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Chair in Judaic Studies established with gift from Konovers

BY CINDY WEISS

Two founding supporters of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University, Doris and Simon Konover of West Hartford, will endow the Center's first faculty chair.

The Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies will support teaching and research by a leading scholar of Jewish life, history, and religion.

The appointment of a chair will enable the Center, which just celebrated its 25th anniversary, to attract a scholar with an international reputation to develop new courses and provide research leadership in the field of Judaic Studies.

"The University of Connecticut is very fortunate to have Doris and Simon Konover among its special friends, and personally I'm very grateful for their continuing support," says President Michael J. Hogan. "The Konover Chair will further strengthen our Center's highly regarded programs and leadership in Judaic Studies."

The \$1.5 million endowed chair will be established by Doris and Simon Konover and the Konover Family Foundation.

"Doris and Simon Konover provided the first crucial endowment for the Center for Judaic Studies at its founding 25 years ago," says Ross MacKinnon, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "They have generously supported the Simon and Doris Konover Program in Jewish-Christian Relations.

"The chair they will establish recognizes the high level of scholarship that the Center can sustain and the high level of international recognition to which it aspires," he says.

Doris Konover received her bachelor's degree in 1950 from the UConn School of Nursing. Simon Konover received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University in 1996.

Simon Konover was born in 1922 in the town of Makow Mazowiecki near Warsaw, Poland. As a 16-year-old he survived internment in a labor camp. He was pressed into service in the Russian Army, fought in the Battle of Stalingrad, and in 1944 was impris-

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PHOTO BY SEAN FLYNN

A student walks past fall foliage near the Castleman Building, in this view from the Student Union.

Provost's group seeks to foster women as academic leaders

BY SHERRY FISHER

Kathleen Holgerson recently learned first-hand what it is like to walk in the shoes of one of the highest administrators at the University.

Holgerson, director of the Women's Center, accompanied Provost Peter Nicholls for a week as he engaged in his day-to-day tasks, in a pilot "shadowing" program organized by the Provost's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW).

The creation of a shadowing program was one of the recommendations of the PCSW leadership subcommittee, which, at Nicholls' charge, issued a report that explored

strategies for advancing women in leadership positions at the University.

"The University is committed to ensuring that more women are involved in the administration at all levels within the institution," Nicholls says. "My office is committed to improving the climate and providing resources for women's leadership development."

Nicholls volunteered to be the first administrator shadowed.

Holgerson attended meetings, stayed in Nicholls' office while he worked on correspondence, and accompanied him on a visit

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University reaccredited, evaluators enthusiastic

BY RICHARD VEILLEUX

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges' Commission on Institutions of Higher Education has reaccredited UConn for another 10-year term, noting in glowing terms the University's decade-long transformation.

"The University has been successful in meeting the expectations of the students in terms of academic quality, effective teaching, a vibrant student and campus life, internships, co-ops and career guidance," says the report, created by the Commission's evaluation team. "There is genuine trust among the campus stakeholders as well as mutual admiration and respect – faculty are engaged and demonstrate a genuine concern for students and their profession; staff demonstrate passion and commitment to excel and support the academic mission of the University.

"This enthusiasm and energy is infectious and permeates the entire campus," the report continues, "and it is clear that the University has mechanisms in place to continue transforming and building the culture of academic excellence it has created."

University President Michael J. Hogan says, "The reaccreditation team saw many things during their review that I saw when I decided to come here. This is a University that is poised for greatness, led by excellent and caring faculty and staff and supported by a state government that has repeatedly shown its commitment to the state's flagship University. Our future is, indeed, bright."

Despite the overwhelmingly positive report, future growth could be jeopardized, the report says, unless the University hires more faculty to keep up with student demand and reduce class sizes. Additional staff are also needed, particularly in Homer Babbidge Library.

"Library staffing is already low compared to ARL [Association of Research Libraries] peers, and further pressure will exist if there is additional faculty expansion," the evaluation group said.

The reaccreditation report was compiled by Mark Nordenberg, chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh and chair of the nine-member evaluation team appointed by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. It followed a three-year self-eval-

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PHOTO BY PETER MORENUS

Students lead SUBOG’s giant Jonathan balloon during the Homecoming parade Oct. 14.

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uation process led by Karla Fox, a professor in the School of Business. Fox coordinated the work of 11 committees studying various aspects of the University, based on the standards of accreditation. The committees included faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees, and representatives of the UConn Foundation. Their efforts were reviewed by the evaluation team, which also conducted a site visit and interviewed faculty, staff, and students in Storrs, at three regional campuses, and at the Health Center.

They came away impressed. “The University’s self-study opened its institutional overview by describing that period [1995-2005] in the following way: ‘The last 10 years have been ones of tremendous growth for the University of Connecticut, in terms of quality, reputation, and physical infrastructure. Indeed, the changes at the institution have been so profound that this period sometimes is referred to as ‘The Transformation,’” Nordenberg writes.

“Despite some initial skepticism, members of the visitation team came to conclude that this very positive label was not inappropriate – both because of the actual progress that has been forged and because of the transformational impact of that progress on the spirit of the people of the University,” Nordenberg adds.

Fox, who has been a commissioner on NEASC’s Commission on Institutions of Higher Education for seven years and has reviewed more than 250 evaluation team reports, says it is rare to see reports this glowing.

“We are a shining example of a University on the move,” she says. “We are actually changing the institution and achieving our goals. We have a wonderful story to tell. We’re unique in New England and in the country. We have done some marvelous things.”

The report also offers some advice.

“As might be expected, the evaluation team also found that,

even though much already has been accomplished, there is more to be done if the University is to achieve its full ambitions.”

Recommendations include:

- A more fully developed academic plan is needed; the report acknowledges that this is currently underway;
- More faculty are needed, both for teaching and to enhance the research enterprise;
- Continued attention must be paid to the regional campuses;
- Continued attention must be paid to the Health Center;
- More attention must be focused on assessment and on private philanthropy;
- There are challenges to be met in the recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty and staff.

The commission asked University officials to report on their progress in those areas when preparing the regular fifth-year interim report, to be filed in spring 2012.

Initiatives highlighted by the evaluation team include:

- Creation of an expanded position – vice provost for undergraduate education and regional campus administration, currently held by Veronica Makowsky. The report says this is “a clear effort by the provost to more effectively integrate the five regional campuses and the Storrs campus, which was a concern in the accreditation visit a decade ago;”
- The University is striving to create a “culture of planning,” which is valued by leaders at all levels, and there is a shared expectation that the development of clear strategies coupled with rigorous implementation is critical to continued success;
- The University has implemented a number of steps to advance and improve undergraduate education. The report cites in particular the Center for Undergraduate Education; admissions and financial aid efforts that have increased the number, quality, and diversity of incoming classes; and the

replacement, renovation, or expansion of teaching spaces;

- The general education program “is thoughtfully designed to fulfill the broad objectives that have been set for undergraduate education;”
- On average, the report notes, the University redirects 18.3 percent of institutional dollars to financial aid, “which stands out at a time when many states are decreasing their appropriations to higher education, thereby leaving the cost of attendance to be absorbed more by the student and family;”
- The array of services and programs to help students – the Academic Center for Entering Students, First Year Experience, the Institute for Student Success, math and writing centers, and specialized assistance – have helped improve the freshman to sophomore retention rate from 88 percent to 92 percent;
- The University Libraries have been transformed along with the rest of the University during the past decade, and have a well developed culture of assessment. “The library is a leader in the area of assessment and is considered to be far ahead of most other libraries in New England,” the report says;
- When code violations appeared in some new buildings, the University “responded forcefully and effectively to legislative mandates regarding construction oversight. Mechanisms are now in place to ensure proper and efficient auditing of construction and renovation projects.”

