B.S. at the University of Lahore in Pakistan.

Mahmood's expertise is in computer architecture, VLSI design, and web applications development. He excels at teaching and was named the University's Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2004. He paints a revealing picture of his teaching style by stating "I believe students would say I am compassionate. I know what their work schedules are like, and that they are very hard working. I make accommodations for them when they need it." He grins before adding, "I also know when to push them."

Mahmood displays a self-effacing demeanor, amiably masking the fact that he is an intellectual powerhouse. His research program focusing on biocomputing spans the intersection between contemporary computer technology and current research questions of protein biochemistry. He is developing an algorithm to predict and visually model the 3D structure of proteins synthesized from a DNA template. He says, "This process has proven to be very, very difficult." The algorithm has not yet been able to determine the shape of proteins "because computationally there are so many possibilities." This research has comprehensive implications for the scientific understanding of life processes.

Mahmood also researches elements of high-performance computer architecture as applied to the design of multi-core CPU processors. Sophisticated CPUs of this sort can engage in symmetrical multiprocessing and compute and extract parallel computations in a given program without relying on a compiler. Such technology renders it possible to run immensely large programs involving vast calculations. The newest technologies in communication,

medicine, biological systems modeling, and a host of other areas require performance-oriented computing power of this sort.

Mahmood has lofty goals for the School of Engineering and the University. He comments about the newly added Ph.D. program in computer science and engineering that "UB already has one of the larger computer science and engineering programs in the country, and the Ph.D. program will make much more possible." He expects that increased funding opportunities with the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health will be made possible.

Mahmood comments with special favor on the University's administration, saying that "everyone, from the dean of the school, to the provost and president, has been most helpful and supportive of our efforts." He adds that "the number and quality of our students and the quality of our new faculty going up." Says the algorithm designer, "Those are good signs."





## John Nicholas

*Geology*

Professor of Geology John Nicholas joined the University faculty in 1970. Nicholas, known affectionately as ‘Doc Rock,’ has served an impressively long term educating students at UB. He earned a B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. at New York University, studying with star teachers who instilled in him a love of the earth and its geological formations.

Widely recognized for his warmth, concern for students, mastery of the subject, and life-changing field trips, Nicholas was named Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 1997. In 2000, the Connecticut Earth Science Teacher’s Association honored him as the Connecticut Earth Science Teacher of the Year.

Nearly all students in non-science undergraduate majors take Nicholas’ *Our Environment: The Earth* to learn college-level science. During his tenure at UB, Nicholas also has taught courses such as *Introduction to Geology* and *Environmental Geology*. For many years Nicholas also taught an exceptionally popular section of the *Capstone Seminar*. Nicholas infuses awareness of the environmental impact of human choices in all of his courses.

Ever self-effacing, Nicholas humbly describes his teaching style as informal and friendly. Students find that he infectiously communicates enthusiasm for his subject. Nicholas says that many of his

favorite moments at UB have been during course-sponsored trips to the Catskills. On these trips, Nicholas says that he often discovers dimensions of students that go unnoticed in the classroom.

Nicholas is a consummate travel-oriented scholar, having made nearly 40 scholarly trips to places including Tahiti, Hawaii, Iceland, South Africa, and the Galapagos Islands. He remembers that during his years at NYU his teachers often referred to their most recent trip to “the coast of Sardinia, or some other exotic locale.” At first, Nicholas was unsure of what to make of their self-reports. Over time, however, he came to understand his teachers’ insistence that “the best geologists are those who have seen the most geology.”

Nicholas’ office shelves contain floor-to-ceiling columns of boxed slides that chronicle his scholarly adventures. He has presented many immensely popular lectures about his travels in talks given to the entire UB community, affording armchair travel opportunities to students and colleagues alike.

When asked about his scholarly travels, Nicholas becomes animated, using words such as “passion” and “transformation.” He recalls teaching about the Grand Canyon before experiencing it firsthand. “One look at the Grand Canyon,” he says, “and I knew I didn’t really know it before. Knowing about it, and knowing it, are two different things.” According to Nicholas, knowing geology prompts personal transformation.

Nicholas describes his colleagues as impressive, generous, and supportive. He finds that the



interdisciplinary atmosphere of the University makes it truly unique. “We aren’t fighting border wars between departments,” he states.

Nicholas’s most enduring university achievements are the relationships he develops with students. Recently, a former student approached Nicholas at the mall, asking, “Doc Rock, do you remember the field trip I went on with you?” Now a surgeon at St. Vincent’s Hospital, the student had studied with Nicholas in the 1980s. The annual field trip to the Catskills stood out in this student’s memory, and no doubt the trips are similarly recalled by many other former students as a hallmark of their UB experience.

John Nicholas and his wife Penny live in Monroe, Conn.

## Gew-rae Kim

*Finance*

Associate Professor of Finance Gew-rae Kim earned a B.S. and M.B.A. at Seoul National University in the early 1980s. After pursuing coursework at Yale and MIT, he earned a Ph.D. in Finance at City University of New York, then joined the University’s School of Business in 1993. Kim specializes in financial modeling, corporate finance, and financial institutions, focusing primarily on investments, derivatives, and options.

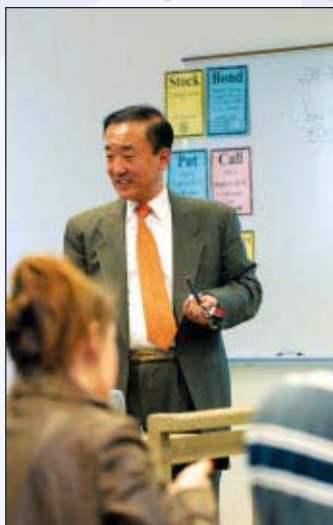
Asked about the University, Kim responds as if it were an investment. “In 1993,” he says, “the University had 1,200 students. Now it has over 4,000.” That is “dramatic growth.” Like a portfolio, Kim finds strength in the University’s diversity, in its “mixture of international and domestic students.” One understands that he means UB is a good investment. Asked further about students, Kim comments that “the overall quality is quite good and we also get some real stars.” Kim is well-positioned to know what an academic star is, having co-authored a paper on the volatility of markets with Nobel-prize winning economist Harry Markowitz. After Kim earned his Ph.D., Markowitz tried to lure him away from academic life to work as a fund manager, but Kim finds teaching to be his primary calling.

Kim’s teaching talents have been recognized often at the University. In

1995, he was named outstanding faculty member by the Bridgeport Parents’ Association, and in 1998 he received an award from the Alumni Association for outstanding teaching. In 1999, Kim was named the University’s Distinguished Teacher of the Year. “Being named Distinguished Teacher of the Year,” notes Kim, “was my favorite moment at the University. The award was special because it was given to me by students.” Naturally quiet and unassuming, Kim waxes eloquent when he speaks about pedagogical issues. He enjoys the intellectual eagerness of M.B.A. students, but his talents extend to other groups as well. “For my undergraduates, I do my best to encourage them. I give them extra details in lectures and help with notes.” In conversation, time and again he says “I like teaching.”

In terms of the future of the University, Kim is optimistic. Drawing on his expertise in finance, he says that the “University’s course is on a very solid path.” He sees new program development, growth of the student body, and the University’s deep sources of talent as powerful strengths upon which to build. He believes students will continue benefiting from UB’s core attributes. “Our job here,” he says, “is to help students further their careers and build solid lives.” He says this with a quiet conviction that is powerfully convincing. Kim’s real business is promoting the talents and ambitions of his students.

Kim and his wife Seungah Kim have two college-age children. They reside in New Jersey.



## Yanmin Yu

*Mass Communication*

Professor and Chair of Mass Communication Yanmin Yu joined the University in 1996 after teaching for two years at Mount Union College in Ohio. She earned a B.A. at Shanghai International Studies University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Mass Communication at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications of Syracuse University. “The diversity of UB,” comments Yu, “is much greater than what I experienced at Mount Union.” Upon joining UB, she found compelling mentors in teachers including professors George Blake and Dick Allen. “Their presence here convinced me that I made a wise move by coming to UB,” she says.

Yu evidences a serious commitment to research, wherein she applies her expertise in media and society. For this work, she was awarded two Fulbright-Hays Fellowships, one to work on curriculum development in Egypt and Israel, and a second for a related project in Australia. In these locales Yu investigated the role played by media in brokering political conceptions and how it effects social integration. In Australia, she examined media coverage of indigenous peoples and their contribution to shaping conceptions of social justice. Along with co-author Linqun Yan, Yu published *American Media and American Society*, a major work in the field. Yu has published broadly on topics at the intersection of media and society, recently authoring a case study of the Chinese media and attitudes about the U.S. war in Iraq.

Yu was named by the American Press Institute as recipient of Philip S. Weld Fellowship and Rolan D. Melton Fellowship in journalism and media studies. In connection with these awards, twice she has been invited to attend seminars dealing with significant issues facing the media. This past February, she served as a resource for traditional

## Katherine Russell

### Dental Hygiene

Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene Katherine Russell joined the university as a full-time faculty member in 2005. Before this appointment, she served for two years as adjunct clinical instructor and 16 years prior to that as a dental hygienist in private practice.



Professor Russell's experience with the University dates back to the late-1980s when she won her A.S. degree in dental hygiene education at UB, then received a bachelor's degree at the University of Connecticut and returned to UB to complete a master's degree in nutrition in the 1990s.

Professor Russell's teaching is inspired by ideas of mentorship and empowering others through education. "I endeavor to nurture, motivate, and encourage my students to do the best they can, and always reach for the brass ring," she said. "I believe that ... being well-rounded is essential to a successful life." These values were molded by her

own experiences as a student.

She remembers encouraging words from Jocelyn Roman Poisson, who told her, "You should become a teacher. You really have a gift for explaining things."

Russell teaches *Dental Materials* and *Dental Radiology*. Both classes have lecture and laboratory components, and her schedule includes two full days in the laboratory. She also teaches *Dental Hygiene Research* and contributes to the University's online degree completion program, which allows working hygienists to complete their bachelor's degrees through courses conducted over the Internet. Russell calls the Fones School "the birthplace of Dental Hygiene."

Russell views dental hygiene in a 21st century context as progressing toward fully digital, paperless offices. She said the new dental hygiene clinic will be a great asset as the University prepares students to assume careers as licensed hygienists.

Russell's research agenda entails a wealth of interrelated ideas, from studying whether acupuncture can offset the anxiety of dental patients to exploring the relationship between oral cavity health and overall wellness.

Describing her experience at UB, Russell said her colleagues are immensely supportive and that she benefits from the tight-knit community of the Fones School. Russell participated extensively in the School's recent reaccreditation, and she looks forward to contributing to the University's Internal Program Review Committee. She is also working with the University's librarian to implement Evidence Based Learning into the Dental Hygiene Curriculum.

Recent years for Russell have included elements of personal challenge, yet she feels buoyed by collegial interaction, the demands of her tenure-track appointment, and a penchant for introspection. A lover of cats, Russell participates in fundraising efforts for the Greater New Haven Cat Project.

Along with her three cats, Russell resides with her husband John Gumkowski and stepson Jack in North Haven, Conn.



newspapers seeking to transition to online news environments.

An exemplary teacher, Yu was named Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2003. She humbly suggests that others may have deserved the recognition more but describes it as "an honor and an encouragement." She adds, "After receiving the award, I tried harder to be an excellent teacher, to do my best, and to work with our students." Yu's teaching philosophy entails a distinction between roles of instructor and professor. "A professor relates to students at various levels and treats them as individuals. Teaching is much more than communicating information."

In her teaching, Yu is committed to trying new strategies. Recently she has experimented with peer editing by students and reports favorably on this experience. Students gain a point when they help someone fix an error, and they give a point when someone helps them fix an error. The result, finds Yu, is remarkably improved first drafts. One of the most remarkable things about UB, says Yu, is that "It's never boring. Every day brings new challenges and opportunities."

Yu and husband Hongbing Deng live in Newtown, Conn. Their daughter Kathy Deng is in medical school.

## Jeffrey Johnson

### Music

Associate Professor of Music Jeffrey Johnson joined the University as director of the Music Program in 1998. Acclaimed by students for his high-energy teaching and integrative lectures, Johnson was named Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2002.

Johnson earned his teaching stripes at the Boys Choir of Harlem, where he served as associate director of artistic education from 1994-1998. He earned a B.S. in composition from Ithaca College, an M.A. from the Eastman School of Music, and a D.M.A. in composition from Boston University.

Johnson exudes enthusiasm about the prospect of teaching a life-changing class. He deliberately seeks to provide students the kind of encouragement that talented teachers—among them Pulitzer Prize winners including Karel Husa, Joseph Schwantner, and Stephen Albert—bestowed upon him. Johnson describes his own studies as steps in the journey of self-recognition. He thought of himself primarily, if not exclusively, as a composer, yet he discovered significant talent in other academic areas along his educational journey.

The first two books Johnson wrote draw upon set theory and graph theory from mathematics to develop compositional possibilities in music. His more recent scholarship, resulting in publication of two additional books, delves into historical features of performance practice. Writing these books required Johnson to hone skills of historically oriented research scholarship that considerably expand his scholarly repertoire.

Johnson draws on his own artistic and scholarly development to help students uncover their hidden talents and further develop their strengths. His instructional methods derive from



a meditation on the nature of music, which he sees as a fundamental means of communication that reaches into and flows from areas of non-verbal experience and affectivity that underlie our humanity.

