



## Hogan announces plans to restructure

*Seeks to boost research, promote collaboration*

BY ELIZABETH OMARA-OTUNNU

A plan to reorganize the central administration has been announced by President Michael J. Hogan. The plan is intended to strengthen the University's research and graduate education and foster greater collaboration between the Health Center and the Storrs campus.

Under the plan:

- the research enterprise of the entire University, including the Health Center, will be headed by a single individual. That person will hold the title of vice president for research and graduate education and dean of the Graduate School, and will report to both the president and the provost;
- all deans at the University, including those at the Health Center, will report to the provost. The vice president for health affairs will report to the provost in his or her capacity as dean of the medical school, but will continue to report to the president regarding clinical and administrative matters.

The changes, which involve amendments to the University's bylaws, will be discussed by the Board of Trustees at its Jan. 22 meeting and are expected to be finalized at its February meeting. Searches to fill the top research post and the position of head of the Health Center have been modified to reflect the proposed changes, which will take effect with the new hires.

"We need to have one university, not two; one provost, not two," Hogan says. "We need a unified mission when it comes to research, as well as education and the larger academic agenda. These changes must be made in order for the University to achieve its major goals."

One of those goals is to expand the University's research agenda and elevate the standing of the graduate and professional programs.

Hogan says the vice president for research will work with the provost to set a vision for the entire institution, leveraging all the resources, expertise, and skills at the University.

The changes were prompted by the

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President Michael J. Hogan speaks with, from left, seniors Kevin Pasquaretta and Fred Brewer, and Ryan Brown, a freshman, as they prepare to leave for Biloxi, Miss., on Jan. 8. Some 50 student volunteers and a staff member from the University spent 12 days in Biloxi during winter break to help in the continuing efforts to clean up and rebuild after Hurricane Katrina.

## Glenn Ferguson, former UConn president, dies

BY SHERRY FISHER

Glenn W. Ferguson, president of the University from 1973 to 1978, died Dec. 20 in Santa Fe, N.M. He was 78.

Ferguson served as president from 1973 to 1978.

Janet Jones, who was Ferguson's executive assistant, says he "cared deeply about issues and tried to resolve them in a positive fashion."

Ray Buck, emeritus director of university publications, says Ferguson was "extremely interested in the welfare of the University. He listened to suggestions. He acted as best he could during very difficult times. He really had the University's best interests at heart."

Buck notes that Ferguson "worked hard to enlarge the role of the Foundation in the strengthening of the University."

He describes the former president as gentle, soft spoken, and "quite shy," and called Ferguson's wife, Patricia, "an exemplary first lady."

Ferguson was chancellor of Long Island University from 1969 to 1970, and president of Clark University in Massachusetts from 1970 to 1973.

After leaving UConn, he served as president of Radio Free Liberty-Radio Europe, based in Munich. He became president of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in 1983, and was president of the American University of Paris from 1992 to 1995.

Ferguson earned an undergraduate degree in economics in 1950 and a master's degree in business administration in 1951, both from Cornell. He earned a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1957.

He held various posts in the administrations of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson between 1961 and 1969, including U.S. ambassador to Kenya, as well as positions with the Peace Corps and Volunteers in Service to America.

Ferguson was born in Syracuse, N.Y. He grew up there and in Bethesda, Md.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

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## CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 22, to Monday, January 28

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 in the database 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, Jan. 28, through Monday, Feb. 4. Those items must be in the database by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan 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

**Tuesday, 1/22** – Spring semester classes begin.

**Monday, 1/28** – Last day to file petitions for course credit by examination.

## 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, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m.; Sunday, closed.

Research Center hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; closed weekends.

**Pharmacy Library.** Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-9 p.m.

**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-10 p.m.

**Law Library.** Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-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-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, closed.

**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.

**Friday, 1/25 – Genetics & Genomics.** *Genomic Instability of the Histone Repeats in the Drosophila virilis Group*, by Cara Statz (adv.: Strausbaugh). 10:30 a.m., Room 209, Beach Hall.

## Meetings

**Monday, 1/28 – University Senate.** Room 7, Bishop Center, 4-6 p.m.



PHOTO FROM HEALTH CENTER WEBSITE

A painting by Emese El Bissatiné Pásztor from the exhibit, *Morocco at a Glance*, on display at the Health Center's Celeste LeWitt Gallery through March 12.