“UConn will enter the next decade with assets ranging from the very tangible physical transformation of its campuses to the growing sense of high ambition that increasingly seems to be driving the committed efforts of most members of the University community,” the report concludes. “With the right combination of adequate resources, careful planning, creative thinking, high energy, and hard work, the next decade can be another transformational period for the University of Connecticut.”

Former faculty member to discuss Jefferson Science Fellows program

Science and engineering faculty wishing to learn about the Jefferson Science Fellows program administered by the National Academies are invited to meet with 2005 awardee, Edward Samulski, on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Samulski, a former UConn faculty member, now a professor of chemistry at the University of North Carolina, will give a seminar on Oct. 31 at 4 p.m. in the Chemistry Building, Room A203.

The Jefferson Fellows program provides scientific liaison and advice to the Department of State.

Awardees receive a stipend to spend a year in the Office of the Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State in Washington, D.C., and represent the U.S. in international scientific exchanges. The 2008 application deadline is Jan. 15.

For more information about the program, see http://www7.national-academies.org/Jefferson/2005_Jefferson_Science_Fellows.html

For details about Samulski’s schedule during his visit, contact Professor James Knox at james.knox@uconn.edu.

Environmental conference set for Nov. 1

Town and state officials will join a group of UConn faculty and staff on Nov. 1 to discuss the science and politics of climate change, what is being done about it on a local level, and what can be done.

The conference will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1 in Room 7 of the Bishop Center. Registration is required. There is a charge of \$10 for faculty, staff, and the public. Students are invited free of charge.

Joan Buck, chair of the Town/University Ad Hoc Group on the Environment; Mayor Betsy Paterson; Town Manager Matthew Hart; and Richard Miller, director of en-

vironmental policy at UConn, will present a review of what’s being done in the area to limit damage to the environment by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from daily operations and activities. They will be followed by a panel of UConn faculty, representing climatology, economics, engineering/biofuels, political science, and natural resources management. Lynn Stoddard, an environmental analyst for the state Department of Environmental Protection’s climate and energy team, will deliver the keynote address.

More than a dozen poster sessions will also be offered.

Alumni Association awardees honored

The winners of the 2007 Alumni Association Awards were honored Oct. 20 at the Alumni Center. They are:

- Honorary Alumni Award**
Philip E. Austin
University President Emeritus
- Faculty Excellence in Research (Humanities/Social Sciences)**
Richard Langlois, Department of Economics, CLAS
- Faculty Excellence in Research (Sciences)**
Kent Holsinger, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, CLAS
- Faculty Excellence in Teaching at the Undergraduate Level**
Richard Hiskes, Department of Political Science, CLAS

- Faculty Excellence in Teaching at the Graduate Level**
Michelle Williams, Department of Psychology, CLAS
- Distinguished Alumni Award**
Allen Bennett ’69, Partner, Ropes & Gray, Washington, D.C.
- Humanitarian Award**
Lani Fortier ’04, CharityGlobal, New York, N.Y.
- Connecticut Alumni Service Award**
Josh Dunn ’92, Smith Barney, VP Wealth Management, former Alumni Association board member and past president of the Hartford chapter
- University Service Award**
Kevin Bouley ’80, Owner & President, Nerac Inc.

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\$2 million imaging machine to be funded with NIH grant

BY KRISTINA GOODNOUGH

The Health Center has received a \$2 million federal grant to purchase a sophisticated imaging machine to study the structure, stability, and dynamics of proteins

and their role in human disease.

The instrument, an 800 MHz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, also will be used by researchers at the Storrs Campus who collaborated with the Health

Center in the grant application.

“Proteins are not static,” says Jeffrey Hoch, an associate professor of molecular, microbial and structural biology and principal investigator on the grant. “They

undergo internal motions spanning many orders of magnitude in rate and amplitude. Nuclear magnetic resonance is a powerful tool for probing those dynamics, detailing both the extent and timescale of internal motions. It is also a uniquely versatile tool for determining molecular structure and probing interactions between molecules.”

The NMR works by magnetizing the nuclei of atoms so they behave like tiny bar magnets. Scientists can deduce their properties based on interactions in the strong magnetic field provided by the instrument, and this promotes detailed understanding of the way a molecule looks, how it functions, and how looks and function interrelate. The shape of protein from an influenza virus, for example, could affect its ability to infect avian or mammalian cells. Developing drugs to control viruses could depend on molecular shape and function.

NMR technology is one of two major tools (along with X-ray crystallography) used in structural biology, says James Cole, associate professor of molecular and cell biology at Storrs and director of a

growing collaboration of researchers at the Health Center and Storrs campuses who use NMR technology to study the architecture and action of protein molecules. Both campuses have excellent NMR facilities, and the new instrument will complement work done at both sites, he says. “This is really icing on the cake.”

Currently, the largest NMR on both campuses is 600 MHz. The new instrument, which is 800 MHz, will make it possible to study the structure of much larger proteins.

The grant is one of 14 provided by the NIH National Center for Research Resources High End Instrumentation Program, which provides grants to support the purchase of sophisticated instruments costing more than \$750,000.

“There are only about 40 of these machines at academic institutions around the country,” says Hoch, “and the NIH funded only one this year.”

The instrument also will be used by investigators at UMass-Amherst, Connecticut College, Dartmouth College, and Wesleyan and Yale universities. It is expected to be operational in 2008.



PHOTO BY JANINE GELINEAU

Faculty of the Health Center’s molecular, microbial and structural biology department, from left, Jeff Hoch, Michael Gryk, Martin Schiller, Stephen King, Bing Hao, and Mark Maciejewski, stand near some imaging equipment. The Health Center will soon receive a new NMR spectroscope, thanks to an NIH grant.

Conservation area established on site of former landfill

BY KAREN A. GRAVA

A 64-acre preservation area is being built on undeveloped land on North Campus.

The land comprises both wooded uplands and wetlands, including vernal pools that provide habitat for a variety of amphibians; a Great Blue Heron Rookery, which has been the nesting place for half a dozen pairs of these birds; hiking and biking trails; and boardwalks with scenic overlooks.

The preserve will be owned and maintained by UConn but the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will oversee it and enforce compliance, according to a conservation agreement signed by the University and the DEP. The agreement was recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

Permanent conservation of the land is one of the final requirements of the cleanup for the former UConn landfill, which has not operated as a dump since the mid-1980s.

“This land will someday be a carefully managed nature preserve for outdoor enthusiasts and environmental researchers,” says Richard Miller, UConn’s director of environmental policy.

The area is located between Hunting Lodge Road and North

Hillside Road, north of the landfill.

Plans are to create three unpaved parking spaces for the public on Hunting Lodge Road, near the utility road entrance. Additional parking for visitors will be available from North Hillside Road, at a new parking lot that will be constructed on top of the former landfill. The parking lot will open next year.