Johnson believes that students thrive when personal creativity is honored, a belief he shares with many UB Music Program alumni from the 1970s and 1980s. Johnson says, "We have students today — and have had during the nine years I have been around — that are every bit as talented and unique as our alumni. I am thrilled to work with them and proud of their accomplishments."

The Music Program, Johnson says, is reinvented continually to maintain alignment with needs of students. During his tenure directing the program, quickly approaching its 10th year, the student demographic has shifted from a preponderance of international students to primarily domestic students.

A significant presence on campus, Johnson serves on a variety of committees, chairs the Capstone faculty committee, serves as an Honors Program faculty member, and contributes broadly to the University's overall direction.



## Art & Design

# UB Graphic Design class' posters send message: Substance abuse no hit with University's students

When UB's Counseling Services and Student Health Services wanted to promote statistics from the CORE Survey, they looked to Graphic Design students to help get out the message.

Students in Professor Amy Papaelias' Graphic Design Junior Studio class participated in the poster competition to raise awareness of these statistics, sponsored by the Divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

Judges from the University's Counseling Services, Health Services and the Division of Academic Affairs selected five poster campaigns designed by the students to be printed and posted throughout campus. The five winning students, Jennifer Cervero, Audra Christolini, Brandi Embrey, Andrew Miller, and Teri Musall, each received a \$50 gift certificate to a local art supply store.

The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, developed by the U.S. Department of Education, measures alcohol and other drug usage, attitudes, and perceptions among college students at two and four year institutions. Development of this survey was funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

The CORE Survey statistics used by the students creating their posters were based on a survey with 217 respondents administered to a random sample of undergraduate and graduate students living in the residence halls at the University of Bridgeport in spring 2006.

"We wanted to show the UB community that our students use drugs and alcohol less than other college students attending New England colleges. We wish to thank our talented graphic artists for helping us disseminate this message and for changing student perceptions on our own campus," Carole Weiner, Director of Counseling Services, said.

"The learning outcomes achieved through this collaborative initiative



Winning students, faculty and examples from the students' poster campaigns in the design competition were, from left: Professor Amy Papaelias, Audra Christolini, Teri Musall, Joseph Oravec, former dean of students, Brandi Embrey, Andrew Miller.

between Academic and Student Affairs are indicative of the quality experiential learning our students receive at UB," Dr. Joseph Oravec, dean of students, said.

"This collaboration provided an excellent opportunity for graphic students," said Professor Papaelias. "They gained the experience of a real-world client, while helping to inform their peers in a creative and thoughtful way."

## Interior design students win ASID for Fashion Fusion

UB's interior design students won first place in the American Society of Interior Design Fashion Design competition in the spring. Their theme, *Fashion and Architecture Fusion*, was inspired by the idea of deconstruction in design. UB was sponsored by Perkins Eastman Architects. This is the third year in a row that the University's interior design students have won this competition, which was attended by over a hundred people from various design professions.

### Choi takes Kitchen Prize

In another interior design competition, UB student Byong Hwa Choi won third place in the National Kitchen and Bath Association annual contest. Classmate Erika Formanek received an honorable mention among 30+ entries. The judging was held at Clarke Kitchen Design in Norwalk.



Interior design students who won the ASID fashion design contest, rear from left, include, Gretchen Voight, Erica Formanek, Kasondra Iadorola, front center; Juliana Harris, rear center, Diana Marin, Giancarlo Massaro, and Peter Giampaoli. David Quinlan of the faculty is in rear, and in front, from left, Dana Monro-Winters of Perkins Eastman, interior design Professor John Kandalauft, and Donnor Glass, also of Perkins Eastman and a 2006 UB graduate.



## Design Alumni Salute Don McIntyre at May gathering

Industrial, interior and graphic design alumni by the score gathered in May to honor Donald McIntyre, one of the core leaders of the UB Design Programs' first-rate national reputation.

The alumni came from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and beyond to pay tribute to their former professor, who taught and inspired them with "Mac's Facts," sets of standards Don has for just about everything in design, and, in fact, life.

Don's wife Ellen and three daughters, Kathleen, Betsy and Lyn, attended. Betsy was graduated from UB Interior Design in 1988.

The evening began with the annual Senior Exhibition in the University Gallery in the Arnold Bernhard Center. Alumni offered invaluable advice about the "real world" to the soon-to-be graduates. A reception in the 9<sup>th</sup> floor Tower Room followed, hosted by industrial design alumni Donna Shea, '86, managing partner of the Bridgeport firm Innovative Display and Design, and Art Landi, '74, principal of Display Producers Inc. in the Bronx.

McIntyre was presented with an academic chair embossed with the University logo, as a memento of the Design Programs' appreciation, but Don said he was "never one to sit for long. There are too many things to do."

Alumni offered poignant and humorous acknowledgments of Don's 40 years as a professor. He was praised for his sincere concern for his students along with stories of his unshakable truths, such as a flag is one-third the length of a flagpole. If not, the pole is either too long or too short. Or, that the trim on a boat should always be 2 inches from the side rail. These rules and others have remained with alumni for 30 and 40 years.

"I heard from a number of graduates who were



**Don McIntyre tries out the University of Bridgeport rocking chair he received in honor of the occasion.**

unable to attend but sent their best wishes to their former mentor," said Landi. He also received calls and e-mails from numerous alumni the day after the event to express gratitude for the opportunity to salute Don and see old friends.

According to Landi, Don's influence on his students was so profound that they are looking forward to another alumni gathering next year. "Don certainly had an impact on my class," he said. "There were five of us there. That's 25 percent of the class. Not bad for a class that graduated 33 years ago. There was Dan Murdoch, Dave Hurlburt, Greg Bareisa, Doug Winner and me."

Shea had the same feelings about the impact Don had on her. "He was a stern taskmaster, but beneath it, a good, generous guy," she said. "He expected a lot, and made you want to reach your potential."

Shea shared a teaching assignment with Don last fall that challenged the students to design a mobile ESPN exhibit for the Winter X Games in Aspen. "It was great fun," she said. "Don and all of the other professors were sticklers, as usual, but we had a lot of laughs and the students were challenged."

Richard Yelle, chair of the design programs, spoke of Don's many contributions. "Because of Don's overwhelming leadership efforts," Yelle said, "the design programs are happy and healthy and graduating outstanding young professionals, as evidenced by the innovative designs presented at the Senior Exhibition."

Don was at United Technologies when former Chair Robert Redmann invited him to join the UB design faculty in 1969, Yelle said. "Robert Redmann, Don McIntyre, Jack Kovatch and Lubec Tomasewski formed the core of the program that became one of the leading industrial design



**Donna Shea, Class of '86, co-hosted the evening with Art Landi '74.**

programs in the country."

"Now a Professor Emeritus, he continues to teach in the Interior Design program," Yelle said. "Alumni always tell me how much Professor McIntyre helped them with their studies and prepared them for their professional accomplishments in later years."

When McIntyre spoke, he detailed the successes even further. "Graduates went everywhere: designing cars, appliances, household goods, furniture, consumer products, exhibits, displays — they're everywhere. There are achievements everywhere by UB graduates."

He congratulated Shea and Landi for their willingness and effort in reaching out to alumni for Design Program support. "I'd like to see both a lighting and a human factors lab." He said both would increase the UB Design Program's prominence.

When the programs were located high up in the Wahlstrom Library in the '70s, a few students were gazing out of the floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking scenic Long Island Sound on a wintry day. As the skies became cloudy a student asked Professor McIntyre if it was going to snow.

"Yes, at 3:20 p.m." he responded. Just before 3:20, a group of students assembled at the window. They waited a while and then went to their worktables. Don asked what had happened. "The snow started falling right at 3:20 like you said," the student said.

Clearly, McIntyre is a talented designer, professor, friend and quite the humorist, but he is also a man with a vision toward the future. As to whether he'll take the time to sit still, it's unlikely for a man with such talent and motivation.



**Alumnus Brian De Blois, facing camera, talks with classmate at the design memorabilia table.**



**Among the alumni with Don McIntyre, second right, were, from left, Steve Perez, Ted Sobolewski, Lisa DelGrande, Steve Walsh, Lubec Tomosewski, Ian Jenkins, Doon, and Joe Mancinelli.**





**Amy Nuessl, who gave the senior class address, flashes her smile.**

## Graduation

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and to a large extent succeeded in their life's paths.

He challenged the Class of 2007 to deal with the issues that their generation faces: the Middle East, global warming, hunger, the global economy and jobs and the "gotcha politics" that make so many people fearful of public service.

"There are so many opportunities in which you can succeed," he told the graduates. "And you will. Just as our Class of 1957 did."

Panuzio, a former state legislator, and chairman/CEO of the Washington, D.C. public affairs and consulting firm *Panuzio and Giordano*, implored the graduates to commit some of their time to public service. "There's no greater calling. And we need you in public service to solve the problems of human needs, debt and starvation.

"Don't think only of what we can do for ourselves. What we can do for others is important," he said.

Upon receiving the Colin "Ben" Gunn Award for Distinguished Service in Philanthropy, Mrs. duPont told students that her grandmother lived right up the street from this Arena, and that she spent a lot of time in this area, which makes this award even more special to her. Mrs. duPont is a UB Trustee and a major supporter of the University as well as many other agencies in the Greater Bridgeport area.

The student speaker was Amy Neussl, RDH, who received her Bachelor of Science degree in dental



**April Vournelis, UB's Director of Security, with her daughter, Nicole DePalmer, who received her B.S. in human resources and psychology.**



**President Salonen took special pride in presenting his son, David, his diploma, a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial design.**

hygiene. To the delight of all, she began her address by saying "thank you" in the myriad of languages that represent our UB student population. Amy then cited what it took to bring the class of 2007 to this Commencement day, and she then looked to the future:

"We will fabricate the 'next big thing' in the fashion world. We will educate your children. We will redesign the chairs that fill your office. We will illustrate the logo for your new restaurant and business card. We will crunch numbers and build a better, faster, smaller computer. We will solve global warming. We will compose a symphony, and bring peace to the Middle East.

"We will be the accountants, ambassadors, case managers, biologists, designers, dental hygienists, doctors, educators, journalists, lawyers, mathematicians, musicians, psychologists and politicians of tomorrow. We will be leaders in our professions." She concluded by reminding the graduates to say thanks to their parents and teachers and all who set them on this road.

The two martial arts graduates, Seo and Song, both plan to go on and get their master's degree in this field of study. UB's major is unique in that it is a demanding academic program that includes philosophy, science and the liberal arts, as well as the physical practice of martial arts.

"It was an amazing life-changing experience," Song said. "It was the greatest choice I made. It made me grow up and think about my true goals."

Diplomas awarded on May 12 ranged from Associates to Ph.D. and included degrees conferred by the Colleges of Chiropractic and Naturopathic medicine, Engineering, Business, Arts and Sciences, Industrial Design, Nutrition and other UB programs.



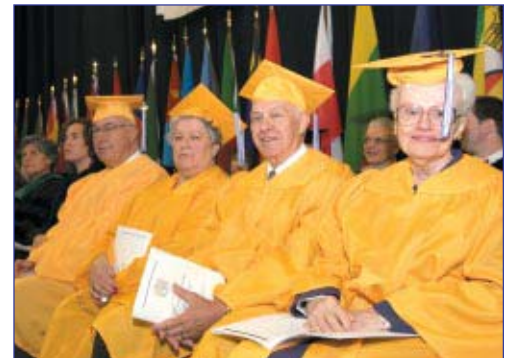
**First Martial Arts graduates in the nation, Henry Song, left, of Queens, N.Y., and Hyun Kyu Seo of South Korea flank their professor, Yongbom Kim.**



**The ceremony kept everyone interested.**



**Mrs. Henry B. DuPont III receives the Award for Distinguished Service in Philanthropy from Colin "Ben" Gunn, for whom the award is named.**



**Golden Knights N. Donald Edwards, Mary Lou Sanders, Joseph and Jane Misencik, celebrate their 50th reunion.**



**It was a day to cheer and for one of "thumbs up" for all the graduates.**



## Academic stars collect honors well deserved

College is a series of tests, and each one passed builds up confidence for the next. On the day before graduation, the University held Honors Convocation. Several of those receiving awards had cleared a series of hurdles and, as a result, made their college career distinctive.

Michelle Roman, a Bridgeport woman who overcame a number of hardships, was honored with the award for outstanding achievement in Mass Communications.

"I want to be in public relations," she said. "I love doing campaigns and working with people."

She's worked in several PR agencies; at the University she helped to promote the martial arts program. New York is where she wants to be next.

Raluca Andreea Roman received her MBA degree in finance at graduation and, at convocation, was presented with the MBA Director's Award for her outstanding scholarship. She completed 41 credit hours with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Raluca, who is from Romania, has an executive position with UBS in Stamford and said she "loves her work."

Felix Cordas came to the ceremony with his wife Julianna and young son Stefan, who was wheeled around in his stroller. Felix didn't waste any time getting the best out of college. He majored in finance at the School of Business and got outstanding grades, winning the Dean's Award for his efforts.

Cordas is working in a summer camp over the next few months and plans to enroll in graduate school at UB in the fall. He, too, is from Romania. But he and Ms. Roman only met here at UB.