**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

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

## Ph.D. Defenses

**Thursday, 1/24 – Molecular Biology & Biochemistry.** *p54nrb Binds Hyperedited Alu Elements In Vivo: A Global Analysis*, by Joshua DeCervo (adv.: Carmichael). 2 p.m., Room EGO13, Academic Research Building, Health Center.

**Tuesday, 1/22 – Board of Trustees Meeting.** 1 p.m., Rome Commons Ballroom, South Campus.

## Lectures &amp; Seminars

**Wednesday, 1/23 – Health Center Lecture.** Learn about the importance of donating blood, donor requirements, statistics and the process. 6-7 p.m., Henry Low M.D. Learning Center, Main Building.

**Wednesday, 1/23 – Law Class.** A faculty member presents a recent case of interest and holds a discussion. 2-3:30 p.m., Room 110, Cheryl Chase Hall.

**Thursday, 1/24 – CHIP Brown Bag**

**Lecture.** Preventing Falls in the Older Population: Recent Efforts to Apply Evidence-based Practices to Community Settings," by Dr. Richard Fortinsky, Center on Aging. 12:30 p.m., Ryan Building, Room 204.

**Thursday 1/24 – Comparative Pathology Seminar.** "The Human Papillomavirus DNA Diagnosis and Management of Cervical Cancer," by Dr. David Hillyard, University of Utah. 5-6 p.m., Room A001, Atwater Laboratory.

**Friday, 1/25 – Environmental Engineering Program.** *Insights into the Novel Microbial Ecology and Biokinetics of Key Nitrogen Biotransformations*, by Kartik Chandran, Columbia University. Noon, Room 212, Castleman Building.

**Sunday, 1/27 – Connecticut State Museum of Natural History Workshop.** Phil Graham, anthropology, will discuss the use of papyrus as paper for texts and art in ancient Egypt. 2 p.m., State Museum of Natural History, Hillside Road. Advance registration required, 860-486-4460. Admission \$20 (\$15 for members).

## Exhibits

**Through Wednesday, 2/13 – Health Center.** *Meet Mixus – Mixed Media Artists.* Daily, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Main and Mezzanine Lobbies, Health Center.

**Through Wednesday, 3/12 – Celeste LeWitt Gallery.** *Morocco at a Glance*, paintings by Emese El Bissatine Pasztor, and *Wild America*, photographs by Gary Melnyshyn. Daily, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Health Center.

**Through Sunday, 3/30 – William Benton Museum of Art.** *The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps 1942-1946.* Also, *Pamina T aylor's Tagged*, photo images transferred onto solid-sculpted glass "tongues." Also, through Sunday, 5/11, *Rome, Italy and Europe.* Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. Admission 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

**Saturday, 1/26 – Trombone Day Concert.** Featuring Jim Pugh on trombone, Earl MacDonald on piano, Dave Santoro on base, and Emily Mitchell on harp. 1 p.m., von der Mehden Recital Hall. Open to the public. \$10 admission.

## Sports

**Friday, 1/25 – Men's Ice Hockey vs. RIT.** 7:05 p.m., Freitas Ice Forum.

**Saturday, 1/26 – Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving vs. Rhode Island.** 1 p.m., Wolff-Zackin Natatorium.

**Sunday, 1/26 – Women's Ice Hockey vs. Boston College.** 1 p.m., Freitas Ice Forum.

**Monday, 1/28 – Men's Basketball vs. Louisville.** 7 p.m., XL Center, Hartford.

## Potpourri

**Thursday, 1/24 – Spirituality Study Group.** Discussion, reflection, dream interpretation, and guided meditation. 7-8:30 p.m., Onyjuke Dining Room, Main Building, Health Center. \$10 per class.

**aturday, 1/26 – Connecticut State Museum of Natural History Workshop.** *In Search of Blackbeard: The Queen Anne's Revenge Shipwreck Project.* Admission \$12 (free for Museum members and students with ID). 2 p.m., Smith Middle School, 216 Addison Road, Glastonbury.