“The preserve is literally trash-to-treasure,” says Miller. “We’ve unofficially dubbed the preserve the Hillside Environmental Education Park, and we’re hopeful that this area will someday be a natural jewel for the North Campus.”

The preserve can be used for passive recreation, such as bird watching, hiking, and biking, and for education and research. It will have a pavilion that can be used for picnicking, several boardwalk areas that allow for study of wetlands, and two wooden observation areas – one near the Great Heron Rookery and the other near the landfill parking lot looking north into the preservation area.

Kristin Schwab, associate professor of plant science, and a team of senior landscape design students determined how to make the most of the hilly site and where to connect the trails, place signs



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A worker looks over the new preserve from a boardwalk that allows the study of wetland areas.

to guide and educate visitors, and maximize observation of ecosystems, plants, and wildlife.

Trails that will be built into the parcel will connect with the Hunting Lodge Road entrance to Shelter Falls Park, owned by the Town of Mansfield, and the Celeron trail, as well as the dirt utility road that ends on North Hillside Road and is already by joggers and hikers.

The parcel cannot be used for agriculture, forestry, or pesticide application, and no structures can be built on it. In addition, no mo-

tor vehicles, including snowmobiles, can be used on it.

The landfill remediation plan requires long-term care and monitoring of natural resources affected by UConn’s clean-up activities, says Miller. It also presents interesting topics for student and faculty-led environmental research projects.

For example, because the DEP required UConn to remove leachate-contaminated sediments from wetlands located along the landfill perimeter, the University must

monitor the effectiveness of its efforts to restore these wetlands and create others as viable habitat for a diversity of wildlife species.

Control of invasive plants, such as autumn olive and phragmites, which tend to overtake disturbed sites such as this one, will also be of interest to researchers, Miller says. Other research on the site could focus on the long-term effectiveness of remedial technologies employed in the clean-up and the resulting impacts on hydrology surrounding the former landfill.

‘Chronic Lyme disease’ has no scientific basis, researcher says

BY CAROLYN PENNINGTON

A recent article in a prestigious medical journal has ticked off many chronic Lyme disease advocates.

In the controversial article, Dr. Henry Feder, an infectious disease expert in the Health Center’s Department of Family Medicine and Pediatrics, who was one of six primary authors of the review study, says the diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease has no scientific basis and does not exist.

Feder says he felt it was important to write the article (“A Critical Appraisal of ‘Chronic Lyme Disease’”), published in the Oct. 4 *New England Journal of Medicine*, to correct some of the misinformation on Lyme disease being circulated on the Internet and elsewhere. Some practitioners use the term “chronic Lyme disease” to describe a persistent infection from the Lyme bacterium that requires long-term antibiotic treatment and may even be incurable.

Feder, and more than 30 scientists from the Ad Hoc International Lyme Disease Group representing institutions such as Harvard, Yale, and Johns Hopkins, analyzed scientific data from dozens of existing studies. They concluded there is no scientific evidence that the Lyme bacterium persists after an initial antibiotic treatment of two to four weeks, and no scientific basis for long-term antibiotic treatment.

“The assumption that chronic, subjective symptoms are caused by

persistent infection with the bacterium that causes Lyme disease is not supported by carefully conducted laboratory studies or by controlled treatment trials,” says Feder. “‘Chronic Lyme disease’ is a misnomer, and the use of prolonged, dangerous, and expensive antibiotic treatment is not warranted.”

The article drew protests from patient advocates who believe chronic Lyme disease is common. A rally was held outside the Health Center in opposition.

Patient advocate groups say the article will make it difficult for thousands of people to get treatment for potentially debilitating symptoms.

Feder says the problem is not with prolonged inexpensive oral antibiotic treatment like doxycycline, but with the use of long-term intravenous antibiotics like ceftriaxone, which is expensive, toxic, and has serious side effects.

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne infection in the northern hemisphere. Factions of doctors and patients have argued for years over its severity and long-term symptoms.

The infection manifests itself in a number of ways, including a characteristic skin lesion, certain neurological and cardiac symptoms, and arthritis, all of which usually respond well to two to four weeks of antibiotic treatment. A minority of patients continue to have fatigue, joint pain, and difficulties with concentration or short-term memory after success-

ful treatment of the acute infection. Typically, these post-Lyme symptoms resolve over time, with or without re-treatment, and are not due to persistent infection, says Feder.

“I feel for these patients,” he says. “I want to help them, but most of their evidence on the efficacy of treatments is anecdotal.”

Some of the testimonials are from people who say they got better after 12 months of antibiotics, longer than the regimen used to treat tuberculosis, he adds.

No rigorous study has found that patients infected with Lyme disease benefit from long-term courses of antibiotics. Also, many suffer adverse side effects from antibiotic treatment. Many patients are diagnosed with chronic Lyme disease based on non-specific symptoms, such as fatigue and the inability to work. Feder says unfortunately, serious problems like depression may be missed if a diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease is made.

The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society disputes the article, and asserts there is a growing body of published reports in medical journals showing that chronic Lyme disease does exist. The society is gathering data about patients who get well with long-term antibiotic treatment. The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society has its own treatment protocols for chronic Lyme disease, which differ greatly from the guidelines issued by the Infec-



PHOTO BY CAROLYN PENNINGTON

Dr. Henry Feder, an infectious disease specialist at the Health Center.

tious Disease Society of America.

Feder acknowledges that some people treated for the disease with antibiotics have recurring symptoms, but says there is no evidence *Borrelia burgdorferi*, a biological Lyme disease agent, can hide in the body as a cyst and then bloom later as active bacteria, as proponents of chronic Lyme disease claim.

He says he and other doctors sometimes simply don’t know what is making some patients so sick. Those patients are particular-

ly susceptible to doctors who claim they can cure their symptoms.

Patients who believe they have chronic Lyme disease come to him wanting long-term antibiotics, Feder says. It is difficult to explain that chronic Lyme disease has not been scientifically demonstrated, and that long-term antibiotics may be harmful.

“I try to address and treat their symptoms without using antibiotics,” he adds, “but that is easier said than done.”

New center will conduct research on mathematics education

BY JOANNE NESTI

A new interdisciplinary center for research in mathematics education has been established that combines the efforts of faculty in the Department of Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Neag School

of Education.

The Center was developed by two faculty members, Tom DeFranco, associate dean of the Neag School, and Charles Vinsonhaler, a professor – recently retired – in the math department. Last spring, after more than five years of effort, their vision of a Center for Re-

search in Mathematics Education won approval from the UConn Board of Trustees.

DeFranco, the director of the new center, describes it as “a bridge between two cultures.” As a professor in the Neag School who holds a joint appointment in the Department of Mathematics, he

is well positioned to operate in both “cultures.”

He hopes the Center will be a blending of the math department’s orientation toward content and the Neag School’s interest in pedagogy and performance, from those with a desire to teach mathematics.

The seed for the Center was planted more than 10 years ago when DeFranco and Vinsonhaler, who was chair of the math department at the time, began discussing and working on issues in mathematics education. This collaboration led to their writing a book on mathematical problem solving, co-teaching an innovative course on mathematics pedagogy to teaching assistants in the math department, co-authoring research articles, and jointly securing grant funding.

Most importantly, says DeFranco, their efforts resulted in the establishment of a “mathematics education presence” within the mathematics department.