The room was full of success stories as the awards were presented, and many parents, spouses and families came to celebrate their loved one's achievements.

Nancy C. Kovacs got her bachelor's degree at graduation through the IDEAL program. It took her nine years, but she not only won her degree, but she also won the Dean's Award for the quality of her work and high grades.

David Rios won the Capstone Writing Prize for his paper, "Perception of Opinion." David is a biology major with a 3.5 GPA. He's planning on going to medical school.

Maria Perdomo, a dental hygiene student from Norwalk, won the Dean's Award from the Fones School of Dental Hygiene, for her studies and her commitment to clinical services. She's planning on dental school.

Moondo Tomas Field, the jack-of-all-trades at the International College — great student, activist in many programs, maintainer of the college's Web site - won the dean's

award in his college. He's going on to Harvard University on a full scholarship. He'll study history and religion there.



### Students honored for leadership, contributions to student life

The Dean of Students and Director of Student Programming presented awards to 24 students for their leadership and contributions to student life in ceremonies in late April. Giovanni Scaringi won the President's Award, and Samiur Talukder the Dean's Award. Andrea Neal received the Outstanding Involvement Award as a senior, and the Outstanding Student Organization Award went to the Infamous Dimez 'N Pearlz.

#### Others honored, and their awards:

**School of Arts and Sciences**, Dean Hans van der Giessen, presenter: Mie Higashimori, biology; Nikolus S. Cook and Marek Deska, literature and civilization; John R. Crowley, graphic design; Kozo Tomeda, illustration; Kurt R. eseman, industrial design; Marie Gabillon, interior design; Thanh D. Nguyen, mathematics; Justin Tierney, music, Farida U. Kwaji, the Charles Reed Award in Science, and Hanabeta Deshotel and Meaghan Byrne, the Dean's Award.

**Phi Kappa Phi Awards**, Professor Edward V. Geist, president, Chapter 216, presenter: Charles Bingham and Mei Higashimori, the Phi Kappa Phi Aristelia Award.

**International College**, Dean Thomas Ward, presenter: Emily Gunning and Michael Buck, International Political Economy and Diplomacy; Charles Bingham, World Religions; Hyun Kyu Seo, Martial Arts Studies; and Giovanni Scaringi, Social Science.

**School of Education and Human Resources**, Dean James Ritchie, presenter: Curtis Randal Subryan, psychology; Dieudonnee Agbemabiese, Human Services Senior Award; and Precious Obeng-Addae, the Dean's Award.

**School of Business**: Chester Warner, accounting; Matthew Kotuby, business administration; Joan Augustin-Peter, finance; Paola Molina, international business; Joshua Edwards, marketing; and Jenna Hamed, fashion merchandising. Also: Lisa Woodson, the Yale Co-op Award for Excellence in Fashion Merchandising; Tingting Ma, the Business Activity Award; Aleksejs Marcuks, the Wall Street Journal Award;

and Raluca Andreea Roman, the MBA Director's Award. Professor David Kohn presented the Marilyn Primoff Kohn Award in Accounting to Keisha Lamont-Osbourne and Songhee Han. Reed Risteen, CPA, presented the Connecticut Society of CPA's Educational Trust Fund Awards to Madonna Burke and Ludwig Lalanne. And Dean Merrill Jay Forgotson presented the Dean's Award to Felix Cordas.

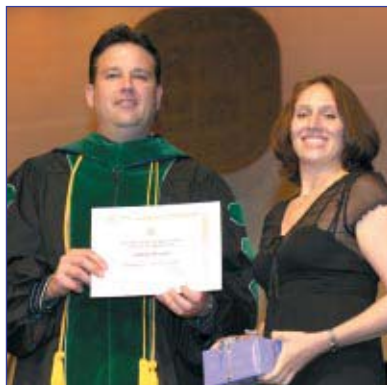
**School of Engineering**, with Professor Stephen Grodzinsky, presenter: Subrina Thompson, B.S. computer science; Prajakta Mahajan and Vaibhav Sharma, M.S. computer science; Pranay Chandra, B.S. computer engineering; Mohammed Ibrahim, M.S. electrical engineering; Pathik Patel, M.S. mechanical engineering, and Gian Gosine, M.S. technology management.

**College of Chiropractic**, Dean Frank Zolli, presenter: Angela Vitiello, spring, and Jonathan Donath, fall, academic achievement; Andrea Buccino, spring, and Micheal Loguidice, fall, clinical service; and Randi Jimenez, spring, and Matthew Mendillo, fall, Dean's Award.

**College of Naturopathic Medicine**, Dean Guru Sandesh Singh Khalsa, presenter: Cassandra Mannhardt, academic excellence; Nicole Kerr and Erin A. Kirwin, clinical excellence, and Funda M. Gulmen, service leadership.

**Acupuncture Institute**, Director Jennifer Brett, presenter: In Hwa Ahn, Golden Needle Award for Accomplishments in Clinical Applications, and Hyun Jung Harrison, Director's Award for Outstanding Scholarship.

**Human Nutrition Institute**, Director David Brady, presenter: Anne van der Voort, Dean's Award.



Ann van der Voort receives the Dean's Award for her performance in nutrition courses from Human Nutrition Institute Director David Brady.



Raluca Roman receives the MBA Director's Award for her academic achievements from Business School Assistant Dean Ward Thrasher.



Giovanni Scaringi receives International College honors for his academic achievements in Social Science from Professor Yanmin Yu.



Maria Perdomo accepts honors for classroom and clinical work in Dental Hygiene from Fones Associate Director Marcia Lorentzen.



## Alumni Reception

# Joy and laughter filled all the rooms as UB alumni met in Florida, Washington

By Jennifer O'Neill

It was a grand time for many who renewed their friendships and shared their experiences over the years when UB alumni held a series of gatherings during the spring semester.

There were moments of joy as old friends met after many years apart. The groups were treated to a PowerPoint presentation by President Neil Albert Salonen that covered the history of the University from the 1970's until today and featured enrollment gains, program successes, major capital projects and the 80th Anniversary Beatification campaign. Hearty discussions followed.

## Delray Beach

WITH HOWARD AND NANCY COPELAN

Sunny Southern Florida was the venue for two alumni receptions in March. The first was at the home of University of Bridgeport alumni couple Howard, '70, and Nancy, '68, Copelan in Delray Beach. So dedicated are the Copelans that even when they unexpectedly sold their house, they held off actually moving so they could still host the UB group! Alumni attendees included:

Robert and Susan Chestman (Boca Raton), Lera Bradford, (Lake Park), Ronald and Sheryl Jordan, (Boca Raton) Guy Wickham (Sarasota), Susan Szakacs Donnell (Palm Beach), Irving Sochrin, (Jensen Beach), Ronald Rubin (Boca Raton), Rita Friedman Korr (Boynton Beach), Jeffrey and Phyllis Penner (West Palm Beach), Ronnie Reden (West Palm Beach). President Neil Albert Salonen and Mrs. Rebecca

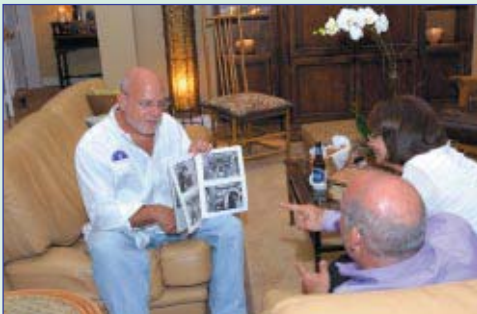
Salonen were also in attendance and President Salonen delivered an exciting power point presentation detailing the continued progress and success the university is enjoying.



The hosts, Howard and Nancy Copelan, at their home in Delray Beach.



Rita Friedman Korr, left, Sandy Baer and Ronnie Reden.



Howard Copelan shows some yearbook photos to guests as the reception.



Lera Bradford, left, with Jeffrey and Phyllis Penner.



Dave Sochrin, Ron Rubin, Irving Sochrin, Susan Chestman

## Palm Beach Gardens

WITH LOU AND MARCIA RADLER

The following evening, Lou Radler, '53 and his wife Marcia graciously hosted a group of alumni hailing from the years 1950-1955. The venue was the breathtaking Frenchman's Creek Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens. It was heartwarming to hear exclamations of "I haven't seen you in 30 years" and "Oh, my gosh; we lived in the same dorm!" President Salonen treated the group to the PowerPoint presentation and guests were pleased to learn of the recent developments at UB.

Attendees included: Arthur and Verna Blau, (Boca Raton), William and Kathy



Marcia Radler, Bobbe Schneiderman, Verna Blau and Lila Walter.



President and Mrs. Salonen, left, with Marcia and Lou Radler.

Chambault, (New Jersey but vacationing in Florida), Elliot and Evelyn Koenig (West Palm Beach), Rita Emery (Boca Raton), Gary Singer

(University Park), Janet Carroll Memoli (Juno Beach), Marvin and Lila Walter (Delray Beach), Herb and Bobbe Schneiderman (Delray Beach).





Trustee Nicholas A. Panuzio, left, Trustee Frank Grow and alumnus Howard Bobman.



Ed Lane, left, and Huntley Perry.



Josh Rubin, left, Fred Allard and Will and Christine Sandoval.

## *Cosmos Club in Washington*

WITH TRUSTEES NICHOLAS KITTRIE AND NICHOLAS PANUZIO

On Thursday, April 19, at the famed Cosmos Club in Washington DC, a group of more than 30 UB alumni and administrators enjoyed an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres and reminiscing.

Generously hosted by Trustee Dr. Nicholas Kittrie and Trustee Dr. Nicholas Panuzio, the group represented alumni from five different decades. After Panuzio passionately spoke about the ongoing revitalization of the University, President Neil Albert Salonen gave a presentation highlighting UB's growth and achievements over the past several years.

Attendees included: Fred Allard, Howard Bobman, Renee Fishman, Frank Grow, Bette

Houston, Eddie Lane, Lionel Pasiuk, Huntley Perry, Christian Salvatori, Christine Sandoval, Paul Tamul, Harold Wallach, Annette Young, MaryLouise Graf, Anne Santa-Donato, and Judge Fredericka "Ricky" Wicker of Louisiana's Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

It was especially heartwarming to meet two groups of longtime former UB classmates, Paul Tamul and Howard Bobman, friends since the mid-seventies, and Anne Santa-Donato and Ricky Wicker, who are also connected since the seventies.

Please be on the lookout for more regional events coming to a town near you – in fact, let the alumni office know if you'd like to attend or host one in your area!



Ann Santa-Donato, left, and Judge Ricky Wicker.



Trustee Nicholas Kittrie, left, and Christian Salvatori.



The alumni gathering in the Cosmos Club.



President Salonen, left, with Tony and Janet Memoli.



Rita Emery, left, greets Evelyn and Elliot Koenig.



### Alumni gathering in Japan

President Neil Albert Salonen met with a number of UB alumni in Japan during a visit in February. Here he's with some at the gathering in Tokyo, from left: Shintaro Akatsu, B.S., '88, international business; President Salonen, Hisaya Kakizoe, MBA '90, marketing; Yasuhiro Tsuji, MBA '88, marketing, and Hisakuni Yokoyama, a current student in the MBA program.

## Alumni Notes

1939

Russell Cody, A.S., observed his 90th birthday March 15. He lives in Westport, Conn., with his wife Marguerite. Russell was one of five Cody boys to attend UB when it was the Junior College of Connecticut. He was the youngest of the brothers, played basketball in the junior college, and he's particularly proud to recall that in his second and last year at the college, he was voted the most handsome male student. In the late 1930s, the school offered young men and women a solid education and a step up toward a life of opportunity. Russell and all four of his brothers before him — Tom, John, James Edward, and Clarence William "Bill" Cody with only Clarence "Bill" still alive — went on to get their bachelor's degrees at Columbia University. After Columbia, Russell joined the Navy and was in the Seabees serving in the Aleutian Islands, in the northern Pacific Rim, off Alaska. "I was lucky. The Japanese had pulled out just before we got there," he said. When he returned from the service, he spent time at Remington Products before joining Bridgeport Brass Co., where he was its purchasing agent until his retirement. Two of Russell's children, Jon, B.S., '75, accounting ives in Katonah, N.Y., and daughter Pamela attended UB.



**Marlene Fanta Shyer and her son, Christopher Shyer.**

souls Marlene and Christopher come out happy in the end. The New York Times reviewer wrote: "What makes their story ultimately heroic ... a reminder of all those who struggle against the stigma of who they are." Here's an excerpt on the time when Chris was 5 and in kindergarten.

"I've been worried about Chris," I told his ... teacher. "In what way?" she asked.

Saying it aloud for the first time took courage. "I'm afraid he may grow up homosexual."

1954

Marlene Fanta Shyer, B.S., arts and sciences, is the author of more than 100 major magazine pieces, many travel articles, three novels, and more than 10 children's books. She takes particular pride in the one that she wrote with her son, Christopher Shyer, *Growing Up Gay: A Mother and Son Look Back*. While baring their

If she thought I was deranged, she gave no sign and took me seriously. I explained that "I had not a bit of solid evidence, but was just drifting in on one of those ephemeral mother-hunches...." Marlene was born in Prague and brought to the United States by her parents during World War II. She grew up in Forest Hills, N.Y., and after she married, she lived in Larchmont, N.Y., before moving to Manhattan in 1975. Her Web site is [www.marleneshyer.com](http://www.marleneshyer.com)

1958

Jesse P. Smith, B.S. business, has moved from Farrington Village, N.C., to Pittsboro, N.C., a suburb of Chapel Hill and Durham. He's at [gsmithy@nc.rr.com](mailto:gsmithy@nc.rr.com).

