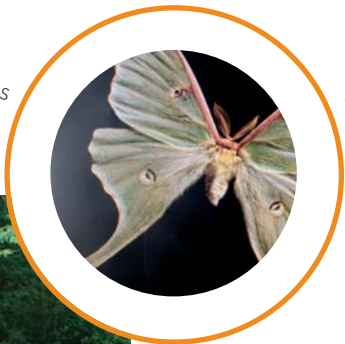
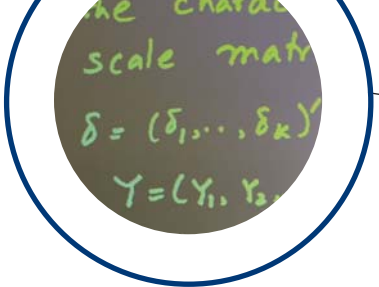


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Connections:

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It is well known that the University of Connecticut's achievements over the course of the past decade have earned it recognition as a top-tier public research university. In the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, UConn is rated twenty-fourth alongside Iowa and Purdue—a remarkable improvement of 14 places in the past seven years.

Exceptional students and distinguished faculty have noted UConn's rising prominence and, in increasing numbers, are choosing to pursue their academic ambitions here.

As a result, the University is now home to some of the most accomplished experts and emerging scholars in dozens of fields, including the humanities, the sciences, medicine, business and more.

Through their work, we have come to see that the pressing issues facing our world today—from stem cell research to health care, education to human rights, sustainable energy to the environment, to name but a few—are connected in such ways that interdisciplinary collaboration offers the best hope for finding solutions.

For these reasons we have chosen to focus the Foundation's annual report this year on the connections among UConn's people and programs, and the many ways in which they influence and augment each other in working toward a more enlightened and just future for us all.

This focus also serves as a testament to the inherent connections between private giving and institutional excellence. It is no coincidence that much of UConn's groundbreaking work includes donors as collaborators, from those who invest in new initiatives at their inception, to others who sustain projects with already proven records of achievement.

Some of the endeavors showcased in this report, and their noteworthy results, have risen to the forefront of the University's priorities and contributed to the great success of our fundraising efforts for the year. Each gift helped the University elevate its educational, research and public service activities to their fullest benefit and toward a common good.

As we begin a new era at UConn under the leadership of President Michael Hogan (see page 19), we say thank you to the donors who have taken us this far, and we extend an offer of partnership to those who will help carry us into the future.

Cheryl Grisé
Chairman, Board of Directors
UConn Foundation

John K. Martin
President
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This will be my final letter as president of the University of Connecticut. As I prepare to leave office, I have had occasion to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of the past 11 years, and to recognize the contributions of all those who make up the UConn community.

It is safe to say that the dramatic infusion of public and private support has been one of the most significant positive developments of the University's past decade. The state of Connecticut's \$2.3-billion investment in its flagship public university is unparalleled in American public higher education. UCONN 2000 and 21st Century UConn have provided our state with a campus worthy of our outstanding students and faculty, and creates an environment in which we can make a maximum contribution to intellectual achievement and economic growth.

The extraordinary contributions of our donors have provided a magnificent supplement to the investment of public funds, and to a greater degree each year are helping to propel UConn into a leading position among the nation's colleges and universities.

Most important is what this has meant for individual students and faculty. In significant part because of the generosity of donors, more and more exceptionally talented students are able to attend an inclusive, rigorous institution of higher education. Our students are mentored by eminent professors, many of whom are conducting groundbreaking scholarship in fields of critical importance in the sciences, the humanities, the social sciences, the arts and many professional programs. Students and faculty alike are organizing an ever broader array of outreach activities that benefit local communities and the state as a whole.

UConn's dedicated supporters recognize the connection between private support and excellence, and have given of their financial resources, time and expertise to expand and strengthen that connection. As a result, the University of Connecticut is a better institution today than it ever has been.

President Michael Hogan arrives at the University at a time when it is poised for even greater success. I know you join with me in wishing him a successful tenure. Your continuing support will help make that wish a reality.