Both DeFranco and Vinsonhaler have been recognized for excellence in teaching – they were named University Teaching Fellows in 2001 and 1994 respectively. They say what works in teaching is a combination of passion and compassion: passion for the subject and for teaching, plus the compassion and willingness to do whatever it takes to help a

student learn.

The Center is committed to enhancing the quality of mathematics curriculum, instruction, and assessment. A large part of its work will involve partnerships with school districts and an active search for grant funding to support the Center’s professional development activities.

Over time, DeFranco says, “The Center’s mission will focus on putting together a comprehensive research agenda to help us understand the teaching and learning of mathematics at the K-16 level.”

DeFranco and Vinsonhaler believe that by drawing upon the expertise of faculty in both the Neag School and the Department of Mathematics, the Center can improve the teaching and learning of mathematics throughout the state of Connecticut as well as at the University.

Those involved in the Center include Neag School faculty members Tutita Casa and Kathy Gavin from the Department of Educational Psychology, and Mary Truxaw and Megan Staples from the Department of Curriculum & Instruction; and Department of Mathematics faculty members including Fabiana Cardetti, Sarah Glaz, Joe McKenna, and Tom Roby.

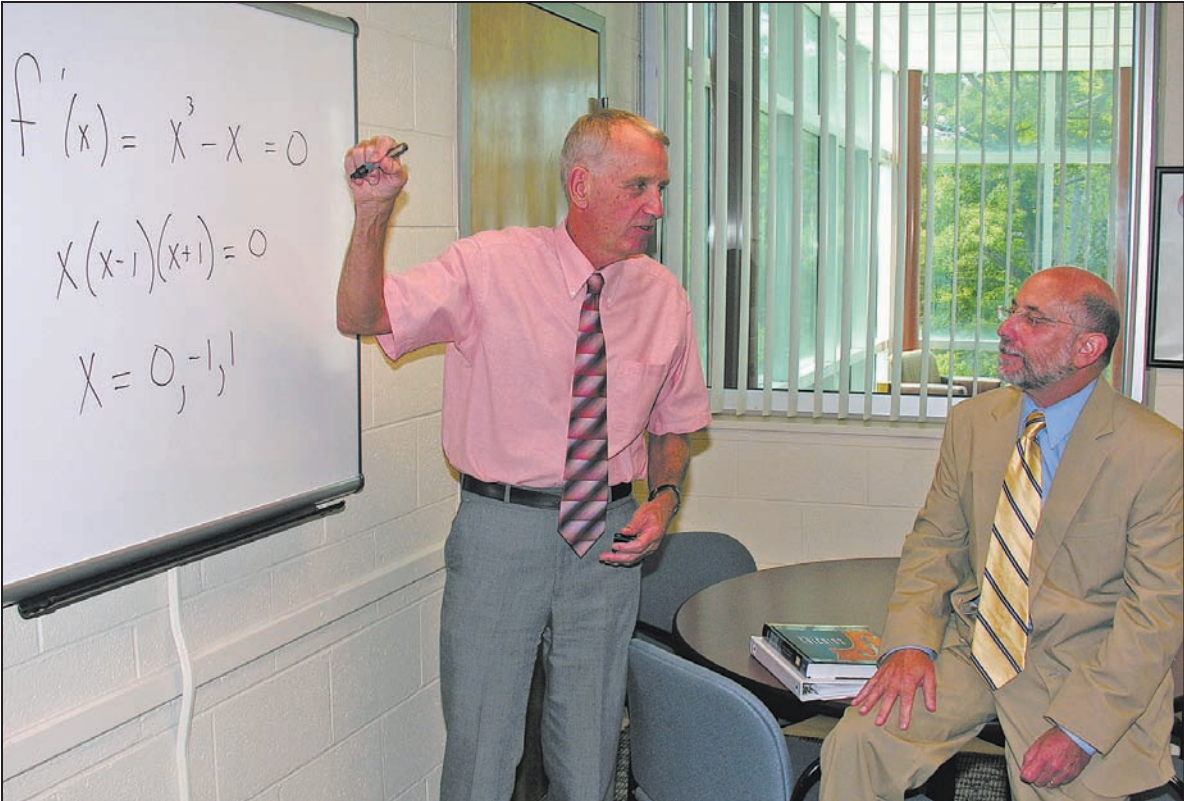


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Charles Vinsonhaler, left, a recently retired professor of mathematics, and Tom DeFranco, associate dean of the Neag School of Education, at the Center for Research in Mathematics Education.

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oned in Siberia for nearly a year. He returned to Poland after the war to find that more than 50 members of his family had perished in the Holocaust.

He emigrated to Cuba at the age of 26, and a year later, settled in the U.S., aided by family members who settled in the Hartford area before World War II. In 1959, he established Konover & Associates Inc., a real estate development firm.

During the 1950s, as part of his business, he laid the floor tiles in the original Student Union building, notes Arnold Dashefsky, professor of sociology and director of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life.

Simon Konover is now president and chief executive officer of Konover Properties Corp. and is a trustee of the Konover Family Foundation.

The Konovers are major philanthropists in the Hartford area and have supported many academic initiatives at the University. In addition to their gifts to the Center for Judaic Studies

and Contemporary Jewish Life, they have provided support for the University Libraries, the UConn Health Center, and the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, where the auditorium was named in their honor. They have also supported the Morris N. Trachten Kosher

Dining Facility for students. Their gift of an endowed chair in Judaic Studies “is a watershed development in the evolution of

Judaic Studies at the University of Connecticut,” says Dashefsky.

“This gift is also consistent with the University’s objective of expanding the study of human rights,” he adds. “The pursuit of Judaic Studies allows students to explore in-depth the ethical traditions of Jewish civilization and its commitment to social justice and the repair of the world.”

The Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is dedicated to academic research and teaching, public service, and community outreach. It provides an individualized major in Judaic Studies, and offers one of only six master’s degree programs in Judaic Studies at a public college in the United States. The center has an Israel Study Program and co-sponsors an archaeological dig at Sepphoris in Israel.

It is currently the home of the Berman Institute-North American Jewish Data Bank, the central repository of social scientific studies of North American Jewry.



PHOTO BY PETER MORENUS

President Michael J. Hogan, left, with Doris and Simon Konover at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.



PHOTO BY FRANK DAHLMAYER

Michelle Williams, associate professor of psychology, speaks at the UConn Co-op during a panel discussion on Oct. 16 on the theme, “Identity Development: Research and Scholarship by Insiders and Outsiders.” At right is Martha Cutter, associate professor of English. The event was sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Multicultural and International Affairs.

GRANTS

The following grants were received through the UConn Health Center’s Office of Grants and Contracts in July 2007. The list represents new awards as well as continuations. Additional grants received in July will be published in a future issue.