1962

Gail H. (Oken) Baymiller, B.S., art education, has moved from New York's West Side to Portland, Ore. She writes: "It's great to see UB return to the wonderful school it was when I went there!" She writes: "My husband John and I just moved from New York City to Portland, Oregon. After receiving an MLS from Columbia University, I worked at The New York Public Library Picture Collection until my retirement in 2005. I am now involved in jewelry making and beadwork design. We love Portland because it's progressive and eco-friendly. It has all the amenities of New York, great restaurants, art galleries, theatre, music, etc., and it's

## The pomp makes a grand show but satisfaction is in the job done



Durham

Barbara Judelsohn Durham

*Executive Director, University Relations*

UB's 97th Commencement Ceremony was held on May 12th. I have always been a softie for *Pomp and Circumstance*. When the music begins and the procession starts, my heart starts to beat a little faster and a lump wells up in my throat. There is something grand about the formality and the tradition at any graduation, whether it is nursery school, high school or college. It's that "I did it!"

moment. It's the "job well done" feeling. It's the sense of community. It's the intense pride of family and friends. It's the anxiety of new beginnings. Because commencement is not the end; it is just the beginning, the start of the next phase of your life. In fact, that is the definition of commencement.

*Historical note: at one time UB held commencements in both January and May; thus the 97th Commencement and the 80th Anniversary of the institution.*

### Highlights

Now that the 2007 fiscal year has drawn to a close\*, our staff in the Department of University Relations is taking stock of the last year and planning for the new fiscal year. There were some great highs:

- We had a great time and met terrific people at our five successful Alumni Receptions.
- We created a "look" for our annual giving mailers that coincide with our 80th Anniversary Beautification Campaign.
- We applied for and received funding for several grants.
- And we published the [2006 Annual Report - Preparing for Life and Leadership](#). It's the first one printed in almost two decades. You can find a copy on the University's website, [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu). Just go to the Alumni & Friends page and click on the picture. I think that you will be pleased to read about the accomplishments of our students and faculty as well as the financial health of our institution.

### Annual Fund

Our goal, each and every year, is to increase the number of donors to the University's Annual Fund. To those of you who are loyal contributors, thank you! To those of you who contributed this year, either for the first time or for the first time in recent years, thank you! To those of you who have not given in the past, won't you consider adding your name to our list of donors? Every gift, no matter what the size, is greatly appreciated. It would be our pleasure to formally recognize you in the 2007 Annual Report.

### Knightlines

We are thrilled by all of your positive comments about *Knightlines*. The University enjoys communicating with you, so won't you let us know what *you* are doing? Just send your information to *Class Notes*. If you include your email address, you may be pleasantly surprised to hear from a long lost UB classmate!

We are proud of what we are accomplishing, but there is still much more to do. Please join us in the future of the University of Bridgeport. Because, *Where would UB without UB?*

\* UB's fiscal year runs from July 1 – June 30.

### News from Washington

## Pension Reform Bill Includes Charitable Giving Incentives

Congress has enacted legislation as part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA 2006). This bill enables individuals to make gifts from their IRAs and exclude the amount of their gifts from gross income. This is a wonderful opportunity to creatively use your IRA to accomplish your philanthropic objectives.

#### To qualify for this rollover provision:

- You must be 70 ½ years of age and older
- The transfers must go directly from your IRA to the qualified charity
- Donations cannot exceed \$100,000 per taxpayer per year
- Other criteria apply\*

The IRA provision will be effective through tax year 2007.

\*Please contact your financial advisor for further information.



growing and changing all the time. In addition, Portland was voted the most dog-friendly city in the U.S. One out of every four people own one, and our dog Dakota loves it." email: jgbaymiller@mac.com

**Shirley Moran Levine, B.S.**, has moved to San Diego from Hanford, Calif.

#### 1963

**Robert J. Janosko, B.S.**, industrial design, writes: I retired from DaimlerChrysler in 2001 after 38 years of designing some of the finest automobiles and trucks for the world market. It was an awesome experience, and I will never forget UB preparing me to compete on an international level. Director of Advanced Design was my last title when I left the company. Janosko received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989. He lives in Hendersonville, N.C., and is at janoskor@bellsouth.net

**Paul Rashap, B.S.**, mathematics education, is living in Randolph, N.J. He can be reached at prashap@aol.com.

#### 1964

**Charlotte Gallagher, B.S.**, Arnold, was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in April. Charlotte, who never played varsity basketball before she came to UB and its Arnold College, with its nationally recognized physical education program, played basketball, field hockey, softball, gymnastics and badminton at UB and in 1989 was inducted into the UB Athletic Hall of Fame. She started refereeing games in 1966. She spent 15 years as a basketball referee, 10 as a softball umpire and 20 as a field hockey referee. In the mid-1990s, she became assistant coach to her husband, **Owen** — also UB Class of 1964 — in coaching the Newtown High, Conn., girls' basketball and softball teams. They both retired in 1999.

#### 1965, '69

**Cheryl (Gill) Dorfman, A.S.** in dental hygiene, Fones; B.S., education, writes: After 35 years in higher education, I retired at the end of 2005 and am enjoying retirement, wintering in Florida (Largo) and summering in Laconia, NH.

In 1970 I helped start the first and still only dental hygiene program at NH Technical Institute, later served as department head and then spent 10 years as division chairperson for all the nursing, allied health and human service programs at NHIT.

In 1995 I accepted the position of Assistant Dean for Nursing, Health and Social Sciences at Berkshire Community College in Massachusetts. Near the end of my ten and a half year tenure there I also served as Acting Dean of Academic Affairs for 16 months. I was active in dental hygiene professional activities culminating in a 4 year term on the American Dental Hygienists' Association Board of Trustees in the mid '80's as Trustee for District 1 (New England states). Now I am active in Zonta International, a worldwide women's service organization, and have served as a District Governor for clubs in the New England states

and Canadian Atlantic provinces.

Thanks for sharing the information with those at Fones. I just sent a donation to the clinic restoration fund last week and wish them much success on this project.

You might enjoy this story about the previous clinical re-do in the late 70s: I was attending a dental hygiene educators conference at Fones and was appalled to see that they still had the equipment I worked on as a student in 1963-65. I spoke to Jocelyn Roman who said no one ever wanted to listen to how much it would cost to bring the clinic up to modern standards, and would I be willing to express my concerns in a letter to the president.

When I returned home I did that, explaining how disappointed I was, as a person who donated to the alumni fund yearly, to find the clinic was woefully out of date and incapable of preparing graduates for current modes of practice. Well, the letter apparently hit a cord because Jocelyn was called to the president's office the day the letter was received to verify that what I said was correct and to be promised that renovations would start at the end of that school year - which they did! Moreover I got a very cordial letter from President Leyland Myles assuring me that the clinic was about to be re-done!

My husband Peter is a financial planner and we enjoy golf and the many recreational and cultural activities that are available to us in both Florida and NH. She's at cdorfman@verizon.net

#### 1966

**Leslie C Jablow, B.S.** psychology. While reading a copy of Knightlines, Leslie spotted the picture of Barbara Judelsohn Durham, Executive Director of University Relations at UB. The two of them had had been great friends when their husbands served at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. To Barbara's delight, Leslie called her; they will need many more hours to catch up!

#### 1971

**Leslie (Jacobs) Cowie, B.S.**, secondary education, Spanish, is at leslicowie@gmail.com.

**Mollie Kroll Abend, B.S.**, elementary education, member of the Chi Zeta Rho sorority, a Realtor and broker with the West Hartford, Conn., office of Prudential Connecticut Realty, has been named the company's top-selling sales executive in Connecticut. Abend sold

more than 90 properties in 2006. The average Realtor in Connecticut sells fewer than 10 homes a year. The company said that for Abend to achieve her top selling status, she had to outsell more than 2,000 Prudential-affiliated Realtors in Connecticut last year. Her award is based on home sales completed in the state. In addition, at a national event held in San Diego, Calif., Abend was named the top Prudential

### Annual Giving updates

## The Alumni Effect

**Y**ou are making the difference, in every way. The "proof is in the pudding," they say, and in the past few years alumni have stepped up and demonstrated their support of UB. Participation has grown through attendance at UB alumni and athletic events, service on the alumni board, and gifts to the Annual Fund. Your efforts are helping to keep the University strong, healthy and vibrant.

You can never underestimate the collective impact of UB Alumni. Overall participation and dollars raised through Annual Fund contributions have nearly **tripled** in recent years. This is great progress, and in the next year we are confident that the Annual Fund will continue to grow through increased alumni support.

Thank you for helping to make our 80th Anniversary year a success! Your legacy is the foundation upon which we build for tomorrow- and our future is bright.



**Mollie Kroll Abend, center, receives the Prudential Realty Award as the top agent in the nation. Congratulating her is Peter Helie, Prudential chairman and CEO, and Candace Adams, Prudential's president. Abend was also Prudential's top agent in Connecticut in 2006, selling more than nine times as many properties as the average agent last year.**

agent in the U.S. based on a different category referrals she generated, besting more than 64,000 other Prudential agents in North America for the honor.

Previously, Abend had been voted Prudential's top statewide "customer service excellence" award, when her customers raved about her in communications with company management.

Abend has ranked among the top 1 percent of all Realtors in the Greater Hartford Board of Realtors for more than 10 years. She has also ranked among the top 2 percent of all Prudential-affiliated Realtors nationally for more than 10 straight years. She can be reached at the West Hartford office of Prudential Connecticut Realty, (860) 561-8062 or mabend@prudentialct.com.

#### 1972

**Emanuel 'Manny' Friedlander, B.S.** management, is district manager for Trelleborg Wheel Systems America, based in South Hackensack, N.J. His company makes those huge tires for agricultural, forest and industrial equipment. Manny's division sells industrial tires for material handling systems. The corporate office is in Hartsville, Ohio. Manny writes that he and his wife, "Lynn, who he met while bowling for UB in Massachusetts in his junior year, live in Rockaway, N.J. They have two daughters, Jessica, 24, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, and Kari, 19, a sophomore at the University of Indiana. Everybody's doing well." He says further: "I haven't

### ALERT

#### Have You Made a Gift, but Not Been Thanked? If so, then please let us know!

**T**his year we have experienced intermittent problems with our mail delivery that may have affected some of your generous alumni gifts. We value all alumni contributions and want to be sure you receive proper credit. If you have already mailed a check, pledge, or credit card gift, and have not received a thank you letter from us, we need to hear from you. Please contact Christi Rose, Director of Annual Giving at (203) 576-4542 or christir@bridgeport.edu as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

## Fashion grad makes over grand palace in Prague Castle

**Karen (Kaplin) Newitts**

*Class of 1990, B.S., Fashion Merchandising*

I was recently asked by David Krol, deputy director and director of visitor services at Lobkowicz Palace, Prague Castle, Czech Republic, to consult on the construction and retail merchandising of a new museum gift shop opening in the spring in conjunction with the new exhibition: The Princely Collection. The newly renovated Palace features 22 restored rooms filled with treasures from the Lobkowicz Collections, including dynastic portraits of great families from the 16th and 17th centuries as well as a music salon devoted to Beethoven, Mozart and other famous composers patronized by the family.

Familiar with my work in the visual merchandising field and a B.S. in fashion merchandising ('90), David recommended me to William and Alexander Lobkowicz, citing my 20 years of retail experience including work for several major department stores, a theme park, a high-end showroom as well as an internationally known museum, the American Museum of Natural History (NYC).

Prior to my visit in January, I researched the history of this fascinating family. The Lobkowicz family dates back to the 14th century and is one of the oldest Bohemian noble families. They have historically played an important role in European politics as decorated Princes of the Holy Roman Empire and High Chancellors of Bohemia. Though their titles were abolished in 1918 with the foundation of the Czechoslovakian Republic, the family remained in politics. Maximilian Lobkowicz, son and heir of the last Prince and Duke of Roudnice, became an ambassador to Great Britain during World War II and held this post until forced to flee in 1948 after the Communist take-over of Czechoslovakia.

As a result of the Velvet Revolution of 1989 and the restitution laws, the family regained their properties including Nelahozeves Castle, a mid-16th century Renaissance chateau, Roudnice Castle, for centuries the Seat



*Photo by Alexandra Lobkowicz, taken in the courtyard of Nelahozeves*

**Karen (Kaplin) Newitts and David Krol, deputy director and director of Visitor Services, The Princely Collections, Lobkowicz Palace, Castle Prague.**

towards tourism.

The biggest thrill was being allowed access to the Roudnice Lobkowicz Library at Nelahozeves Castle where David, Alexandra and I were shown priceless 14th and 15th century manuscripts while looking for product development ideas. Later David gave me a private tour of the family's art collection which includes Diego Velázquez *Infanta Margarita*, Pieter Bruegel the Elder *Haymaking* and Peter Paul Rubens *Hygieia and the Sacred Serpent*.

While at Nela, I toured their existing museum shop and made several suggestions on how to improve its appearance and productivity. I also created a visual merchandising training seminar of standards and guidelines that I later presented to Alexandra and the entire selling staff.