Philip E. Austin
President
University of Connecticut



HUMAN RIGHTS • FINE ARTS • FUEL CELLS • GLOBALIZATION



Connections

Fundraising by the UConn Foundation supports the University's pursuit of excellence in education, research and public service. Guiding these efforts is UConn's academic plan, which focuses on three main areas critical to the future of the state, the country and the world: the environment, health and human behavior, and education and workforce development.

Synergies among UConn's colleges, schools and programs are promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, connecting experts across fields to enhance education and discover innovative solutions to some of today's most pressing issues.

As the following stories demonstrate, the web of connections extends to include individual, corporate and foundation donors, whose gifts have a direct and significant effect on faculty and students.

The Power of Private Support

Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering

Global warming. Clean water. Sustainable growth. As our understanding of complex environmental issues grows, so does the stark realization that each is connected to the others. UConn's interdisciplinary Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering (CESE) works to leverage those connections into social and scientific advances.

More than 100 faculty members, graduate students, governmental scientists and policy professionals from the sciences, agriculture, law and dozens of other specialties regularly interact and collaborate through CESE to help solve pressing environmental issues.

In 2007, UConn Foundation board member Sheldon Kasowitz '83 and his wife, Samantha, made CESE the sole beneficiary of their six-figure endowment, the center's first major gift. Kasowitz views the gift as "philanthropic seed money," and says the couple's focus on child welfare, education and the environment made CESE a natural choice.

"CESE bridges many of the areas that we're interested in, and this is a great opportunity for the University to make a name for itself in environmental studies," he says. "There are big, obvious environmental problems that the whole world is now thinking about how to solve. What a great time to support this."

Michael Willig, Ph.D., director of CESE and a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, says the convergence of disciplines has helped to create a new generation of researcher at UConn.

"We're training the scientists of the future, who look beyond their narrow specialty," he says. "They're comfortable talking to and working with others in engineering, in medicine, in agriculture. The only way we can make transformative discoveries is to take risks with our research and science in all of these critical areas."

"The big solutions to environmental problems are going to come from academia and private sector business," Kasowitz believes. "I want my gift and others like it to sway donations to this area. There's a chance to be a great catalyst."



SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Rhema Fuller '06 '07 succeeded both on and off the field at UConn. While completing a bachelor's degree in finance at the School of Business and serving as co-captain of the football team, Fuller consistently ranked on the Dean's List and earned accolades for his academic and athletic achievements.

At UConn, Fuller received the Donald Kinsman Award, an honor given annually to two student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic and athletic achievement combined with outstanding leadership, service and character. He also was awarded

the Robert G. Burton Endowed Scholarship, a private scholarship established by Robert G. Burton '00 H.

"Being a recipient of the Burton scholarship afforded me countless opportunities that I would not have had otherwise. Specifically, I was able to obtain an education at one of the finest public universities in the country while also playing collegiate football at the highest level in a BCS conference," says Fuller.

In addition to earning Academic All-Conference and Big East Academic All-Star honors, Fuller twice made the ESPN The Magazine CoSIDA First Team Academic All-District team.



Fuller was the first scholar-athlete at UConn to receive a postgraduate scholarship from the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, and be a finalist for the football foundation's Draddy Trophy, known as the "academic Heisman." Fuller also was named to the group's inaugural National Honor Society.

Fuller will graduate from the UConn School of Education in December 2007 with a master's degree in sport management and sociology. Next, he plans to pursue an M.B.A. and enter a career in sports administration.



Connecticut State Museum of Natural History

Newly remodeled and benefiting from a transformational private gift, the state's Museum of Natural History is entering a new era of educating Connecticut's residents about the natural world surrounding us.

The museum, which also houses the Connecticut Office of State Archaeology (OSA) and the Connecticut Archaeology Center, reaches more than 100,000 people annually through in-person visits to the Storrs facility and large-scale event outreach, as well as collections and exhibit loans. It re-opened in April following the first phase of extensive renovations, which tripled its size and were funded by member donations, as well as matching state funds through the 21st Century UConn program.