Department	Prin. Investigator	Sponsor	Amount	Award Period
Federal Grants				
Molecular, Microbial & Structural Biology	Weller, S.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$74,761	1/03-12/07
<i>Genetics of HSV DNA Replication</i>				
Neuroscience	Bansal, R.	National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke	\$326,530	7/03-6/08
<i>FGF Receptors in Myelin Function and Disease</i>				
Psychiatry	Petry, N.	National Institute on Drug Abuse	\$343,715	9/03-6/08
<i>Training Therapists to Administer Contingency Management</i>				
Genetics & Developmental Biology	Gunzl, A.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$54,477	1/04-12/07
<i>Multifunctional Class 1 Transcription in T. Brucei</i>				
Immunology	Vella, A.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$343,715	7/04-6/08
<i>Proinflammatory Cytokines Block T Cell Death in Vivo</i>				
Cell Biology	Wolgemuth, C.	National Institute of General Medical Sciences	\$224,455	5/04-4/08
<i>An Elastic Model of Spirochete Morphology and Motility</i>				
Immunology	Adler, A.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$309,344	6/04-5/08
<i>Mechanisms of Effector CD4 Cell Tolerization</i>				
Immunology	Adler, A.	National Cancer Institute	\$281,848	9/04-6/08
<i>A Transgenic Model for Prostate Tumor Immunity</i>				
Immunology	Puddington, L.	National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute	\$343,715	9/04-5/08
<i>Dendritic Cell Function in Early Allergic Sensitization</i>				
Immunology	LeFrancois, L.	National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases	\$323,092	9/04-6/08
<i>Tolerance and Autoimmunity in the Intestinal Epithelium</i>				
Immunology	Wikel, S.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$60,530	2/05-1/08
<i>Tick Polarized T-Cell Responses and Borrelia Infection</i>				
Calhoun Cardiology Center	Yue, L.	National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute	\$350,827	6/05-5/08
<i>Ca2+ Signaling Mechanisms in Cardiac Fibrosis</i>				
Psychiatry	Bauer, L.	National Institute on Drug Abuse	\$323,203	7/05-6/08
<i>Genetic Versus Phenotypic Markers of Relapse Risk</i>				
Molecular, Microbial & Structural Biology	Ton-That, H.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$56,943	12/05-11/07
<i>Pilus Assembly in Gram-Positive Bacteria</i>				
Molecular, Microbial & Structural Biology	Weller, S.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$50,616	1/06-12/07
<i>Role of Viral and Cellular Recombination Proteins in HSV DNA Replication</i>				
Molecular, Microbial & Structural Biology	Weller, S.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$56,721	2/06-1/08
<i>HSV 1 Processing/Packaging Genes</i>				
Immunology	Cauley, L.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$179,635	6/06-5/08
<i>Long Term Effects of Influenza Virus on T-Cell Migration</i>				
Craniofacial Sciences	Mina, M.	National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research	\$348,491	7/06-6/08
<i>Analysis of GFP Transgenes in Odontoblast Differentiation</i>				

Oral Health & Diagnostic Sciences	Frank, M.	National Institute on Deafness & Other Communication Disorders	\$421,066	7/06-6/08
<i>Peripheral Gustatory Processing</i>				
Neuroscience	Morest, D.	National Institute on Deafness & Other Communication Disorders	\$305,380	7/06-6/08
<i>Anatomy of the Auditory System</i>				
Craniofacial Sciences	Wadhwa, S.	National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research	\$135,000	7/06-6/08
<i>Dental & Craniofacial ResearchAccelerated Osteoarthritis in the TMJ</i>				
Medicine	Pilbeam, C.	National Institute of Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases	\$316,158	7/06-6/08
<i>Mechanical Loading of Bone and Prostaglandins</i>				
Molecular Medicine	Hansen, M.	National Institute of Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases	\$158,079	7/06-6/08
<i>Mode of Action of SQSTM1 Mutations in Paget’s Disease Bone</i>				
Genetics & Developmental Biology	Rowe, D.	National Institute of Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases	\$379,391	9/06-6/08
<i>Assessing Lineage Decisions of Musculoskeletal Progenitor Cells with Aging</i>				
Psychiatry	Covault, J.	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism	\$411,122	7/06-6/08
<i>Pharmacogenetics of Alcohol: Treatment Implications</i>				
Oral Rehabilitation, Biomaterials, & Skeletal Development	Freilich, M.	National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research	\$537,235	9/06-6/08
<i>Osteoporosis and Bone Augmentation/Implant Outcomes : An Observational Study</i>				
Oral Health & Diagnostic Sciences	Wagner, J.	National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases	\$222,000	7/07-6/08
<i>Behavioral and Physiological Responses to Race-Related Stress in Diabetic Women</i>				
Immunology	LeFrancois, L.	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	\$370,000	7/07-6/08
<i>Role of IL-15 in CD8 T-Cell Development and Response</i>				
Molecular, Microbial & Structural Biology	Carson, J.	National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke	\$364,240	12/01-6/08
<i>RNA Trafficking in Neural Cells</i>				
Neuroscience	Loftus, W.	National Institute on Deafness & Other Communication Disorders	\$74,000	7/07-6/08
<i>Pathways for ITD and AM Processing</i>				
Private Grants				
Oral Health & Diagnostic Sciences	Peterson, D.	UConn Foundation	\$2,161	8/99-12/07
<i>Mucosal Immunology Research</i>				
Genetics & Developmental Biology	Rosengren, S.	University of California at San Diego Medical Center	\$3,197	12/99-12/07
<i>Medications in Pregnancy Project</i>				
Surgery	Albertsen, P.	CTRC Research Foundation	\$1,520	9/01-5/13
<i>Selenium & Vitamin E Chemoprevention Trial DHHS 80003</i>				
Calhoun Cardiology Center	Dodge-Kafka, K.	American Heart Association	\$65,000	7/04-6/08
<i>MAKAP Anchoring of ERK5 is Important for Induction of Cardiac Hypertrophy</i>				
Ethel Donaghue Tripp Center	Fifield, J.	Donaghue Foundation	\$402,866	7/06-6/11
<i>Developing a Center for Translational Health Services Research</i>				
Center on Aging	Kenny, A.	Donaghue Foundation	\$109,450	7/06-6/08
<i>Effects of Omega-3 Fatty Acids on Bone and Frailty</i>				
Oral Rehabilitation, Biomaterials, & Skeletal Development	Freilich, M.	Straumann USA	\$221,982	7/06-6/08
<i>Implant Guided Bone Growth Mediated by Local Delivery of Osteogenic Agents</i>				
Molecular Medicine	Heinen, C.	American Cancer Society	\$715,400	7/07-6/11
<i>Understanding the Mismatch Repair Functions Affected During Tumorigenesis</i>				
Pediatrics	Pappagallo, M.	Children’s Hospital Association	\$2,646	9/06-8/07
<i>Inhaled Nitric Oxide for the Prevention of Premature Chronic Lung Disease</i>				
Community Medicine & Health	Schensul, S.	Institute for Community Research	\$24,012	7/07-4/08
<i>Alcohol, Sexual Risk and HIV in Mumbai (Ashra)</i>				
Community Medicine & Health	Bailit, H.	University of the Pacific	\$19,333	7/07-8/07
<i>California Pipeline 2007 Bridge Grant</i>				
Center for Vascular Biology	Claffey, K.	CT Breast Health Initiative Inc.	\$34,804	4/07-3/08
<i>The Correlation of Tumor Vascularity as Imaged by Near-Infra-Red Technology</i>				
Oral Health & Diagnostic Sciences	Litt, M.	Yale University	\$40,000	8/02-1/08
<i>Nicotine Replacement – Alcoholic Smokers DHHS 2 Ro1 AA11197-05</i>				
Medicine	Lorenzo, J.	Yale University	\$32,000	7/03-5/08
<i>Regulation of Osteoclast Differentiation DHHS DKP1082233</i>				
Genetics & Developmental Biology	Rowe, D.	Jackson Lab	\$43,214	6/05-5/08
<i>Genetic Reg. IGF1 Mice Peak Bone Density DHHS AR45433-08</i>				
Library	Morgen, E.	UMass	\$170,634	9/06-4/08
<i>EFTS – Development of a National Initiative</i>				
Molecular, Microbial & Structural Biology	Hoch, J.	Harvard University	\$262,258	5/07-4/08
<i>NMR & Computational Studies of Biomolecules</i>				
Calhoun Cardiology Center	Stoenescu, M.	St. Jude Medical	\$825	6/07-6/08
<i>Programming Ventricular Tachycardia Therapy for MADIT-II Patients</i>				