Home again in the United States, I still feel as if I am part of the team with weekly reviews on the Palace project. I continue to send information via email and still receive pictures from the staff at Nela on how well they are doing. Unable to attend the gala opening on March 26th, the beautiful invitation sits on my desk as a memento of the project.

*Karen Newitts is visual merchandising manager for the American Museum of Natural History on Central Park West in New York.*

## Alumni Notes

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bowled in years. My wife bowled for Northampton Jr. College in Mass. and I bowled for U.B. We won tournaments while I was in school, all through New England. We had a pretty good team. Unfortunately, it was sanctioned as a club (and not an official University sport). It didn't matter. We brought back the gold. Those were the days." He's at Manny.Friedlander@trellborg.com.

**Carol Scileppi**, B.S., elementary education, writes: I taught in Poughkeepsie, New York for 32 years. I am now retired and reside in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Would love to hear from former classmates! She's at: only1schlep@aol.com.

**1974, '76**

**Nicholas A. Roes**, B.A., '74, social studies, education, '83, M.A., urban studies administration, married to **Nancy Bennett Roes**, '76, B.S., management, has announced the official grand opening of the on-line art gallery, NARTisticCreations.com. The site is funded by NAR Productions, and will showcase the work of Nick Roes and other artists. All UB alumni are invited to submit artwork for consideration. "We plan to feature a new Visiting Artist each quarter, and offer to display her or his work in a separate room in our on-line gallery. There's no charge to the artist for this service. There's so much talent among UB grads that it's hard to decide where to start," say the site's creators. Artists interested in being showcased should e-mail NancyBennett@NARTisticCreations.com. The site is up

and running for anyone interested in checking it out. Nick and Nancy are living in Barryville, N.Y.

**1976**

**Joseph M. Filakovsky**, B.S.N., nursing, is the new emergency credentialing coordinator for the Yale New Haven Hospital's Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response in New Haven, Conn. Email Address: joseph.filakovsky@yale.edu

**Ronald S. Goldman**, B.S., psychology, has moved from Old Westbury, N.Y., to Park Avenue in New York. He writes: I'm currently working for a company which has the license for Wilson apparel. I am the account rep on some major accounts such as Kohl's, Sports Authority and Modell's sporting Goods. He's at Rongoldman22@hotmail.com

**1978**

**Walter E. Luckett Jr.**, B.S., Management and industrial relations, was one of three athletes honored with outstanding athlete awards as the 50th Annual Greater Bridgeport Old-timers Athletic Association Awards Dinner in May. Luckett was a high school basketball star at Kolbe High in Bridgeport. He holds the New England career scoring record with 2,691 points. He was a high school basketball first team All American in 1972, and his uniform is enshrined at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., as the 1972 Player of the Year. He went on to play in college at Ohio University, leading the Mid-American Conference in scoring in 1974 and 1975. In the latter year, he earned All-American honors. He was drafted by the ABA San Antonio Spurs in 1974 and by the Detroit Pistons of the NBA during 1975. A leg injury did not allow him

of the Archbishop of Prague and recently the Lobkowicz Palace at Prague Castle.

Working directly with William Lobkowicz, grandson of Maximilian, and his wife Alexandra was contagious. Their energy and devotion to preserving art and cultural life in the Czech Republic by creating a world-class art museum and museum shop was an opportunity I couldn't refuse. It was an amazing 10 days of meetings with architects, selecting colors, designing store fixtures and reviewing product assortments. Evenings were spent consulting floor plans at the dining room table in the family's private home while days were spent roaming the city studying its architecture and retail culture-one geared

to pursue a pro career. Instead, he returned home and earned his degree from UB. He retired in 2005 after 25 years community relations manager for Unilever Home and Personal Care, and now he and his wife, Valita, are partners in Luckett and Luckett Associates, a management and marketing consulting business.

**1979, '80**

**Craig Kelly**, B.A., elective studies, M.S., counseling, was elected president of the Greater Bridgeport chapter of the NAACP. He assumed office on New Year's Day.

Kelly, now 56 and a retired lieutenant with the Bridgeport Fire Department, felt the sting of racism as a child when his shoeshine customers would call him names. He joined the Black Panthers in the late 1960s in an attempt to fight for equality. As NAACP leader, he set three priorities: the need for parents to be involved in their children's education, ensuring a share in the city's economic development for blacks and other minorities, and better community relations with police.

"If we believe in the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s process of confronting the system and speaking truth to power, we have to step up to the plate and make a difference," Kelly told the Connecticut Post. "I'm hoping to make a tremendous difference, but that can only be possible through people working with me."

Kelly was born in Harlem and moved to Bridgeport at an early age. He was brought up in a broken home, and he, himself a widower, is the single parent of three sons. He was brought up by his grandmother in Father Panik Village, a low income housing development often beset by crime.



## Anniversary Update

### UB Celebrates 80th Year with Campus Beautification Projects



Rose

**Christina Rose**

*Director of Alumni Giving*

Students returning this fall for classes will, no doubt, be filled with anticipation as they resume, or begin, their educational paths. And as they explore the campus, many changes await them. Some changes are easy to see, while others are more subtle. Collectively, however, they make up the focus of UB's 80th Anniversary — a commitment to campus beautification and renewal.

Several large scale projects will continue through summer and fall. The new athletic field is already in phase 2 of construction, which includes the grandstand and field lighting. The playing field was completed before July 1, along with the landscaping, fencing, and a retaining wall surrounding the field. Relocation of the Fones clinic is also under way and will be open to students, faculty and patients beginning in the spring '08 semester.

Preservation efforts of UB's historic buildings are another priority in this momentous year. The Ingleside sun porch (behind Barnum and Seeley Halls) is being rebuilt, and other campus buildings have received upgrades and improvements.

Barnum and Seeley Halls each have new furniture that students are sure to be happy about. A new floor has been installed in the Red Cross Room at Warner Hall. Bodine Hall's 8th floor

bathroom has received an extensive facelift, including the addition of new shower stalls. And new curtains have been installed in dorm rooms throughout Bodine and North Halls. Each of these improvements will serve to enhance each student's resident experience on campus.

Conservation is the focus of construction these days, and UB is no exception. Wahlstrom Library was outfitted with two new cooling towers, and additional campus lighting has been installed, all of which boast the latest in energy efficiency. As an ongoing commitment to campus safety, these lighting upgrades were made to campus walkways, entryways, and extend down to Marina Park.

Green cleaning chemicals are now used to clean all dorms and classrooms across campus. And keeping the entire campus looking great will be easier from now on, thanks to the purchase of a mad vac, an all wheel drive outdoor vacuum, a very efficient way to control litter on campus. Recent improvements to landscaping, the ped mall, and preservation of our trees will be greatly enhanced with these cleanup methods.

2007 is proving to be a momentous year in honor of UB's 80th Anniversary. Many more improvements are expected in the months to come, and while each project will vary in scope, one thing's for sure: vitality, historic beauty, and education are alive and well at the University of Bridgeport!

His grandmother died when he was 15, and he was taken to the city's juvenile detention center, where he stayed several months before he was placed in the first of a series of foster homes.

While in the Black Panthers, Kelly was arrested in July 1970 on a charge of conspiracy to possess explosives along with the Panther president and another member. The president pleaded guilty and Kelly was released.

But there were other arrests. Once, he and a friend went to visit a student at the University of Bridgeport to buy marijuana, he said, but the friend pulled out a gun and instead robbed the student. According to the Connecticut Post, Kelly was convicted of robbery, but served only five months in prison, the time he was incarcerated awaiting trial. Kelly said he had no idea his friend planned the holdup. "I've learned from my mistakes and moved on. None of us is perfect. I wouldn't be who I am today if I hadn't gone through those things," Kelly told the Connecticut Post.

Kelly was one of nine men who filed a federal lawsuit in 1975 in his bid to become a firefighter. At the time, there were no members of minorities in the department. They won that case and Kelly was hired in 1980.

Kelly takes education seriously. He received his degree in 1979. One of his sons, Malik, is a physician in residence at the University of Connecticut Medical Center in Farmington, while another, Jamal, works with school children in Richmond, Va. as a substance-abuse prevention specialist in that city's Behavioral Health Authority. His third son, Isaiah lives in Atlanta with his mother. Kelly also has a master's degree in counseling from UB and is currently working in that profession.

He was a member of the UB Alumni board, 2004-05.

In 2003, shortly before he retired, Kelly and some friends produced a film, "All Our Sons — Fallen Heroes of 9/11," about the dozen black New York City firefighters who died while saving others in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. That film was shown at UB. It tells of firefighters' lives through their mother's memories and has been broadcast on PBS television stations since 2004. Kelly said the idea for the film arose after he met the firefighters' mothers as a counselor, helping them cope with the tragedy.

**1979**

**Don Downs**, B.S., psychology, writes: I recently celebrated 10 years as a manager at Woods Services. I am currently managing 4 units of Autistic, problem behavior children. My email is ddsoc1@msn.com.

**1980**

**Vincent E. Roche**, J.D., law school, is nominated by Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell to become a Superior Court judge. A partner in Heffernan and Heffernan in Avon, Roach, who has his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, is an Army veteran, a member of the Connecticut Chapter of the Kairos Prison Ministry, and a former member of the Avon Board of Education.

**Michele Orris-Modugno**, B.A., foreign languages, Spanish, writes: "Hello alums: I am living in Fairfield, Conn., with my husband, Dominick, and our almost 11-year-old daughter, Hope. Entmom@optonline.net.

## Athletic field will bring roar of crowd to campus

You were given a preview of the university's new synthetic surface soccer field on Page One. Come the fall semester, it's going to be the center of activity as men's and women's soccer open their seasons and try to bring home some championships for their new athletic field. In the years ahead, lacrosse teams are in the plans.

The playing field — 120 yards by 80 yards, and sidelines — covers the block bounded by University and Linden avenues, and Lafayette and Hazel streets.

Below, you see a time lapse sequence of photos showing how the field was created from a largely vacant area of campus, used a bit for parking. The platform tennis courts some alumni may remember were gone some 20 years ago.

You are looking from the corner of University Avenue, in the right foreground, and Lafayette Street, left foreground.

The soccer season for both men and women starts in late August. If you want to see some top teams playing on their great, new field, make your plans for a visit now. Schedule postings will be on the athletics section of the UB Web, [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu). See you then!



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Dr. DeMarco

## Thank you, Everyone

I would like to say thank you for allowing me to serve you over the past several years as president of the Alumni Board of Directors. Though I have decided to step down as president, I will be remaining on

the Board of Directors.

The Alumni Association has grown tremendously over the past few years, as has the number of events which we sponsor. In May, we held the 2nd annual alumni dinner for the Naturopathic students and 75 people attended. One highlight of the event was a forum of successful Naturopathic alumni sharing their experiences with current students.

To get a more in depth idea of how far we have come, please read the alumni and annual fund columns by Jennifer O'Neill (alumni) and Christi Rose (annual fund) found in this issue of *Knightlines*.

After graduating, I joined the Board of Directors because I wanted to give back to the University, which had provided me with an excellent education to become a Chiropractic Physician. I wanted to give back to the institution that had shown me the way.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Directors and especially with President and Mrs. Salonen. Additionally, I would like to say thank you to Dr. Zolli for opening the Chiropractic College. I would like to thank the Nutrition School for their degree, and I would like to thank the College of Naturopathic Medicine for the privilege of being adjunct faculty over the past seven years. Thank you also to Dr. Lee of the Acupuncture school for his gift of healing and expertise in the field of Acupuncture. Lastly, I would like to thank my teacher and mentor, Dr. Megan Tabor, for the many years of clinical discussions of our chiropractic patients and long-term friendship.

I have learned many things at this University, too many to mention here, from the faculty and especially from my students.

I encourage all of you to get involved and to participate and give back both financially and by participating in upcoming events. You will find it a very rewarding experience.

Best Regards,  
Dr. Kristine DeMarco

## Alumni Notes

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**1982**

**Philip C. Jackson, B.S.**, management, is senior vice president of marketing and research and development for Hasbro, Inc. He lives in East Longmeadow, Mass., and can be reached at [pjackson4483@charter.net](mailto:pjackson4483@charter.net).

**1984**

**Elizabeth (Escobar) Bueno, B.S.**, education, has joined **Trident United Way's Childcare Resource and Referral** as a provider services coordinator. She has her bachelor's in early childhood education and previously was a teacher in Cocoa Beach, Fla. She may be reached at [lizziebueno@hotmail.com](mailto:lizziebueno@hotmail.com).

**Vincent J. Calabrese, B.S.**, accounting, was named senior vice president, corporate controller and principal accounting officer of the F.N.B. Corp., headquartered in Hermitage, Pa. The banking corporation has assets of \$6 billion. Calabrese and his wife, Patricia, are parents of two daughters. Previously, he was senior vice president, controller and principal accounting officer of People's Bank.

**1988**

**Leslie Abi-Karam, MBA**, management information systems, and executive vice president and president, Document Messaging Technologies, a division of Pitney Bowes Inc., received a Women of Innovation Award in the Large Business Innovation and Leadership category from the Connecticut Technology Council in January. The third annual Women of Innovation Awards was hosted by the Connecticut Technology Council, Day Pitney LLP, Pfizer and United Technologies. The prestigious award recognizes the energy, creativity and remarkable capabilities of women working in Connecticut's science and technology community.