At the same time, a \$1-million private gift made by Julia B. Budney will be used for educational programs and additional renovations. It also

includes support for the Henry S. Budney Natural History Collection, more than 115 vertebrate mounts and assorted ethnographic items collected by Mrs. Budney's late husband and contributed by his estate.

"This is such an exciting time for us," says museum Director Leanne Kennedy Harty. "Mrs. Budney's gift allows us to celebrate this moment in time by launching the next phase of the museum's history."

The museum's work spans the entire state. Collaborations with UConn's schools and colleges range from providing hands-on instruction experiences for students in the Neag School of Education to archiving more than 600,000 anthropological items at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. Faculty from disciplines as diverse as physics and library science provide workshops. Museum community outreach efforts focus on youth; a

recent BioBlitz with the Neag School of Education and the UConn Center for Conservation and Biodiversity brought an intensive 24-hour natural history experiment to hundreds of Middletown students. Previous BioBlitzes were offered in Meriden, Norwich, New London, East Hartford and Stamford.

The museum's future is limited only by its imagination, and the connections between mankind and the rest of the natural world offer limitless educational possibilities.

"Our focus is on making connections between cultural and natural history through time, and helping people look closer at those fascinating relationships," Harty says. "Mrs. Budney's gift presents an opportunity to advance our mission and expand what we can provide, both on campus and across the entire state. This is what we're all about."



Pilot Program Aids Workforce Development

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will launch a new pilot master's degree program in synthetic organic chemistry in the 2007–08 academic year thanks to a \$180,000 commitment from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals.

The Department of Chemistry and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals jointly developed the pilot program, which builds on Connecticut's strong pharmaceutical sector. The program is designed to address a critical shortage of master's degree-level synthetic organic chemists to drive bench work in drug discovery and development.

"It is really targeted workforce development," says Amy Howell, Ph.D., professor of chemistry.

The program, which includes funding for research assistantships, is enabling UConn to recruit top graduate students eager to start their careers.

"We're attracting people who are highly qualified but not interested in pursuing a Ph.D., and who want the practical skills and higher level background in organic chemistry to get good jobs in the pharmaceutical sector," says Howell.

Since the program's inception earlier this year, UConn has already attracted a national pool of applicants excited about a strong master's degree program that provides the support and training necessary to compete for positions at leading pharmaceutical, biotechnology and bioscience companies.

"I really didn't want to make the time commitment a doctorate program requires, but I wanted to be able to get a post-graduate degree. This new program allows me to pursue this without having to take out lots of loans to pay for my schooling, and will also give me some much needed work experience in

organic synthesis," says Courtney Chambers '09, who earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Purdue University in 2006.

Boehringer Ingelheim and other major pharmaceutical companies will host students for intensive six-month internships that will provide invaluable experience. Howell notes that UConn is one of only a handful of programs in the country to offer master's level internships in chemistry.

"There are many reasons why I chose UConn. The most influential factor was the pilot program," says Robert Busch '09, who earned a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2007. "With the pilot program, I'll put myself in a very hireable position with an M.S. in synthetic organic chemistry and an internship with the world-renowned pharmaceutical company, Boehringer Ingelheim."

Top-Ranked Department Focuses on Diet, Exercise

With obesity and heart disease taking a toll on health care systems worldwide, research at UConn's top-ranked Department of Kinesiology is uncovering how a diet low in carbohydrates may benefit dieters and prevent diabetes and heart disease.

Thanks to a three-year, \$450,000 grant from the Robert C. and Veronica Atkins Foundation, Associate Professor Jeffrey Volek, Ph.D., R.D. is focusing on human studies that compare the Atkins diet to traditional low-fat plans, identifying the effects and risks for heart disease and diabetes among those following a low-carbohydrate regimen.

Volek's team has used a portion of the funds to enhance capabilities for measuring risk factors and the benefits of low-carbohydrate diets. In one recent study, despite a three-fold higher intake of dietary saturated fat, subjects following the low-carbohydrate Atkins diet showed lower saturated fatty acids in the bloodstream compared to those consuming a low-fat diet. Volek's studies also show that health benefits of low-carb diets are not dependent on weight loss.