**Saturday, 1/26 – Trombone Day.** Clinics feature instrument manufacturers', music publishers', exhibits, reading sessions and much more. Music Building and von der Mehden Recital Hall. \$30, including concert. Call 860-486-1073 to register.

**Monday 1/28 – Health & Wellness Session.** *Nutrition, Empowerment, and Motivation: A Special Series for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.* Learn how to make effective plans, lose weight, conquer self-defeating behaviors, reach goals, and overcome setbacks. Interpreter will be present. 6:45-8 p.m., Henry Low Learning Center, Main Building, Health Center.

## Focus the Nation climate change awareness events set for Jan. 29-31

BY SHERRY FISHER

The University of Connecticut is participating in Focus the Nation, a nationwide climate change awareness and education event Jan. 29-31. More than 1,400 colleges, universities, and K-12 schools, faith-based organizations, civic groups, and businesses are taking part in the event.

On Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., there will be a free screening of *The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour*, in the Student Union Theatre. An informal discussion will follow led by Anji Seth, research assistant professor in geography, and Richard Parnas, associate professor of chemical, materials, and biomolecular engineering.

On Jan. 30 and 31, there will be a "teach-in" – whereby professors have agreed to dedicate their class periods to a discussion of climate change within the context of their discipline. Most of the courses are open to UConn community members and the public. The list of classes is available at [www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/focusthenation.htm](http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/focusthenation.htm)

An interactive webcast, *The 2% Solution*, will be shown at 8 p.m. in room 131 of the Biology/Physics Building on Jan. 30.

On Jan. 31, Vice Provosts Veronica Makowsky and Greg Anderson will moderate a faculty panel discussion about UConn's

role as an institution of higher education in addressing climate change. The discussion starts at 5 p.m., in Konover Auditorium at the Dodd Center. A question and answer period will follow. The panel will be preceded by a panel at 4 p.m. Faculty panelists are: Norman Garrick, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering; Brenda Shaw, associate professor of chemistry; Lyle Scruggs, associate professor of political science; Dave Wagner, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology; and Karla Fox, professor of business law.

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# Researchers share findings during Musculoskeletal Research Day

BY CAROLYN PENNINGTON

The second annual New England Musculoskeletal Institute Research Day was held recently at the Health Center. The event is an opportunity for scientists and clinicians to present their latest research findings.

"This is an important event for the New England Musculoskeletal Institute because it not only promotes scientific collaboration throughout the Health Center but gives clinicians and scientists an opportunity to interact," says Dr. Jay Lieberman, director of the New England Musculoskeletal Institute and professor and chair of orthopaedics. "Our ultimate goal is to move our research from the bench to the bedside to enhance the care of patients in this region and throughout the nation, and this Research Day promotes that mission."

This year, the program focused on three topics that are critical elements in the Institute's strategic plan: tissue regeneration and repair; cell and tissue biology; and clinical and translational sciences. More than a

dozen researchers from both the Storrs and Farmington campuses made presentations during the day. The researchers represented several different areas of expertise, including vascular biology, reconstructive sciences, materials science and engineering, and orthopaedic surgery.

"You can come away with certain ideas or understandings that may help you in your research or spur you to collaborate with others on some new idea," says Hector Leonardo Aguila, assistant professor of immunology. Aguila is part of a research team studying how embryonic stem cells could help rebuild cartilage, bone, fat, and muscle. "For instance, I was very impressed with Tim Hla's research presentation (Hla is a professor of cell biology and the director of the Center for Vascular Biology). Because he's in a completely different field of research, he offers a different vantage point, but at the same time, I can see commonalities in our research that may help me draw different conclusions in my own research."

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recognition that the future of research and scholarly work lies in cross-disciplinary collaboration, he says, and that the University needs an organizational structure that will facilitate such work.

Hogan points to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program as an example. Researchers at the Health Center and Storrs are currently preparing to apply for one of these awards.

The program, now in its third year, is intended to speed up the translation of scientific research into practical applications in the medical field – "bench to bedside science." The NIH is expected to distribute half a dozen grants of about \$14 million this year.

"The CTSA reflects the new way NIH is going to allocate funds for research," he

says. "A CTSA is a vehicle to help us become more competitive for future grants from NIH and other funding agencies."