**1990**

**Jean (Dietz) Chrysler, B.S.**, nursing, writes: I founded JP Chrysler & Associates 10 years ago as a recruiting company. It has evolved into a medical consulting company. I review records and advise law firms about medical cases from Fen Phen litigation to medical malpractice and insurance issues. I have worked as a nurse at the Mayo Medical Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Yale, and have worked as a case manager for GE.

I have 2 children and chair the site council at their school along with serving on the steering committee for our magnet school program. I am a Girl Scout co-leader. I do enjoy gardening and my knitting has earned me ribbons at the county and state fairs. My husband, Dan is not a UB grad. I am in the suburbs of St. Paul and it is 50 degrees today (March 11) so a great deal of our snow is melting and the robins are

out! As a native, I grew up with having major snowstorms around the time of the MN State High school Basketball tournaments- which are just a few weeks away! I am busy planning my spring planting! Have a great afternoon! [jeanchrysler@charter.net](mailto:jeanchrysler@charter.net)

**1991**

**Derrick Monroe, B.S.**, business administration, writes that he is: working at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Actions Branch, as the branch supervisor. Currently coaching grade school (basketball) and RETIRED from coaching AAU Basketball (for 13 years). Enjoy playing golf, golf and more Golf!!! He's at [coachdmonroe@yahoo.com](mailto:coachdmonroe@yahoo.com)

**1992**

**Jonathan Heil, B.S.**, industrial design, writes: I'm married, my wife Nancy and I are raising three daughters (age 3 1/2 and 12-month-old twins) and working as a design engineering consultant for the medical device industry. I'm currently working with a team of engineers from Israel, Fort Lauderdale and California to design a new High Definition colonoscope for a major medical equipment manufacturer. The Heils have moved from Cooper City, Fla., and are now living in Dunnellon, Fla. He's at [jonheil@hughes.net](mailto:jonheil@hughes.net)

**Stephen Wills-Johnson, B.A.**, is vice president of the Jamaica Basketball Development, Inc. The organization was started in 2000. Its goals are to "build life skills, develop self-esteem,



Wills-Johnson

study skills and self-confidence" primarily through an annual basketball camp held at the country's G.C. Foster College. The week-long event has grown from an initial 80 campers in 2003 (boys and girls ages 11-20) to an expected 140

this July. Campers attend both life and basketball skill development sessions. Stephen can be reached at [swillsjohn@aol.com](mailto:swillsjohn@aol.com). Details on the basketball program are at [www.jamaicabasketballdevelopment.com](http://www.jamaicabasketballdevelopment.com).

**1995, 1999, 2003, 2004**

**Carlos A. Aponte, B.S.**, '99. international business, MBA, '03, and his wife, **Carolina Echeverri**, '99, fashion merchandising, 2004, MBA, and their son Sebastian, 2, are living in their new home in Land O' Lakes, Fla. He is associate director of UBS Home Finance in Tampa. He writes that they moved to Florida "in search of a warmer climate." She writes: We have just moved to a new house in Land O' Lakes so I am currently staying home setting up the house, buying new furniture, spending some time with the "baby" ....he is 2 years now...time flies! I was previously working as a marketing coordinator for a restaurant marketing & public relation firm. I am still doing some freelance jobs for them. They're at [ccaponte@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ccaponte@tampabay.rr.com).

**1998**

**Milton W. Mayers, M.S.**, elementary education, is teaching in New York City at P.S. 159 in Brooklyn at the Issaic Pitkins Elementary School, in its Math Cluster. He's at [miltonscience@vzw.blackberry.net](mailto:miltonscience@vzw.blackberry.net)

**1999**

**Patrick Hall, B.S.**, human services, is in his third season as pitching coach for the baseball team

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at Fairfield University. He came to UB as a player after leading Housatonic Community College to the 1995 Junior College World Series. Pat captained the 1998 Purple Knight squad.

Prior to Fairfield, Pat spent four years as pitching coach at the University of Bridgeport. The 2001 season saw his pitching staff lead their conference in lowest team E.R.A. Pat is also active as a head coach in AAU baseball. Pat lives in Bristol, Conn., with his wife Beth Ellen and their two daughters Kaylee and Ryleigh. He's at Pat@allproct.com

## 2002

**Peter Anastasakis, M.S.**, education, a fourth grade teacher at Great Plains School in Danbury, Conn., plans to wed Shay Brenna Beninson, a teacher at the Ridgefield Montessori School. They're both from Bethel, Conn.

**Kamen Dimitrov, B.S.**, finance, international Business, writes: I completed my MBA degree at the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business. I worked between May '05 and August '06 at Voyageur Asset Management in Minneapolis. Moved back to my home country Bulgaria, and I am about to assume the position of executive director at UBB Asset Management in Sofia, Bulgaria. He can be reached at kamendd@hotmail.com

**Malgorzata (Ruszczyk) Szczubelek, B.A.** social science, psychology, writes: Currently I am working at the Yale School of Medicine as a Faculty Affairs Coordinator in the Department of Surgery. My job is to make sure that all the faculty recruitment, promotion or reappointment goes smoothly. I am looking to get into a more creative field, such as fashion design and if anyone that reads this has any tips as to where I can begin to expand my interests, please send me an email. Thanks so much. Contact Maggie at mszczu7@sbcglobal.net

## 2003

**Katrina Djinovic, B.S.**, interior design, is an interior designer at DPM Architecture PC in New York.



**Dan Haron**

**Dan Haron, CAS** (Certificate of Advanced Study – 6th year degree in education leadership) is the new principal of Darien (Conn.) High School. He assumed the post July 1, having served the past 10 years as assistant principal at the school. Earlier, Haron, who lives in Stamford, Conn., served as a

mathematics teacher, mathematics department chairman, and for the past two years, as assistant principal. Before coming to Darien High, Haron was the founder and managing director of an educational consulting company, called Active Insight Science. He and his staff worked to advance the level of science instruction in kindergarten through eighth grade by building a hands-on educational approach that focused on pushing higher order elementary science in areas of physics, and chemistry. During this time, he also worked as a mathematics teacher at the Foote School in New Haven. Haron's undergraduate degree is from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated summa cum laude, with a major in business management. He received a graduate degree from Columbia University, Teachers College in educational psychology. His UB and Columbia degrees were achieved with academic distinction. Professionally, Haron has received recognition for his work as an educator by being presented with the Excellence in Teaching Award by the University of Chicago and with the Inspirational Teaching Award from Bowdoin College. Haron and his wife Rachel, a

## Oxford: From a dream to reality

By Geetha Tharmaratnam

2001, B.S., finance

Many of the early explorers preceding bibles and guns and motivated rather by curiosity of the unknown stemmed from this magical place. I learned about Oxford growing up in Africa but it was only while I was at UB that my mind was exposed to the teachings of Oxford educated philosophers and writers like Thomas Hobbes, Aldous Huxley, Vikram Seth and Oscar Wilde. Today, I can barely believe the Said Business School at Oxford accepted me, but it is with a quiet happiness that I start to close down my life in Switzerland and prepare for my new one this autumn in Oxford. UB set the bar high and that has prepared me for what is to come.

I had my first midlife crisis at 25, and it struck me forcefully. By no means had I thought when I was young and idealistic, of what my future would be like in any detail. However, at 25, I realized that working for a multinational corporation was not it. It dawned on me I would be happier in distilling my diverse interests and talents into a personal ambition than in following a traditional corporate career path. Growing up in Africa, I was imbued with a sense of belonging to a community and inherent within that was the vital belief that the talents of the whole society are necessary for the success of the country. There are fewer people to fill in the gaps left by those leaving the developing world which I feel is a great shame. So I will labor on in the hopes that somewhere within this journey of getting an MBA at the oldest university in the English speaking world while specializing in social entrepreneurship, I can find the practical middle way between profits and ethical business practice in developing countries. Eventually, I intend to move into a role where I can help foster the symbiotic relationship between the economies of developing countries and foreign investment.

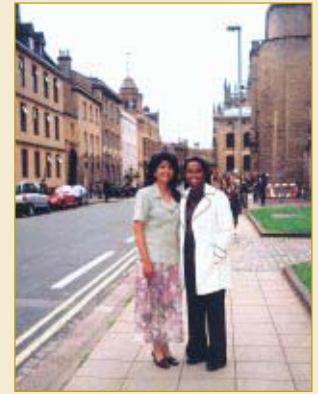
On a personal note, I am happy that the first friend I have made at Oxford is from UB. Agnes Thambynayagam coincidentally graduated the same year I did, at the same ceremony on the same beautiful spring day, shaking hands with the same president. She also comes from the same country as my parents. But we did not know each other – until now. (They are to meet at Oxford at the beginning of June when they register for their programs.) The people I met at UB remain the closest to me and for that especially, I remain grateful to the University. Geetha is at geetha\_tharmaratnam@yahoo.com

*Geetha is a former editor of UB's student newspaper, The Scribe*

**Editor's Note:** We send Geetha's letter to Agnes Thambynayagam. She replied:

"Geetha's writing is so beautiful. She is younger than my daughter but we feel that we are good friends already. She is coming to Oxford this Friday (May 25) for the weekend, so we will be meeting each other.

"My supervisor wanted me to get the degree in Master of Studies in Historical Research this year. So, I handed over a Historiography essay during the first week of this term and I'll be handing over the dissertation this week. I'll have to do a Viva exam. It looks like that I'll be spending two more years to get my D.Phil." et my D.Phil." Agens is at agnes.thambynayagam@st-antony.oxford.ac.uk



**Agnew and Geetha at Oxford University in June.**

teacher in New Canaan, have three children.

**Anna Sidorova, B.S.**, interior design, is project manager, designing and drafting, for Kitchen and Bath by C.A.M. (Custom Architectural Millwork) in Norwalk, Conn.

## 2004

**Gwendolin Hicks, B.S.**, social sciences, has moved from Raleigh to Wake Forest, N.C. She's at gwendolinhicks@bellsouth.net.

**Jeanne Larson, M.S.**, human nutrition, writes that she took her Certified Nutrition Specialist exam at Georgetown Medical School. She has started DOWN TO EARTH nutrition counseling and has a very creative flyer on this subject. I have created 4 FOOD AS MEDICINE booklets. Here are the subjects: "Dietary Prescriptions to Improve Your Cholesterol," "Nutrition Check List for Preventing and Treating ADHD" (I did my masters thesis on ADHD), "Practical Tips to Succeed at Weight Control" and "Natural Drug-Free Treatment for Depression." She's now working on one entitled "Nutrition Check-list for Preventing Cancer." I'm going to create about 10 more down the road. If any of you have interest in these subjects, let me know. She lives in Cable, Wis., and can be reached at larsons@cheqnet.net.

## 2005

**Jimi (Baughman) Winter, B.A.**, international political economy and diplomacy, and world religions, writes:

"I recently married Thomas Winter and am attending my first year of law school at Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City." E-mail: songbird.jimi@gmail.com

**Connor Glass, B.S.**, interior design, of Stamford is an interior designer at Perkins Eastman in Stamford.

**Kristine Gorman, B.S.**, interior design, of Oakville is pursuing her master in architecture degree at the Boston Architectural College in Boston.

**Katsuaki Ikeda, B.S.**, interior design, is project manager at Office Sekkei / Herman Miller in New York.

**Dr. Eric Meyers, D.C.**, has offices in Hamden and Bristol, Conn. He calls his practice the Chiropractic and Sports Rehabilitation Centers of Connecticut. After graduation he completed an externship with the Hartford Medical Group, affiliated with Hartford Hospital, where he worked with integrated medical practices. In addition to his private practice, he is an adjunct professor of biological sciences and the athletic trainer for the men's basketball team at Gateway Community College in New Haven.

## 2006

**Jennifer Guerrero, M.S.**, elementary education, is engaged to Eric Gruettner of Thornwood, N.Y. She is teaching third grade at the Judson School, Watertown,

## Letter from an alumnus in Ramadi

By Staff Sgt. Justin Harding

B.A., Illustration 1998  
U.S. Marine Corps

Hello, everyone. You all have been on my mind and heart in prayers at one point or another over the last three months. It is just that I barely have time to play with the kids (when I was home) and now at work in the glorious sandbox, it is even harder. I am upset at the negative press job the American media is running. Please by word of mouth pass this across the net and get the word out, A beachhead has been established in Ramadi. And if suddenly a 1,000 terrorist show up tomorrow here and blow us up, I'll eat my words. Amazingly, Ramadi has turned into the light of Iraq. Over the last three months, there was not one IED, one shootout or RPG. Each district (there are 12 in Ramadi) has elected Sunni representatives to work with Shia on a new Government. We have two well-trained Iraq Army Battalions, and three major police stations, with each one having at least two sub-stations. And they have this new thing called the District Security Force, which is the same thing as a Neighborhood Watch with AK-47s (all over the city, 4,000-plus members).

The success has been so amazing. All these generals came by to see it. So did CNN, and Newsweek, and the Los Angeles Times. Ramadi has changed. Still I don't see any positive news about this place in the world news reports.

Ramadi has been stabilized. We hope to expand it to other cities like Hit, Haditha, Habiniyah, and Fallujah.