"Our work indicates that the potential harmful effects of dietary fat are dependent on the carbohydrate level—if carbs are low, dietary fat is handled much more efficiently. This represents a paradigm shift in our understanding," he says.

His work, and that of the entire Department of Kinesiology, crosses many academic and University disciplines. Part of the Neag School of Education, the department works closely with the Department of Nutritional Sciences, the Division of Athletics, private companies and many other partners in enhancing health through diet or exercise. The department has the top-ranked doctoral kinesiology program in the country, according to the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Volek also holds an adjunct appointment in the Department of Nutritional Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He says diet and exercise go hand-in-hand—after all, exercisers have to eat. Through collaborations with nutritional sciences, he's gaining a much better picture of the importance of proper diet and exercise.

This interdisciplinary approach is deeply engrained throughout his work with other collaborators with expertise in diabetes, weight training, genetically customized diets and other areas.

"As knowledge continues to expand exponentially, the important health questions we ask now are so complex that you need a multidisciplinary team of experts to carry out these projects," Volek says. "Collaborations at UConn are force multipliers that add scientific depth and expertise and will keep us on the cutting edge of nutrition research."

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— Jeffrey Volek



Passion for Human Rights Leads to the Hague

From Storrs to the center of international justice, alumna Julie Friedlander '07 has turned a lifelong interest in human rights into “the opportunity of a lifetime,” with a prestigious privately funded scholarship to work at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

After graduating in May with a political science major and human rights minor, Friedlander spent six months with the tribunal, an opportunity made possible by a scholarship funded by Richard Goldstone, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of South Africa and a member of the Board of Overseers at UConn's interdisciplinary Human Rights Institute. Friedlander was the first recipient of the Goldstone scholarship.

“It's incredible to be in such an exciting place with people from all over the world,” she says. “The opportunity to see what goes on at the tribunal and what impact it will have upon history is extraordinary.”

Richard Wilson, the Judi and Gary Gladstein Distinguished Chair in Human Rights and director of the Human Rights Institute, says Friedlander “is one of the many talented students pursuing a human rights minor at the University. It's an exciting illustration of what students can do.”

While she entered UConn unaware of the University's human rights program, Friedlander quickly became involved in both the academic offerings and the student organizations dedicated to social justice and human rights. A study abroad Semester at Sea in 2005 brought her to Latin America, Africa and Asia, and was influential in further developing her interest in human rights.

She served as president of the UConn chapter of Amnesty International and worked with Amii Omara-Otunnu, UNESCO Chair of Comparative Human Rights, as a student ambassador for human rights. She has researched war crimes in Chechnya, developed and implemented education lesson plans on human rights, and taught classes at UConn on topics including international law, women and the United Nations, and human rights. To support her interest in public service, Friedlander also received the Augusta H. Gerberich Scholarship for juniors or seniors pursuing a career in international relations.