Hogan says there are already some good models of collaborative research involving faculty at the Health Center and at Storrs: stem cell research, for example, the Center for Health, Intervention and Prevention (CHIP), and nano medicine and nano technology.

"We want to encourage more of that," he says, "because that is the future. Students coming to this institution will need to gain experience working in cross-disciplinary team environments, and this organizational change will also help us provide opportunities for students to learn in such environments."

As provost at the University of Iowa, Hogan helped organize a Clinical and Translational Science Institute that led to a

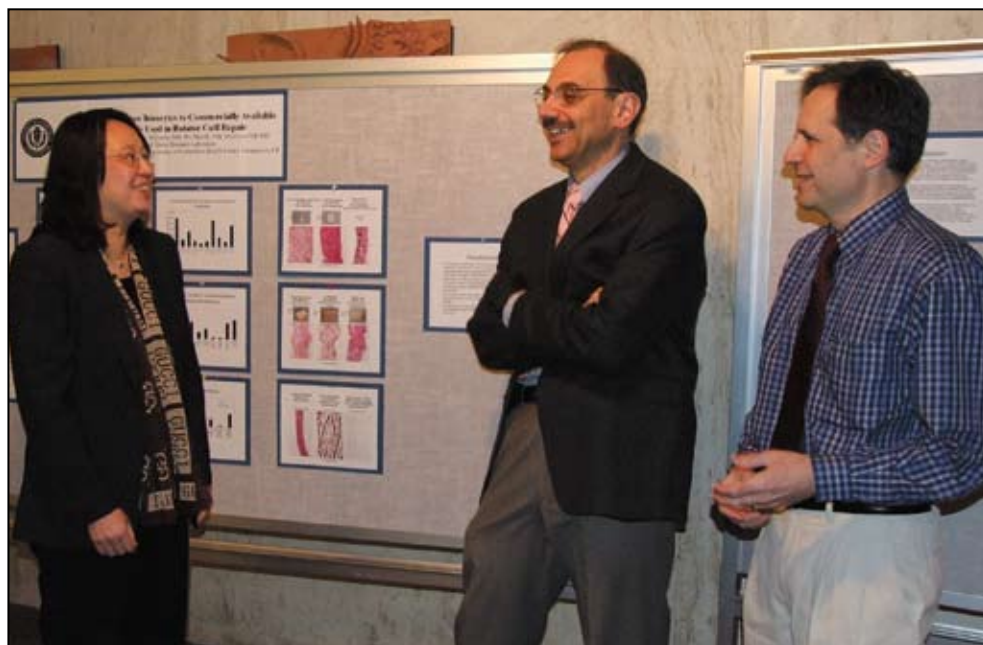


PHOTO BY CAROLYN PENNINGTON

From left, Mei Wei, associate professor of materials science and engineering, speaks with Dr. Joseph Lorenzo, professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, and Dr. Martin Freilich, professor of oral rehabilitation, biomaterials and skeletal development.

"This conference offers an important exchange of ideas and often spurs other discussions," says Dr. Martin Freilich, professor of oral rehabilitation, biomaterials and skeletal development, one of the Research

Day presenters. "I received feedback after my presentation that provided me with some good insight that will help further my research."

successful CTSA proposal involving a broad range of disciplines in the arts and sciences, social sciences, and engineering, as well as biomedical science.

A CTSA application is currently being prepared by a committee headed by Judith Fifield, a professor of family medicine and director of the Ethel Donaghue Center for Translating Research into Practice and Policy, and Dr. Peter Albertsen, professor and chief of urology and medical director of the UConn Medical Group, the Health Center's physician practice. The committee includes several faculty members from Storrs. The target date for submission is June.

The proposal will involve a number of specific research projects, but will be characterized by an organizational model for cross-disciplinary work. It will include a plan both for training students and for con-

necting with physicians in the community.

Hogan says the success of the medical and dental schools is closely connected to UConn's standing as a research and teaching university. But, he notes, the trend toward cross-disciplinary work is not limited to health sciences.

"We will see more interdisciplinary collaborations involving scholars in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, too," he says. "Now is the time to ensure that we will have the academic and research infrastructure in place to support this far-reaching trend."

"The success of the research enterprise affects everybody in the University community," he adds. "Building our research will enable us to bring in more resources, and attract outstanding faculty and students. It will be good for the University and good for the state."