CALENDAR

Monday, October 22, to Monday, October 29

Items for the weekly *Advance* Calendar are downloaded from the University's online Events Calendar. Please enter your Calendar items at: <http://events.uconn.edu/> Items must be entered by 4 p.m. on Monday for inclusion in the issue published the following Monday.
Note: The next Calendar will include events taking place from Monday, Oct. 29 through Monday, Nov. 5. Those items must be entered in the database by 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22.
If you need special accommodations to participate in events, call 860-486-2943 (Storrs), or 860-679-3563 (Farmington), or 860-570-5130 (Law School).

Academic

Monday, 10/22 – Registration for the Spring 2008 semester via Student Administration System begins.
Monday, 10/29 – Last day to drop a course.
Monday, 10/29 – Last day to convert courses on Pass/Fail option to letter grade.

Libraries

Homer Babbidge Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 a.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-2 a.m.
Dodd Center. Reading Room hours: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed weekends.
Research Center hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed weekends.
Health Center Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon.-6 p.m.
Law Library. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 1-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-9 p.m.
Avery Point Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed weekends.
Greater Hartford Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Stamford Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, closed.
Torrington Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, closed.
Waterbury Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, closed.

University ITS

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Help Desk Hours: Call 860-486-4357, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ph.D. Defenses

Tuesday, 10/23 – “A Stoic Practice of Sentiment: Eighteenth-Century Moral Theory and the Subjectivation of Habit,” by Randall Cream (adv.: Marsden). 11 a.m.
Friday, 10/26 – **Proteomics.** “Global Survey of Human T Leukemic Cells for Systems Biology,” by Linfeng Wu (adv.: Han). 3 p.m., EGo52, Academic Research Building, UConn Health Center.

Lectures & Seminars

Monday, 10/22 – **Particles, Astrophysics, & Nuclei Physics Seminar.** “Dynamics with Vector Condensates in Dense QCD and Beyond,” by Vladimir Miransky, University of Western Ontario. 2 p.m., Room P121, Gant Science Complex.
Monday, 10/22 – **Animal Science.** “Structural Changes in Dolphin Tonal Vocalizations in Different Soundscapes,” by Shawn Makepeace. 2 p.m, Room 109, Advanced Technology Laboratory Building.
Tuesday, 10/23 – **Domestic Violence Lecture.** “Activism is Local: Working to End Violence Against Women in Your Community,” by Josie Ashton. 2:30

p.m., Women's Center, Student Union.
Tuesday, 10/23 – **Gladstein Visiting Professor Human Rights Lecture.** “The U.S. and Human Rights after Abu Ghraib and All That,” by David Forsythe, University of Nebraska. 4 p.m, Konover Auditorium.
Tuesday, 10/23 – **Latino and Women's Center Lecture.** “Activism in the Community: An Insider's Perspective,” by Josie Ashton. 4 p.m., PR/LACC, Room 437, Student Union.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Pharmacy Lecture.** “Chronic Emergency: Delivering Health Care Amidst a 50-year Civil War,” by Thomas Buckley, Pfizer Global Pharmaceuticals. Noon, Dodd Center.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Out-to-Lunch Lecture.** “This is Your Organization, Too: Lesbian and Straight Women Negotiating Feminist Identity in NOW Chapters, 1971-1982” by Stephanie Gilmore. Noon, Room 403, Student Union.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Judaic Studies Lecture.** “The Effect of Childhood Jewish Education on Adult Jewish Practices” by Marilyn Rothstein. Noon, Room 162, Dodd Center.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Law Faculty Workshop.** Title TBA, by Amy Adler, New York University Law School.

Justice in Darfur,” by Wanda Akin. 7 p.m., Room A1, Stamford Campus.
Thursday, 10/25 – **Women's Studies Lecture.** “Working with Women: the Doula's Perspective” by Maura Jo Lynch, certified doula. 10:30 a.m., African American Cultural Center, Student Union.
Thursday, 10/25 – **Comparative Pathology Seminar.** “Immunopathogenesis of Cerebral Toxoplasmosis,” by Yasuhiro Suzuki, Virginia Tech. 11 a.m., Room A001, Atwater Annex.
Thursday, 10/25 – **CHIP Brown Bag Lecture.** “Communication Skills Training in HIV Prevention Interventions: What Works?” by Tim Edgar, Emerson College. 12:30 p.m., Room 204, Ryan Building.
Thursday, 10/25 – **Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Seminar.** “Ecosystem Science, Environmental Change, and Society: A Personal View” by Gene Likens. 4 p.m., Room 130, Biology/Physics Building.
Thursday, 10/25 – **Women's Health Lecture.** “Make Time for Girlfriends – Women's Health: The Application of Mind/Body Medicine” by Alice Domar, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Admission \$40 members; \$55 non-members. 5-9 p.m., Keller Auditorium,



PHOTO BY ANDREA DiNINO

A poster in the exhibit *Fifty Years of Rock and Roll* on display at Jorgensen Gallery. See Exhibits.

Noon, Janet M. Blumberg Hall, Law School.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Social Work Lecture.** “How Can the U.S. Pull Its Troops out of Iraq Ethically?” by Jeremy Pressman and Scott Harding. 12:15 p.m., Zachs Community Room, School of Social Work, Greater Hartford Campus.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Latino Health Lecture.** “The Organization for the Rehabilitation of the Environment: Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods in Rural Haiti,” by Mousson Finnigan, Organization for the Rehabilitation of the Environment. 4 p.m., Room 204, Ryan Refectory Building.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Human Rights Lecture.** “Women Working for Peace &

Health Center.
Thursday, 10/25 – **Domestic Violence Lecture.** Barbara Parsons, author and survivor of domestic abuse, speaks about her experiences. 6:30-9 p.m., Hogan Lecture Hall, Torrington Campus.
Friday, 10/26 – **Polymer Science Seminar.** “Polymerization of Alkenes and Dienes with Late Transition Metal Catalysts: Mechanistic and Synthetic Studies” by Maurice Brookhart, University of North Carolina. 11 a.m., Room IMS20, Gant Science Complex.
Friday, 10/26 – **Animal Science Seminar.** “The Antimicrobial Effect of Cinnamaldehyde and Eugenol on *E. coli* 0157: H7 in Bovine Rumen Fluid and Rectal Contents,” by Anu Susan

Charles. Noon, Room 209, George White Building.
Friday, 10/26 – **Environmental Engineering Seminar.** “Precipitation Measurements from Space: The Global Precipitation Measurement Mission” by Arthur Hou, NASA. Noon, Room 212, Castleman Building.
Friday, 10/26 – **Physics Lecture.** “The ATLAS Detector at the Large Hadron Collider” by Michael Rijssenbeek, SUNY, Stony Brook. 4 p.m., Room P103, Gant Science Complex.
Sunday, 10/28 – **Physics Lecture.** Ron Mallet, physics professor and author of *Time Traveler*, will discuss his autobiographical account of his lifelong quest to design and build a machine for time travel. 3 p.m., Room 130, Biology/Physics Building.
Monday, 10/29 – **Indian Studies Lecture.** “Indian Voice, Indian Tongue: Indian Philosophy under Colonialism” by Jay Garfield, Smith College and Nalini Bushan, University of Massachusetts. 4 p.m., Room 130, Biology/Physics Building.
Monday, 10/29 – **History Lecture.** “The History of Romantic Love in Africa” by Megan Vaughn, University of Cambridge. 4:30 p.m., Konover Auditorium.