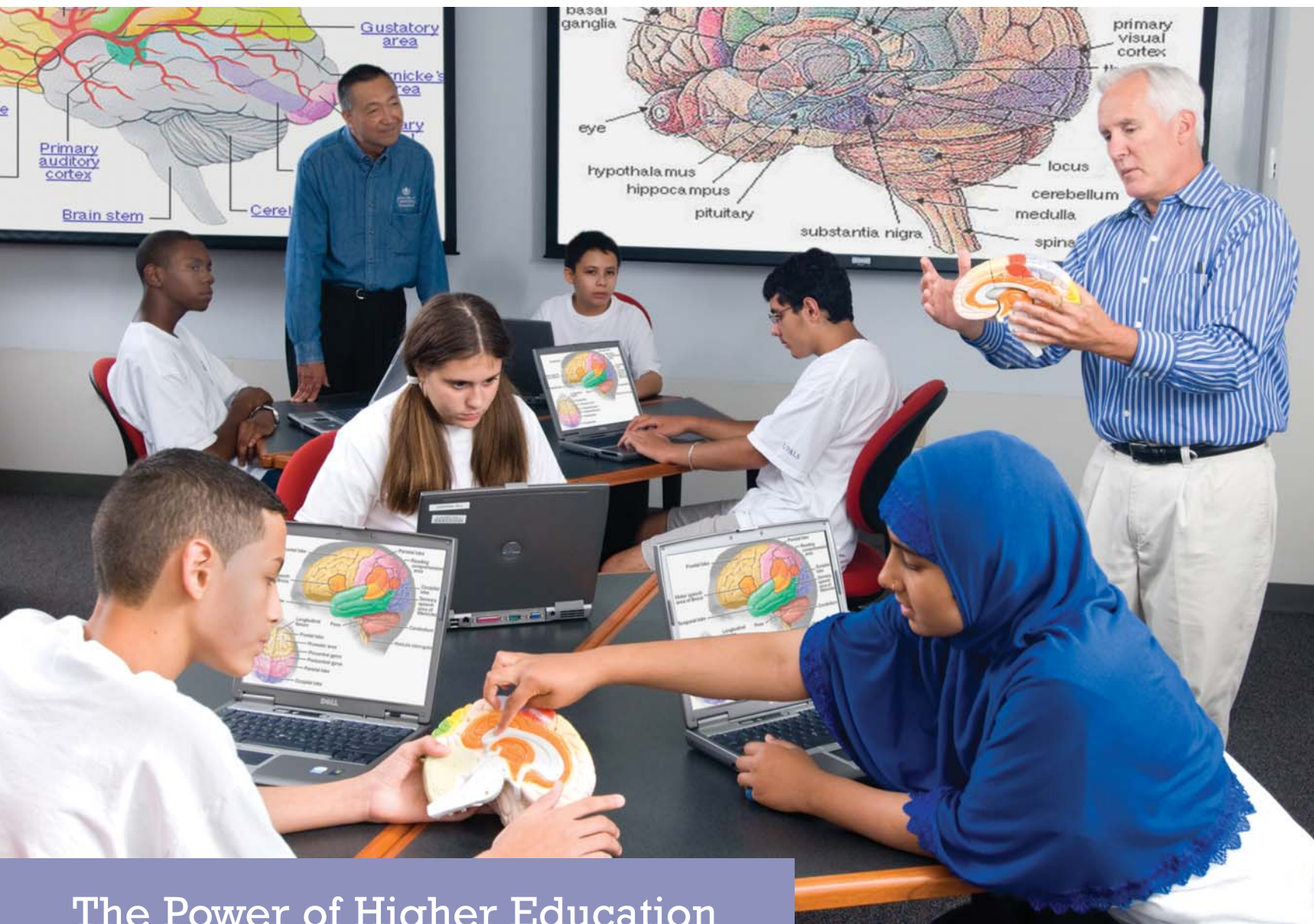
Friedlander believes the evolution of human rights as a University focus has grown dramatically since she started.

“The increase in human rights minors and the number of people on campus who have an understanding of human rights, have heard about the program or are excited to get involved is meaningful,” she says. “The faculty provided many ways to further my studies and opportunities to get involved outside of the classroom.”



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The Power of Higher Education

Through a collaborative effort of UConn's Stamford campus, corporate and foundation partners, and the Stamford public school system, more than 100 local middle school students have experienced college life firsthand in the University Pals program.

"Students and parents need to begin preparing for college in middle school, not in the early years of high school," says Michael Ego, vice provost of the Stamford campus. "The University Pals program provides that initial step toward entering college."

Support from RBS Greenwich Capital, First County Bank, Pitney Bowes, Purdue Pharma, the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and the Linda Richardson Harper Foundation, as well as private contributions, provided for the experience. The 12- and 13-year-old students in the class of 2007 were the first to complete the program. They attended UConn's Stamford campus for an intensive introduction to the rigors of college life.

"I'm very proud of the students' commitment and dedication to spending their summer at UConn," says Ego. "The students were offered a real-life simulation of attending college and most of them responded very favorably to the experience."

Coursework ranging from mathematics and the sciences to the arts was adapted for a younger student body, and classes were taught by UConn professors or community leaders from the Stamford area. The students were assigned homework, and had to complete group projects and internships at local businesses outside of class.

"I did not know really how much I would be able to learn in four weeks in a college prep program, but I was very impressed with the way the UConn professors taught the courses and how I was able to comprehend the instruction," says Michael Socci, who delivered the Pals class valedictory speech.