## Research Foundation large grants, fall 2007

The Research Foundation's fall 2007 Faculty Large Grant awards were announced recently. The goal of these awards is to help faculty move into a better position to apply for and receive extramural funding for their research and scholarly activities.

For the Faculty Large Grant competition, the Research Advisory Council received 65 proposals totaling more than \$1.2 million, and made 38 awards totaling more than \$544,000.

The proposals were peer reviewed by members of a standing review panel. Award recipients are:

**Kari Adamsons**, Human Development/Family Studies, *Early Parenting Expectations and their Influence on Parental Identities and Behavior*, \$20,182

**Carol Atkinson-Palombo**, Geography, *Investigation of Spatial Variation of the Impact of Light-Rail Transit on Land Values in Rapidly-Growing U.S. Cities*, \$7,525

**Amanda Bailey**, English, *Junior Faculty Research Funds for Book Manuscript in Progress: "Of Bondage: Human Capital and the Early Modern Theater"*, \$4,985

**Mary Bernstein**, Sociology, *Sabbatical Project: Social Citizenship in Australia, A Qualitative Analysis of Lesbians and Gay Men and Relationship-Recognition Policies*, \$18,041

**Robert Bird**, Marketing, *The Impact of Consumer Surveys on Trademark Infringement Litigation*, \$4,652

**Zeljko Boskovic**, Linguistics, *Sabbatical: Crosslinguistic Investigation of the Structure, Extractability, and Agreement Properties of Noun Phrases*, \$5,000

**James Boster**, Anthropology, *Cross-Language Comparison of Emotion Lexicons*, \$15,000

**Raymond Brown**, Molecular & Cell Biology, *Mutations of the Erythroid factor GATA 1 in Human Disease*, \$8,950

**Ann Bucklin**, Marine Sciences, *Ecological Genetics of a Marine Planktonic Copepod*, \$24,000

**Douglas Casa**, Kinesiology, *Intravenous versus Oral Rehydration: Medical and Performance Considerations*, \$14,900

**Hedley Freake**, Nutritional Sciences, *The Role of the Zinc Transporter, LIV-1, in the Endocrine Responsiveness of Breast Cancer Cells*, \$21,350

**Puxian Gao**, Chemical, Materials, & Biomolecular Engineering, *Large Scale Sequential Synthesis of Semiconductor Heterojunction Nanowire Array*, \$23,884

**Jean Givens**, Art & Art History, *Sabbatical Project: Making Modern Sweden and "Swedish Modern" Design*, \$2,905

**Ali Gokirmak**, Electrical & Computer Engineering, *Crystallization of Nanocrystalline Silicon Nanowires through Pulsed Current Self Heating*, \$21,527

**David Grant**, Pharmaceutical Science, *Role of Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase in a Mouse Model of Atherosclerosis*, \$22,000

**Shareen Hertel**, Political Science, *Human Rights and Public Opinion: From Attitudes to Action*, \$22,811

**Jeong-Ho Kim**, Civil & Environmental Engineering, *Fracture Behavior of a Functionally Graded Proton Exchange Membrane: Modeling and Experiments*, \$23,884

**Nicholas Leadbeater**, Chemistry, *In-Situ Monitoring as a Tool and a Probe in Microwave-Promoted Synthesis*, \$23,489

**Dmitry Leykehman**, Mathematics, *Junior Faculty Fellowship*, \$2,985

**Baikun Li**, Civil & Environmental Engineering, *Integrated Study of the Interactions between Bacteria and Electrodes in Microbial Fuel Cells (MFCs) to Improve Power Generation*, \$23,884

**Joseph Madaus**, Post Education & Disability, *Learning Disability Documentation Review: A Process to Assist Decision Making at the Postsecondary Level in an Era of Change*, \$17,593

**Richard Mancini**, Animal Science, *Assessing Lactate-Myoglobin Adduction using Mass Spectrometry*, \$7,815

**Matthew McKenzie**, History, *Working Waterfronts and the Tension of Tourism: Southern New England Ports and Vacation Resorts, 1850-1900*, \$4,357