Exhibits

Through Sunday, 10/28 – **Alexey von Schlippe Gallery.** *I-Park*, by Pamela Zagarensky, and works by other American and Bulgarian artists. Gallery on the second floor of the Branford House, Avery Point Campus. Open Wednesday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m. \$3 admission for non-members.
Through Saturday, 11/17 – **Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry.** *Shadows & Substance*, 20th anniversary exhibit. Hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-5 p.m., Weaver Road, Depot Campus. Free admission, donations accepted. Docent-led tours available during museum hours.
Through Friday, 11/28 – **Health Center.** *Flowers, Fruits and Fungi: Explorations in the World of Nature*, art by Marilyn Pet. Main and mezzanine lobbies. Daily, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Health Center.
Through Thursday, 11/29 – **Stamford Art Gallery.** *A New Vision*, Contemporary works from Latin American artists. Art Gallery, Stamford Campus.
Through Friday, 11/30 – **Contemporary Art Galleries.** *JACKSON*, a multimedia exhibition of contemporary works by artists who were influenced by Jackson Pollock's paintings and life. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Contemporary Art Galleries.
Through Sunday, 12/2 – **Jorgensen Gallery.** *Fifty Years of Rock and Roll*, poster exhibit. Lower level of Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Through Wednesday, 12/5 – **Celeste LeWitt Gallery.** *Movement and Light Series*, by Kelly James Carrington; and *Revelations and Realities*, by John Lazarski. Daily, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Health Center.

Through Sunday, 12/16 – **William Benton Museum of Art.** *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession*, sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation. \$5 admission charge for this exhibit; museum members, UConn students, and children under 18 free. Also, through 12/16, *Rodin's Contemporaries*. Also, through 11/4, *42nd Annual Faculty Art Exhibition*. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. General admission to the museum is free.

Ongoing. State Museum of Natural History & Connecticut Archaeology Center. *Human's Nature: Looking Closer at the Relationships between People and the Environment*. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday & Monday, closed. Free admission, donations accepted.

Performing Arts

Tuesday, 10/23 – **Faculty Jazz Duo.** “Bird Songs”, the music of Charlie Parker, performed by Earl MacDonald, piano, and Kenny Davis, string bass. 8 p.m., von der Mehden Recital Hall.

Tuesday, 10/23 – **Parsons Dance.** Admission \$25-\$30. 8 p.m., Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts.
Thursday, 10/25 – **Recitals Plus.** Pianist Sarah Masterson will perform a program of works by J.S. Bach and Nikolai Kapustin. 12:15 p.m., Benton Museum of Art.
Friday, 10/26 – **Lewis Black, Adult Comedy.** Admission \$28-\$45. 8 p.m., Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts.
Sunday, 10/28 – **Songfest.** General admission \$7; students and children free with ID. 5 p.m., Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts.
Monday, 10/29 – **Jazz Combos.** Earl MacDonald, Kenny Davis, and Bill Reynolds direct 1950s “Cool Jazz”, in the styles of Chet Baker, Gerry Mulligan, Lee Konitz, Dave Brubeck, Shorty Rogers, Jimmy Giuffre, and Lennie Tristano. 8 p.m., von der Mehden Recital Hall.

Film

Thursday, 10/25 – **Thursday Night at the Movies.** “Running in High Heels.” 7 p.m., Women's Center, Student Union.

Sports

Wednesday, 10/24 – **Field Hockey vs. Boston College.** 7 p.m., Sherman Family-Sports Complex.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Volleyball vs. Central Connecticut.** 7 p.m., Gampel Pavilion.
Thursday, 10/25 – **Women's Ice Hockey vs. Providence.** 7 p.m., Freitas Ice Forum.
Saturday, 10/27 – **Field Hockey vs. Providence.** 1p.m., Sherman Family-Sports Complex.
Saturday, 10/27 – **Volleyball vs. Notre Dame.** 2 p.m., Gampel Pavilion.
Saturday, 10/27 – **Men's Soccer vs. Marquette.** 7 p.m., Morrone Stadium.
Saturday, 10/27 – **Men's Ice Hockey vs. Army.** 7:05 p.m., Freitas Ice Forum.
Saturday, 10/27 – **Football vs. South Florida.** 3:30 p.m., Rentschler Field, East Hartford.
Sunday, 10/28 – **Volleyball vs. DePaul.** 2 p.m., Gampel Pavilion.

Potpourri

Tuesday, 10/23 – **Co-op Book Reading.** Michael White will read from his epic novel, *Soul Catcher*. 7 p.m., UConn Co-op.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Drawing Open Studio.** An opportunity for Benton members and UConn students to sketch the Rodin sculptures in the gallery. 2-4 p.m., William Benton Museum of Art.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Creative Writing Program.** Join Margaret Gibson, author of nine books of poetry, including the newly released *One Body*. 5:30 p.m., UConn Co-op.
Wednesday, 10/24 – **Welcome Reception.** Join Provost Peter Nicholls in welcoming President Michael Hogan and his wife Virginia Hogan to the University community. 4-6 p.m., Alumni Center. RSVP to 860.486.1723 or rsvp@uconn.edu.
Wednesday, 10/25 – **Litchfield County Writers Project.** “Writers of Litchfield County: Fiction.” 6:30-9 p.m., Torrington Campus.

Thursday, 10/25 – **Co-op Book Discussion.** James Gurney will talk about his latest addition to the *Dinotopia* series, *Dinotopia: Journey to Chandara*. 1 p.m., UConn Co-op.
Saturday, 10/27 – **Cedar Hill Cemetery Walk.** Join State Archaeologist Nicholas Bellantoni and Irene McHugh for a tour of historic Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford. Advance registration required: \$15 (\$10 for Museum of Natural History members.) 10 a.m.-noon, Hartford.
Sunday, 10/28 – **Drawing Open Studio.** An opportunity for Benton members and UConn students to sketch the Rodin sculptures in the gallery. 2-4 p.m., William Benton Museum of Art.
Monday, 10/29 – **Long River Reading Series.** Bring a poem, short prose piece, or music to share at the open mic. 7 p.m., Room 217, CLAS building.

Art gallery reaches out to students through Pollock exhibition

BY BETH KRANE

Barry Rosenberg's assignment: Tell the story of Abstract Expressionist painter Jackson Pollock's turbulent life, tragic death, and lasting legend in- and outside the art world.

Rosenberg's approach: Watch recent movies about Pollock. Surf the Internet. Shop eBay. Download clips from YouTube.com.

Rosenberg may sound like a student, but he's not. He is the curator of UConn's Contemporary Art Galleries (CAG). And he wants to reach out to students.