Students were required to apply for the program and priority was placed on those who would be the first in their families to attend college. To provide knowledgeable, steady insight throughout their experience, each student was paired with and mentored by UConn students. Parental involvement was also required, with parents participating in orientation sessions at the start and halfway through the program.

UConn launched the initiative to address a projected shortage of college-educated workers in the next decade, according to Ego.

"The state of Connecticut faces a workforce gap of college-educated employees, and therefore the University Pals program is vital to creating the pipeline that will respond to this issue in the future," Ego says.

GIFT BOOSTS WOMEN'S CANCER CARE

A \$250,000 donation from Gary S. Gladstein '66 through the Marsha Lilien Gladstein Foundation is providing strategic support for the new Women's Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program at the UConn Health Center's Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The gift, which will support the recruitment of top-flight doctors as well as critical cancer research, is in memory of Gladstein's wife, Judi, in gratitude for the treatment she received at the Health Center and caring guidance from Carolyn Runowicz, M.D., director of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Dr. Runowicz's knowledge, guidance, caring and availability enormously helped Judi and me in handling Judi's horrendous illness. Dr. Runowicz assembled a great team of doctors in different fields and regularly communicated with them. We knew we were in good hands," says Gladstein, a member of the Board of Directors of the UConn Foundation.

Innovative research, development and clinical care through the program will lead to improved prevention, detection and treatment of women's cancers. Women will receive individualized care from a multidisciplinary team including gynecologic and breast oncologists, genetic counselors, nutritionists and other specialists.

"This program will enhance the health care for women in Connecticut and the surrounding region," says Runowicz.

Following the example set by the Colon Cancer Prevention Program, which opened in 2005, the new women's program will serve as a national model for prevention and translating research from the bench to the bedside.

"The goal of the program will be to incorporate the newest molecular approaches and individualized risk assessment and prevention strategies to women at risk for cancer, which will place UConn in the highest tier of women's cancer prevention," says Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology Molly Brewer, M.D. (left), a nationally recognized oncologist who was recruited to create the program.



THE SCIENCE OF NUMBERS

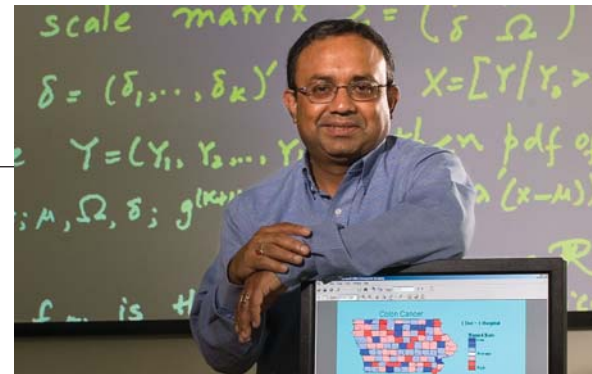
A University department whose work stretches from engineering to health care to natural resources management continues to benefit from private giving that encourages such broad-focused research.

In the last year, faculty from the Department of Statistics have worked on collaborative projects with colleagues in civil engineering, computer science, ecology and evolutionary biology, finance, geography, mathematics, molecular and cell biology, nutrition, pathobiology, pharmacy, psychiatry and natural resources management. In addition, the department works with various centers within UConn, departments at the UConn Health Center and at universities spanning the globe from South Korea to Brazil, as well as nearly a dozen in the United States.

"When we collaborate with another department on a specific project, we're both able to see benefits in our work," says Dipak Dey, Ph.D., department head and winner of an Alumni Association award for excellence in research. Dey's own work includes statistical analysis of cancer survival rates in Iowa as well as various applications of statistical modeling issues in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics.

"All of our projects focus on turning complicated data into something that other researchers can quickly use in their own work," he adds.

Financial support for his work in biostatistics is provided by the Elizabeth M. Macfarlane '39



Fund, established by alumna Elizabeth Macfarlane because of her own lifelong professional work and interest in public health issues. Macfarlane, one of only two female mathematics majors in UConn's class of 1939, is a member of the Charles Lewis Beach Society, and has also funded a graduate fellowship in biostatistics and an undergraduate scholarship.