**Thomas Meyer**, Natural Resources Management & Engineering, *Spatial Modeling to Support the Characterization of Environmental Hazards and Exposure from Herbicide-Resistant Bent Grasses*, \$19,664

**Robert Miller**, Music, *The Wooden Sword: An Opera Workshop*, \$912

**Thomas Morris**, Plant Science, *Improved Methods to Stack Manure and Compost Offal*, \$12,205

**Michael O'Neill**, Molecular & Cell Biology, *Locus-Specific Imprinting on the Mammalian X Chromosome*, \$8,000

**Spiro Pavlopoulos**, Pharmaceutical Science, *Expression of NMR Analysis of the Arrestin-2 N- and C- Domains*, \$22,078

**Karen Ryker**, Dramatic Arts, *Sabbatical Activity – Directing Mozart's Opera "The Magic Flute" and Actor Training for Opera Singers at the Dublin Institute of Technology in Dublin, Ireland*, \$2,369

**Lisa Sanetti**, Educational Psychology, *Accuracy of Teacher Self-Report as a Treatment Integrity Assessment for Behavioral Interventions: A Comparison of Daily Self-Recording and Weekly Self-Reporting*, \$15,069

**Kristin Schwab**, Plant Science, *Case Study Research on Built Works of Landscape Architecture and their Community Contexts, for Sustainable Design Guidebook Entitled "In-Site/OUT: Sustainable Sites, Sustainable Communities"*, \$8,792

**Nancy Sheehan**, Human Development/Family Studies, *Community-Based Long-Term Care: How Residential Setting and Living Arrangement Influence Elderly Puerto Ricans' Knowledge and Use of Long-Term Care Services*, \$15,910

**Helena Silva**, Electrical & Computer Engineering, *Side Gated Ultra Narrow Channel Silicon MOSFETs*, \$23,884

**Stephen Trumbo**, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, *Basic and Applied Research on a Host Shift Among Burying Beetles*, \$5,480

**Robert Weiss**, Chemical, Materials, & Biomolecular Engineering, *Poly(lactic acid) Ionomers*, \$23,385

**Yufeng Wu**, Computer Science & Engineering, *Algorithms and Applications of Inferring the Mosaic Patterns in Populations*, \$15,000

**Jun Yan**, Statistics, *Partly Functional Temporal Process Regression with Semiparametric Profile Estimating Functions: Theory and Application*, \$15,105

**Susanne Yelin**, Physics, *Negative Index Materials Based on Atomic Coherence*, \$15,248



## Field hockey coach inducted into national Hall of Fame

University of Connecticut field hockey head coach Nancy Stevens has been selected as one of five members of the 2007 National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Enshrinement Class.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN SLADE

Nancy Stevens is in her 18th season as field hockey head coach at UConn.

She was recognized at an event on Jan. 5 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

Stevens is the second UConn field hockey head coach to be enshrined in the NFHCA Hall of Fame, following former UConn head coach Diane Wright.

Stevens, who is in her 18th season as head coach at Connecticut and her 28th season all-time, entered the 2007 campaign ranked second all-time among NCAA Division I coaches in wins and first in total games coached.

Stevens became the fourth coach in NCAA field hockey history to reach the 400-win plateau during the 2004 season.

She currently boasts an all-time career record of 457-151-24 (.742) and has tallied 277-102-8 (.726) during her tenure at UConn. She has guided the Huskies to nine Big East regular season titles, nine Big East Tournament titles, 11 NCAA Tournament appearances, and three berths in the national semifinals (1998, 1999, 2006).

A six-time Big East Coach of the Year, Stevens is also a five-time NFHCA Mideast Coach of the Year, including the 2006 season in which she directed Connecticut to a 21-4 mark and a berth in the NCAA National Semifinals.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN SLADE

Field hockey head coach Nancy Stevens during a recognition event Jan. 5 at the Connecticut Convention Center.

Stevens has developed 21 first-team All-Americans, including 12 at Connecticut. A total of four of Stevens' players have been finalists for the Honda Broderick Award, which recognizes the national player of

the year.

Stevens served as a member of the U.S. Field Hockey National Coaching Staff from 1982 to 1990, and was head coach of the 1997 U.S. Under-19 National Team, which was named the "Team of the Year."