His latest show, *JACKSON*, which runs through Nov. 30, is designed to show Pollock – one of the most famous American painters of the 20th century – as an enduring cultural icon and commercial product. He also hopes to engage students in learning about Pollock's far-reaching influence through the communications media they use on a daily basis.

Pollock was known for his revolutionary painting technique of working directly over un-stretched canvas using freely applied paint straight out of the can.

The CAG curator admits he is "old enough to remember the controversy surrounding Pollock's style of painting," which he says was "first put on the map" in a 1949 *Life* magazine article. The article is on display as part of *JACKSON*.

Yet Rosenberg also is keenly aware that the existence of new media means that the way con-



PHOTO BY FRANK DAHLMMEYER

Casey Durand, a junior majoring in marketing, pieces together a puzzle depicting one of Jackson Pollock's works. The puzzle is part of an exhibition of works inspired by the art and life of Pollock at the Contemporary Art Galleries.

porary art curators – particularly those in university settings – work is in constant flux.

"I like my shows to be backdrops for other things," he says.

In recent years, Rosenberg has made a point of picking themes for his exhibits from different aspects of campus life – touching on topics ranging from kissing, to the math department and the University library system. For the spring,

he plans a show on ornithology, drawing on one of the strengths of UConn's ecology and evolutionary biology department.

In the case of *JACKSON*, Rosenberg chose an artist with the potential to interest as many students as possible because of his effusive cultural presence more than 50 years after his death.

"There aren't many artists who transcend the art world the way

Pollock does," Rosenberg says. "Dali and Warhol certainly do, but it's a short, short list."

"If there can be a movie like this," Rosenberg says, holding up a copy of the 2000 Oscar-winning film *Pollock* directed by Ed Harris, "it shows you Pollock has become commercial product."

On eBay, Rosenberg purchased a Pollock mouse pad, a Pollock-style dress, and a Pollock jigsaw

puzzle for the exhibition. Students are helping him assemble the puzzle.

From YouTube.com, he downloaded videos of amateurs trying to create their own Pollock-style paintings.

The CAG curator also included two other movies as part of *JACKSON* – *Who the #\$% Is Jackson Pollock*, a 2006 documentary following a woman who purchases a painting from a thrift store for \$5 only to discover it may be a Pollock; and *Pollock Squared*, a Bill Rabinovitch film currently in post-production that blends animation and actors in a satire of the Ed Harris Pollock movie.

Rosenberg also secured some of the work on display as part of *JACKSON* through more traditional channels. He gained permission to show original Hans Namuth photographs of Pollock at work from Namuth's son, Peter, and borrowed a Robert Arneson painting he purchased for his previous art galleries at Wright State University. The painting depicts Pollock behind the wheel of the convertible Oldsmobile he drove to his death in 1956.

"I have shown Pollock's artwork in the past, but I have never devoted an exhibit to showing his life through other artists," Rosenberg says. "The exhibition simultaneously showcases good art and art work as a historical presentation of Pollock's life. There is one artist notably missing from *JACKSON*: I was offered, but chose not to have, a Pollock as part of this show."

Science often used as weapon in polarized political arena, says speaker

BY CINDY WEISS

Separating science and science policy in decision-making is a thorny matter for members of Congress and for scientists, suggested David Goldston in a recent lecture at UConn on "The Politicization of Science: Consequences and Prescriptions."

Goldston, who was chief of staff of the U.S. House Committee on Science from 2001 to 2006, warned that in the polarized political arena in Washington, "Science becomes used as a weapon rather than as a tool."

"Everybody wants to frame their argument as science," he said. "People are invested in this notion that science will give you the answers."

Scientists are being drawn into debates that blur science and public policy, said Goldston. It's good for them to be involved in political debates, but it should be recognized that they are just individuals who happen to be scientists giving an informed opinion. People should not assume that the science leads to just one conclusion, he said.

Goldston, now a visiting lecturer at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School and a monthly columnist for *Nature*, came to Washington in 1983 as the

press secretary to the newly elected Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-N.Y.), who was considered a moderate Republican. When Boehlert became chairman of the Science Committee in 2001, Goldston became its staff director.

He retired from Washington when Boehlert retired at the end of 2006.

Goldston has a B.A. in American history from Cornell University, and has completed Ph.D. coursework in that subject at the University of Pennsylvania.

His talk at UConn was hosted by Mark W. Peczu, associate professor of chemistry, and Kathleen Segerson, professor of economics, both in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The current political climate in Washington is as polarized as he has ever seen it, Goldston said. Ideology is driving policymakers far more than the public, he said.

"In this polarized world, the middle holds the vote that counts."

What's most interesting is how unconnected the debate is between science and science policy, he said.

Climate change is a case in point, where the scientific question has been identified and it is accepted that climate change is occurring, yet the policy options

are not being framed or agreed to, he said: Congress is "pretty much ignoring it."

In other cases, such as whether logging is a good or a bad environmental practice, the science questions are being asked and the answer is unclear, he said.

What can scientists do in this polarized environment?

First, like physicians, Goldston suggested, "Do no harm."

"Scientists need to be open about uncertainty," he said, adding that credibility is hurt when the level of uncertainty is minimized to further a cause.

"Scientists need to do their homework on the political system," he said, and learn to "talk with at least the credibility of a normal conversation." They should not treat politicians with contempt, he added.

Most important is separating science decisions from policy decisions, he said.

"Make sure that the science is heard, but it won't solve the policy issue for you," he warned.

Many policy questions in the end boil down to economics, Goldston said.

"For a lot of the issues in science policy, the ideal background would probably be a Ph.D. in economics."

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to the Avery Point campus. They had discussions after each meeting.

Nicholls says the experience was "mutually beneficial. I learned a lot from Kathleen's observations."

Holgerson says she asked questions about what was behind some of the decisions that were being made, and about the contexts for different conversations: "I was able to provide the perspective of what, if any, were the dynamics around gender or race."

She says her role was "not only to shadow, but for both of us to take the experience and see what kind of program could be put into place." She and Nicholls will discuss the program's future with members of the subcommittee.

"We want to be sure that whatever we do, we have the maximum impact," Nicholls says. "It's very important that we try and work at getting more women involved in the administration at all levels."

Nicholls is also supporting a workshop for PCSW members to be held in the spring. The goal of the two-day workshop is to help the group develop a strategic plan for women's leadership development.

He also approved the creation of a permanent fund for women's leadership training to enable one representative from UConn to attend a major women's leadership training seminar each year. The fund would also support women's

participation in such opportunities. The goal is to institutionalize, either through nominations or applications, a more transparent and strategic process for participation in such events.

According to the report, in 2005-2006, only 11 of 51 department heads and four out of 15 deans were women.

The report says that academic leadership positions held by women are part of a system that was institutionalized before women had a large presence in the University. Females in administrative positions therefore function in a working environment that still assumes that professionals will be available and committed to their positions because they have few family obligations. The result is a stressful work atmosphere that tends not to be supportive of personal responsibilities.

Elizabeth Mahan, who chairs the leadership subcommittee, says that while men are also affected by stressors in the workplace, women are affected to a greater degree.

"[These stressors] tend to hit women harder because of deeply rooted patterns," says Mahan, an associate extension professor in international affairs. "Women have assumed certain responsibilities in the household, such as child care, and are trying to balance work and home life."