Four Al Qaeda operators came into a small Ramadi



Staff Sgt. Justin Harding at Marine base in Ramadi, on a previous tour in Iraq in 2005.

village begin to terrorize the locals and force them to let them put in IEDs. The local people can't take it. One of them sneaks away and calls the police via his cell phone. The police decide Al Qaeda are too tough (now the police are Sunni) and they decide to call the Iraq Army Unit in South Ramadi (who are Shia). The Army rolls in and rounds up these terrorists and takes them to an American base and processes them.

It was a text book example of the people Sunni, Shia, and Americans working together to make this place secure.

Now that there is security, they are rebuilding: Boy Scout has re-opened for the first time in four years; there is a Day Laborer Program that is cleaning up the streets and all the buildings destroyed by the war of the three years; new phone and electricity lines are being put up.

Semper Fi

Justin

## Alumni Notes

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Conn. Jennifer received her bachelor's degree from Roger Williams University. Mr. Gruettner has his bachelor's in architecture from Roger Williams and is employed as an architect with Quisenberry Arcari Architects in Farmington, Conn. They will wed July 20 in Waterbury.

Joanna L. Knecht, M.S., education, of Forestville, Conn., is engaged to wed James T. Gaffney of Southington in June. She is a teacher. He's a free-lance artist, pursuing a bachelor's degree in graphic design at Southern Connecticut State University.

Shalishea Laws, B.S., psychology and human services, writes: I am working in the Human Service field at Goodwill. I provide assistance to individuals who have suffered from brain injuries. It has provided me with experience in the field and the diversity on my resume will help me to reach the next level in my career. I am still on the road of education, taking a refresher writing course at Housatonic Community College, and I plan to start a master's program in community psychology in the spring. Who knows? Maybe I will be back at UB as the next Psy professor. E-mail: shalishea@yahoo.com

Jaeryong Oh, B.S., interior design, is an Interior Designer at Atmosphere Inc. Architecture in Westport, Conn.

Amanda Peluso, B.S., accounting, has joined the Tax Department of the accounting firm of Dworken, Hillman, LaMorte and Sterczala in Shelton, Conn. She lives in Stratford and can be reached at intrigue579@aol.com

Amy Steinfeld, B.S., psychology with human services minor, writes: I received a position as a Behavioral Health Clinician for Regional Network of Programs, a widely know behavioral health organization in Bridgeport, Conn. (www.regionalnetwork.org). I was chosen to begin a brand new initiative: permanent affordable housing for chronically homeless individuals who are dually diagnosed (mental illness and substance abuse). She's at Amala81@aol.com.

## Class by the Catskill falls

Each semester Dr. John Nicholas, a.k.a. "Doc Rock" takes his Geology and Earth Science classes to the Catskill Mountains of New York for the purpose of collecting fossils which are some four hundred million years old. In addition, the students have the opportunity of viewing some of the most spectacular sites in the Catskills, including a portion of Kaaterskill Falls near the village of Haines Falls, N.Y. The falls pictured here have a total height exceeding that of Niagara Falls.



## In Memoriam

### Board of Trustees

Dr. Kenneth R. Gray, an eminent scholar, chairman and professor of international management at the School of Business & Industry at Florida A&M University, and a member of the University of Bridgeport's Board of Trustees since 1996, died March 24 while on a climbing expedition in Tennessee.

The *Tallahassee Democrat*, in a story by Nicole Bardo-Colon, reported that Gray, 55, was climbing a mountain with his youngest daughter and two friends. He reached the top and yelled, "It's beautiful up here, come up." But the other three were unable to make the difficult climb. They waited for him to look around but after an hour became worried. So they took a path up the mountain and found his body.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, his two daughters, Tunuka and Khadijah, and his mother, Melvia. Gray and his wife had established a memorial scholarship at UB in testament to a third daughter, Lancy Amelie Gray, who died in a car crash in Morocco in 2000.

Lydia McKinley-Floyd, the dean of the SBI, referred to Gray as "the giant in our midst." She said she will never be able to replace Gray. "He was a rare mix of intellect and compassion," she said. "It was amazing for someone so brilliant to also have that trait."

Doris Gray said her husband was an experienced rock climber who had climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Kenya. She said he went rock climbing whenever he had a free weekend.

Mrs. Gray, who taught at Florida State University, said her husband was a visionary and an advocate for cross-cultural understanding. In 2005, the two were among a group of people invited to Iraq to lecture about the role of free media in a democracy; institution building; higher education; and management practices in a free-market society. They were the only ones from the group to show up.

Gray was twice a Senior Fulbright Scholar to Akhawayn University in Morocco, and was on the editorial board of three international academic journals, the *Journal of African Business*, the *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Management*, and the *International Journal on World Peace*.

Gray was the posthumous recipient of one of this year's Andrew Heiskell Awards for Innovation in International Education, presented by the Institute of International Education at the United Nations in late March.

Dr. Elliott Percival Skinner, the Franz Boas Professor of Anthropology Emeritus of Columbia University, and a member of the Board of Trustees since 1992, died April 1. Skinner taught at Columbia for 40 years.

Born in Trinidad and Tobago, and a World War II veteran who served in the Army in the European Theater of Operations, he received his B.A. from the University College



of New York University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University.

In 1966, Skinner was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Upper Volta (Burkina Faso), a position he held until 1969. In 1968, he was awarded the *Commandeur de l'Ordre National Voltaïque* by the president of the Republic of Upper Volta.

Skinner had many achievements over his long career. He was specially proud of his work in 1960 with the Sunrise Semester courses on Africa, produced at New York University and broadcast over New York's WCBS television station. He also took pride in the number of his students who went on to earn their doctorate degrees and who specialized in the study of Africa and the African Diaspora.

Skinner chaired the Anthropology Department at Columbia University from 1972 to 1975, becoming one of the first black chairmen of a department in the Ivy League. He held many fellowships, including a Guggenheim, and the Fulbright 40th Anniversary Distinguished Fellowship at the University of Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire. He was president of the African American Scholars Council, a distinguished fellow in residence at the Ralph J. Bunch International Affairs Center of Howard University, and chairman of a black scholars committee for the Ford Foundation. A prolific writer, he authored more than a dozen books including the prizewinning "African Urban Life: The Transformation of Ouagadougou" and "African Americans and United States Policy Toward Africa, 1850-1924."

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Dr. Gwendolyn Mikell, their daughter Luce, and children by his former wife, Thelma Skinner: Victor, Gale, Sagha and Touray.

## Alumni

### 1952

**Meryle (Geller) Loring**, B.S., sociology, has died, her husband, Bob, informed us.

### 1953

**Jack Jonap**, B.S., business, in West Palm Beach, Fla., in February.

**Edward J. Rasen**, B.S., business, died in 2000, his daughter Amy said.

### 1955

**Ernest Ecsedy**, 79, B.A., Arnold College; M.S., education, 6th year, education, March 4, of Bridgeport and later of Southport. He ran cross country at Arnold and was captain of the Cheering Squad. He was a physical education and a driver education teacher, head guidance counselor and assistant principal in the Bridgeport school system, working at Bassick, Central and Harding high schools. He was an out-

standing baseball player and was consistently honored as an all-star for his play in Bridgeport city leagues. He leaves his children, Michael, Steven, Gary and Cindy Ecsedy, his wife Rose, and former wife, Eve, of Trumbull.

### 1956

**Salvatore C. "Sam" Melilli**, B.S., accounting, of Trumbull, died Feb. 24. He was a World War II Navy veteran, serving with the Seabees in Okinawa. He retired as vice president of finance and administration for 3M Fiberoptics. He leaves his wife, Esther, son, Kenneth, of Omaha, Neb., and daughter Lisa Mellili of East Norwalk.

### 1957

**Allan Kupferman**, B.A., arts and sciences, Jan. 1, 2006, of Sharon, Mass. After UB, Dr. Kupferman went on to the University of Vermont, where he received his doctorate degree in pharmacology, and to the Yale University Medical School, where he was a post-doctoral fellow. While a student at Vermont, he began his research on the medical uses of L-Dopamine. He was an associate professor of ophthalmology and pharmacology at Boston University School of Medicine, and author

of many articles published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and other professional journals. He retired from BU in 1996 and took up a second career as a tax preparer and teacher for H&R Block. Dr. Kupferman and his family were among the founders of the Jewish Family Chavurah in Sharon. He leaves his wife, Anne, son Dan of South Easton, Mass, and daughter Harriet Kupferman Lyons of Reading, Mass.

### 1958, 1978

**Raymond Bylo**, 75, B.S., business administration, MBA, accounting, of Trumbull, Feb. 22. Mr. Bylo, an Army veteran of the Korean War, worked for the Defense Contract Audit Agency. He leaves his wife, Catherine, and sons Michael and Brian Bylo, and daughter, Cathy Scinto.

### 1960

**Terry M. (Miazga) Biega**, 66, A.S., dental hygiene, of Westbrook, Conn., Feb. 27. She and her husband, Joe, operated the Biega Funeral Home for many years. She is a past president of the Middletown, Conn., Junior Women's Club. Besides her husband, she leaves sons Joseph E. Biega III of Higganum,

Conn., Kenneth A. Biega of Old Lyme, Conn., and Mark Biega of Rhode Island, and a daughter, Beth A. Biega-Lastrina of Grand Cayman.

### 1961

**Thomas C. Hunter Jr.**, 73, B.S. engineering, in Stamford, Conn., Jan. 4. He attended Yale University's Sheffield Scientific School, where he studied electrical engineering, before earning his degree from UB. He was an Army veteran and worked as a management consultant. In Stamford, he served on the city's Board of Representatives and chaired the Education Committee. He was a former chairman of the Stamford Economic Development Commission. He leaves a wife, Mary Bernstein Hunter, and three children.

**Thomas A. Macek**, 75, B.S., of Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 6. He also had a degree from the University of West Virginia. A Navy veteran of the Korean War, he taught history, social studies and driver's education at Bullard Haven Technical School and Henry Abbott Technical School in Bridgeport. He was also an accomplished dog trainer, and trained dogs for the Bridgeport Police Department. He leaves daughters GERALYN Knapp of Danbury and Donna Leszczynski of South Salem, N.Y., and son Thomas Macek Jr. of Southbury.

### 1964

**Virginia Winspur Macro**, 92, B.A., M.S., education, of Newtown and previously, Monroe, Conn., Feb. 8. She taught at Stepney, Conn., Elementary School and developed the nature trails there and at the Chalk Hill School. She was the widow of August Macro, and leaves a daughter, Shelia Kolesar of Monroe and a son, Jay Mackro of California.

### 1983, '84, '85, '89

**Dr. Michael "Professor" Sokol**, Ph.D., B.S. mechanical engineering and electrical engineering, M.S., electrical engineering and physics, 50, of Melbourne, Fla., and Stratford, died in a motorcycle accident on Merritt Island, Fla. on March 24. He was the president and owner of Mechelopt, Inc., where he designed mechanical, electrical and optical engineering systems. He never took an SAT exam, but he persevered in acquiring six undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in mechanical, electrical and systems engineering, physics, optics and math in addition to two doctorate degrees, in engineering and in math. Besides UB, he graduated from the University of Dayton (Ohio) and the Florida Institute of Technology. He was an instructor at all three colleges and authored articles that were published in math and engineering periodicals and journals. He also was a certified motorcycle mechanic, a devout Christian and preacher. Among his survivors are his mother, Ewdokia Staruchina Sokol, and a brother, Andrew Sokol.

## Former UB student killed in Iraq war



Pfc. Richardson

The Defense Department confirmed in the early spring that Army Pfc. Stephen K. Richardson was killed when a bomb exploded near his vehicle on March 20. Richardson was a student at the University of Bridgeport in the fall of 2004.

Richardson withdrew from the University after successfully completing his first semester. He took history, English and accounting courses, and lived

on Park Avenue in Bridgeport while a student. He graduated from high school in Jamaica, in the Greater Antilles.

Professor Edward Geist, head of the Literature and Civilization Program, who was both a teacher and adviser to Richardson in that semester, recalled Richardson as an earnest and dedicated student.

"He was a wonderful young man. He wanted to be a business major. His goal was international business," Dr. Geist said.

"I remember he wrote a strong placement essay. In it he indicated that he wanted to go back to Jamaica and use his education to bring about positive changes.

"He would have done that, too. He would have succeeded in getting his business degree. He had his best grade in accounting. He had a real interest in it," Geist said.

The professor said he was "sorry to hear of Richardson's death. It's unsettling when someone you've come to know and admire is killed.

"In 40 years of teaching, unfortunately, that's something that happens. But it's always a shock," Geist said.

Professor Matthew G. Maron, CPA, was "very sorry" when he heard of Richardson's death. "He was in my Principles of Accounting I class. He received an A for the class. I remember him as quite the diligent student, always sitting in the front row.... He was a leader in the classroom, asking questions, and participating in every class. He also had perfect attendance. It is so sad to see such an outstanding individual die so young. He will be missed," Maron said.

Richardson served with the 1st Infantry Division based at Fort Riley, Kan. He leaves a pregnant wife and a daughter, as well as his parents.

## Sports notes

# Baseball goes on a tear, wins fans, gets spotlight

**U**B baseball was a big winner this year, finishing with a record of 21-12, making it to the semifinals of the East Coast Conference and narrowly missing a bid to the NCAA Regionals. The season brought back the glitter of earlier years of the baseball program.