She was head coach of the U.S. Junior National Team from 1982 to 1984, while coaching in the U.S. Olympic Developmental Program. Stevens has been a U.S. Olympic Festival head coach five times since 1985, leading her team to a gold medal in 1986 and a silver medal in 1985.

Before joining UConn, Stevens had a successful coaching career at Northwestern University and at Franklin and Marshall College.

A member of the U.S. National Team from 1974 to 1979, Stevens competed in the 1975 World Championships in Edinburgh, Scotland. That team was captained by former UConn coach Diane Wright.

A native of Pennsylvania, Stevens holds a bachelor's degree in education from West Chester University and a master's degree in sports psychology from Pennsylvania State University.

She is a longstanding member and former vice president of the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. She has also served on the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athlete's Advisory Council and the U.S. Olympic Committee's Membership Committee, and is a former vice president of the U.S. Field Hockey Coaches Association.

## Soccer player O'Brian White wins top award

UConn men's soccer player O'Brian White has been named the winner of the 2007 Missouri Athletic Club (M.A.C.) Hermann Trophy, the most prestigious individual award in intercollegiate soccer.

The award is the official National Soccer Coaches Association of America Player of the Year award for Division I competition.

White, a junior from Scarborough, Ontario, is the third UConn player to receive the Hermann Trophy.

He led all NCAA Division I men's scorers in points with 53 and goals with 23, including six in post-season play. He also notched seven assists on the season.

White was selected as the Big East Offensive Player of the Year, and was a unanimous

choice on the all-conference first team, after earning conference Player of the Week honors five times this season.

He had seven multi-goal efforts this season, including three hat tricks. White became the first player in UConn history to tally back-to-back hat tricks, as well as three in a career. He now holds the UConn record for goals in a season, bypassing the mark set by Joe Morrone Jr. in 1979. White is eighth all-time at UConn with 101 career points (40 goals, 21 assists).

Said head coach Ray Reid: "We are extremely proud of O'Brian's accomplishment. He had an outstanding junior season, and it is a great testament to the rest of the players on the team, who were able to put

him in good spots to score goals, time and time again. This could not have happened to a finer young man; he has all the right values and priorities."

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America is the largest soccer coaches' organization in the United States.

Two former Huskies earned M.A.C. Player of the Year honors during their playing careers at UConn: Morrone was the 1980 recipient, after guiding his team to the NCAA Quarterfinals, and Chris Gbandi took home the trophy in 2000 following UConn's second NCAA national championship.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MISSOURI ATHLETIC CLUB

O'Brian White holds the Hermann Trophy, the highest individual award in college soccer.

## Ohio administrator appointed new director of residential life

BY KAREN A. GRAVA

A veteran housing director from Ohio State University has been named executive director of residential life at UConn.

Steve Kremer, former assistant vice president for student affairs and director of university housing at The Ohio State University in Columbus, joined UConn on Jan. 18. He was selected after a national search.

At UConn, Kremer will oversee a student housing program with 11,700 beds. The University houses about 70 percent of the undergraduate student body and has one of the largest student housing programs in the United States.

"Steve is particularly well suited for the UConn position because he has more than 20 years of successful leadership, management, and program development at Ohio



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Steve Kremer, director of residential life

State," says John Saddlemyre, vice president for student affairs. "He has demonstrated his ability to connect diverse groups to achieve

common goals."

At Ohio State, Kremer was responsible for directing all services related to undergraduate, graduate, and family student housing for 11,000 residents on four campuses. During his tenure, he led the design and development of more than \$80 million in construction, including six housing renovation projects and a new 500-bed, four-building residence hall complex.

Kremer also created 30 residential learning communities that have been a hallmark of campus social and intellectual life at Ohio State. UConn has several living learning communities, and hopes to expand the number next fall.

"The tradition of UConn as a residential campus is a rich one and there already exists a strong sense of mission with noble goals,"

Kremer said. "I am hoping to bring a fresh set of eyes, and am especially happy about the interest UConn has in further developing learning communities in residence halls. This is an exciting opportunity to leverage an existing process of student learning through collaboration between academic and student affairs."

Kremer received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and holds a master's in theology from St. Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana.

He is a member of the American College Personnel Association, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the Association of College and University Housing Officers, and the Society for College and University Planning.