There were plenty of stars, starting with the man on the bench, Coach John Anquillare, who was voted by his peers as ECC Coach of the Year, and by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association as Northeast Coach of the Year.



Riley Shuckerow (5) and catcher Robert Parisian confer on the mound at HarborYard.

Seven of the players were voted all-conference. Two of them, Robert Parisian of Saugerties, N.Y., and Riley Shuckerow of Milford, Conn., were named to the Daktronics NCAA Division II Baseball All-Northeast Regional First Team.

Parisian is a pure hitter, finishing just short of .400 (.397), and leading the team in hits (56) and total bases (76). He's 6'1", 175-pound catcher, utility man who filled in at three other positions during the season.

Shuckerow, a 5'9" left-hander, had the best ERA in the conference (2.63). The junior pitcher had a 6-3 record, with three saves in 65 innings. He ranks 60th in the nation in ERA and 57th in strikeouts per nine innings.

The others making the ECC All-Conference Team were:

Gary Vera of San Juan, Puerto Rico, a 6'1" junior outfielder, hit close to .400 throughout the season, finishing with a .386 average. The doubleheader sweep against Dowling (7-5 and 3-2) the end of March was a special treat for him. Vera hit two-run homers in each game.

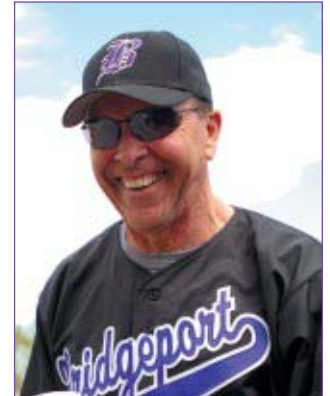
Freddy Medina of Hartford, Conn., with his 2.86 ERA, was one of the best in the conference. The strong right-hander threw 58.1 innings and rung up 49 strikeouts. He had a 4-1 record and was an ECC Pitcher of the Week and an ECAC Division II Pitcher of the Week.

Joseph Misinonile of West Haven, Conn., led the team in RBIs (32), runs (34), stolen bases and fielding percentage. He hit .374 and also led the team in multiple RBI and multiple hit games.

Seth Desautel, a junior from Cumberland, R.I., led the team in hitting, with a batting average of .397, a slugging percentage of .578 and on-base percentage of .471, and in doubles, with 15.

Andres Albaladejo, a junior from Bridgeport, Conn., hit .362 with 28 RBIs. In two separate games, he went 5-5 with four or more runs batted in. He caught most of the games, and allowed only one passed ball.

Anquillare's team ranked 6th in the NCAA Division II Northeast region. With more than two-thirds of his team returning next year, he's determined to make the regionals in spring 2008.



Coach John Anquillare was rewarded for a fine season by being named ECC Coach of the Year and Baseball Writers Northeast Coach of the Year.

## UB swimmers take honors, All-American status; team 25th in nation

**T**he UB women's swimming and diving team finished the season ranked 25th nationally in Division II, a remarkable achievement for Coach Brad Flood's three-year-old program.

In March, swimming in the Metropolitan Conference Championships, the UB women had five conference champions, one relay team conference champion, set two Metro conference records and qualified six swimmers for nationals, en-route to a fifth place team finish. UB also had nine swimmers named to the 2007 Metropolitan Conference All-Conference Team and one honorable mention.

Junior Viktoria Molnar (from Nagyvenyim, Hungary) shattered the 100-yard freestyle record with a time of 51.23, an NCAA Division II automatic qualifying time. Molnar also won the 50-yard and 200-yard freestyle with NCAA automatic qualifying times of 23.83 and 1:53.16.

Junior Aleksandra Byczynska (from Warsaw, Poland) was equally impressive at the conference championship setting a conference meet record in the 200-yard individual medley, winning in an NCAA "B" cut time of 2:08.28. She also posted on "A" cut time in the 100-yard backstroke (58.36) and two "B" cut times in the 200 yard backstroke (2:07.86) and 50 yard freestyle (24.79).

Junior Raluca Duma (from Cluj Napoca, Romania) won the 100-yard butterfly with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 57.28. She also swam three "B" cuts in the 200-yard freestyle (54), 200 yard individual medley (2:08.98) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:08.71).

UB's 400 yard freestyle team of Duma, Molnar, Byczynska and Doris Matosic (from Split, Croatia) touched the wall first in an NCAA "A" cut time of 3:32.87. In addition, the 200-yard medley team of Byczynska, Duma, Molnar and Anna Zahova (from Velingrad, Bulgaria) swam an



Byczynska

Duma

Molnar

"A" cut time of 1:47.33.

### NCAAs

Later in the month, in the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships, UB swimmers Viktoria Molnar and Raluca Duma won All-American Honors — Molnar had two, in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard Freestyle, and Duma, in the 100-yard butterfly.

Honorable Mention All-American Honors went to:

Byczynska, twice, for the 100-year backstroke and 200-yard individual medley; Molnar, 50-year freestyle;

Byczynska, Zahova, Duma and Molnar, for the 200-yard medley relay; Byczynska, Alena Gorlanova (from Omsk, Russia), Duma and Molnar, for the 400-yard medley relay;

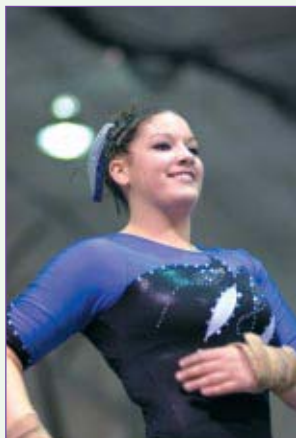
And Duma, Molnar, Matosic and Byczynska for the 800-yard freestyle relay.



## Gymnasts capture ECAC championship with grand style

UB's gymnasts won all four events to walk off with the 2007 Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship. The team beat the highly regarded Southern Connecticut State University and West Chester University in the finals.

Freshman Carissa Huggins, of Jacksonville, Fla., won the all-around competition for UB. She tied for first in the beam and placed second in the vault.



Katherine Reitz

Katherine Reitz, a sophomore from Phoenix, Ariz., picked up a medal by finishing first in the vault. She also placed third in the all-around.

UB's Brandi Embrey, of Olympia, Wash., and Teri Musall, of Myakka, Fla., both juniors, placed second and third in the uneven bars, and Tori Aarts, of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Reitz finished second and third in the floor exercise.

Three of UB's gymnasts — Reitz, Embrey and Aarts — went on to the USA Gymnastic National Championships at Seattle Pacific University.

The season brought individual



UB's champion gymnastics team include: front, from left, seated, Teri Musall, Shannon Cain, Brandi Embrey, and right, stooping: Kelsey Fox. Standing, from left, Assistant Coach Becky Caravetta, Kaitlyn O'Donnell, Leila Behbahani, Tori Aarts, Taylor Rut, Carissa Huggins, Katherine Reitz, and Niki Faye Calderon. Coach Byron Knox is in rear center.

honors. Huggins was named ECAC Rookie of the Year. And UB's Becky Caravetta was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

## Men's Basketball reaches NCAA semifinals; standouts honored

UB men's basketball went back to the NCAA Division II Regional but fell in the Northeast semifinals.

The Purple Knights, who finished the season at 22-9, were led by senior forward Ernest Daney of Manhattan with 15 points and eight rebounds, and senior guard Japhet McNeill of Brooklyn, N.Y., with 13 points. They lost to top seeded Bentley, 60-45.

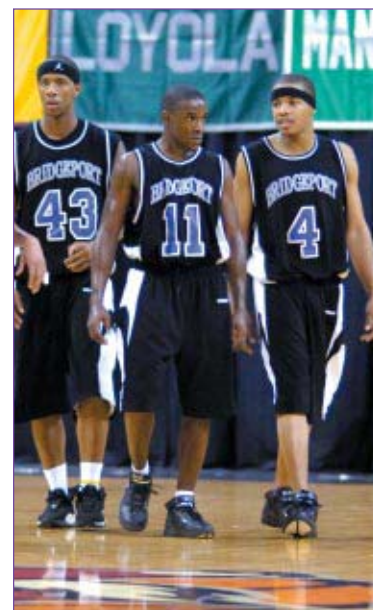
The season has plenty of thrills and highlights for Coach Mike Ruane's hoopsters. McNeil, who was named to the East Coast Conference All-Conference First Team and was a three-time ECC Player of the Week, was also named to the Daktronics NCAA Division II All Northeast Regional First Team. The 6-foot McNeil was fifth in the league in scoring with an average of 16.8 points a game; third with 5.1 assists a game, and first with 4.2 steals a game. He holds the Northeast Region's

record for a single-game high in points with 41 that he scored against Southern New Hampshire and the single-game number of steals with eight, which he reached three times in the season.

Daney, a 6'4" forward standout, was named to the ECC All-Conference Second Team. He was a dominating force under the boards, second on the team in scoring with 15.7 points a game and rebounding with 9.2 a game.

He was second in the ECC in rebounding and first in offensive rebounds with 4.63 a game. His 12 double-doubles were second best in the ECC. He was picked twice as ECC Player of the Week.

Jeremy Benjamin, a 6'6" forward from Bridgeton, N.J., was picked for the ECC's Third Team All-Conference. He was first in the ECC in rebounding (9.5 a game) and blocks (2 a game). In the NCAA Division II, Benjamin ranked in the top 25 nationwide in rebounds and blocks. He was a scorer, too, averaging 14.7 points a game, and recorded 11 double-doubles during the season. He was twice named ECC Player of the Week.



Standouts on the UB court over the winter were Jeremy Benjamin (43), Japhet McNeill (11) and Ernest Daney (4).

### Women's star

UB's Angeline Jimenez of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, was named to the ECC All Conference Women's Basketball First Team. She led the UB women's team in scoring (13.3 ppg) rebounding (13 a game), steals (2 a game), blocks (1.4 a game) and free throw percentage (75%).

She's ranked third nationwide in NCAA Division II rebounding, and holds a single-game high record with 24. She had 15 double-doubles during the season, and snagged 20-plus rebounds in four different games.



## UB and Japan's Joint Team receives honors at the National Model U.N. in New York

The University of Bridgeport and Japan's Model United Nations Team placed among the top delegations at this year's National Model U.N. in New York March 20-24. UB and the Japanese students paired up to represent the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the Model General Assembly.

This year the team ranked among 25 institutions to receive an Honorable Mention Award (Third Place) for their work in representing the delegation. This is the first time the University has won an award for its diplomatic achievement. The team was recognized in the United Nations General Assembly Hall on March 24. The UB Team consisted of 11 members and was led by Miguel Arroyo.

UB paired with a Japanese team composed of Japan's top students. It was led by Ms. Yukari Hara of the Tokyo University of Foreign Affairs.

The University was also honored when a member of the University of Bridgeport delegation, Giovanni Scaringi, was chosen to preside over the General Assembly in the 2007 program.

Dr. Thomas Ward, who shaped the team's participation as Dean of UB's International College, praised the UB and Japanese students for their success. "You have worked hard and diligently in preparing for this, and you have brought honor to yourselves, your schools and your families through your achievements," he said. "We are proud of you."

Last year, the UB Team won the award for an Outstanding Position Paper. The honors mean that in the past two years, UB students have won honors in the two areas that are judged—diplomacy and the quality of the paper writing.

Dr. Zhiqun Zhu, one of the faculty advisors, was in attendance at the United Nations Award Ceremony. He congratulated the Joint Team after the award ceremony saying that in Chinese language there is what is referred to as "double happiness." The team had not only succeeded in

coming together and in learning to work successfully as a single delegation in just one week's time but they had also succeeded in winning a top award.

The joint team met with His Excellency Kenzo Oshima, the Japan Permanent Representative to the U.N. The ambassador spent an hour with the joint delegation answering their questions and explaining Japan's policy on a variety of issues.

The University of Bridgeport team was advised by Dr. Dave Benjamin and Dr. Zhu.

Ward said that he felt that the opportunity to work with the Japan National Model U.N. had been an invaluable experience: "It made us more serious to do our best and it has brought the work of our team to a new level," he said. "The diplomatic award is new ground for us."

The joint team was hosted by the UB President Neil Albert Salonen and the University's Board of Trustees on March 16.

Members of this year's UB team, besides Arroyo, who is from Miami, and Scaringi, from New York, were: Hillary Pankey (New Jersey),



The UB-Japanese students subcommittee negotiates provisions of a working paper dealing with HIV/AIDS in preparation for the Model United Nations in New York. Those identifiable are: UB's Dimitrios Chelidonis, standing left, of Greece, Japan's Takehisa Kanaguchi, standing center, and Yusuke Kawano, seated center, and right, UB's Tijana Bokic of Serbia.

Emily Gunning (Maine), Monique Ross (New Zealand), Dimitrios Chelidonis (Greece), Tijana Bokic (Slovenia), Nevena Vatachka (Bulgaria), Michael Buck (Florida), Aaron Barabasz (Connecticut) and Shinbok Hong (New York).



Giovanni Scaringi, center, who was chosen to preside over the General Assembly at the college Model United Nations in New York, with Professors and advisers David Benjamin, left, and Zhiqun Zhu.



Miguel Arroyo of the University of Bridgeport and Yakari Hara of Tokyo University of Foreign Affairs present a gift of appreciation to Dr. Thomas Ward, Dean of the International College.

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