"Such specialized support in a field like ours means that we can focus our energy on what makes the biggest impact, which is taking this raw data and bringing it to life," says Dey.



Harnessing Philanthropy for Green Projects

As the recipient of numerous merit scholarships, as well as a nominee for the national Morris K. Udall Scholarship in 2005, Melanie Murphy '05 '07 understands the power of philanthropy. While working toward a graduate degree in agricultural resource economics, Murphy helped establish the Green Campus Fund, an endowment designed to expand environmental initiatives like sustainable building, water conservation and recycling at UConn.

Murphy made the most of her five years at UConn, earning bachelor's and master's degrees, joining EcoHusky and running on the track and field team, for which she was named the Counseling Program for Intercollegiate Athletes (CPIA) Women's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete in 2006. In addition to being recognized as an Honors Scholar and a

New England Scholar, she received the Alan S. Farwell Scholarship, the Marvin W. Kottke Scholarship, the Russel Palen Scholarship and a graduate assistantship, all through the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"I'm very grateful for the financial support provided by the donors and schools," says Murphy. "The recognition for earning the scholarships was continually motivating to me as a student, and, with all the stress of starting a career, I am very grateful that loan debt is not something I'll lose sleep over."

During an internship at the Office of Environmental Policy (OEP), Murphy learned to apply her academic knowledge toward practical solutions by, for example, documenting the installation of rain gardens to

reduce pollution runoff outside Hilltop Apartments on campus. Wanting to contribute toward a permanent source of funding for such activities, Murphy worked alongside Richard Miller, director of OEP, to develop the Green Campus Fund.

"There is such widespread support for sustainability and greening among our faculty, staff, parents and alumni that a green fund seemed sensible. Individuals will be able to see tangible results from their donation, and these projects will, in turn, benefit the entire University community," says Murphy.

Murphy now works at an investment and research firm in New York City. Eventually, she would like to focus on investment in the emerging clean energy sector.

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Exploring the Human Condition

The question “What is the role of the humanities?” might seem as broad as the humanities themselves. It is also powerfully relevant for the world in which we live.

The emergence of an anonymous major gift to the UConn Humanities Institute located in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will make possible an endowed professorship specifically tied to the organization’s mission. The institute will have a key role in recruitment of the new professor and will co-sponsor future classes.

“I can’t imagine a recent time when the humanities were more important than they are today,” says Richard Brown, Ph.D., director of the institute. “If you think it’s important for us to understand religion, to understand ethics, society or literature, then the humanities matter a great deal in our daily lives.”

With war raging, with technology intertwined with moral issues, and during a new era of global connectedness, Brown believes philosophy, language, history, literature and related fields create the framework for comprehending nearly everything else.

“If we want to understand our world, we start with the humanities,” he says.

In his role, he oversees a multidisciplinary array of faculty and graduate students as they explore connections among their academic fields, work individually and together on research and publications, and encourage a broader look at humanity’s condition.

One recent project, a seminar titled “Redesigning the Human,” pulled together scholars from a dozen fields to explore diverse topics such as the ethics of genetic manipulation, the quest for human

perfection and the social implications of genetic enhancement. Similar collaboration with the Human Rights Institute has produced international conferences, grant proposals and programs.

Brown, who also serves as a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of History, says that the focus on interdisciplinary study has proven beneficial to scholars and their fields. He believes the new chair-holder’s scholarly work will cross traditional academic boundaries.

“In my first 25 years at UConn, I had little contact outside of my department,” he says. “It was considered somewhat quirky to have even an extracurricular interest in another field, and was certainly not encouraged. Today, it’s expected, because most of the questions we’re asking don’t have satisfactory answers from one area.”

Student Reporter Raises Environmental Awareness

Timothy Bleasdale '08 has won notable awards and praise for creative writing and environmental reporting while pursuing a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in creative writing, as well as a minor in philosophy.

Bleasdale was awarded second place for the Jennie Hackman Memorial Prize, which is supported by a private endowment.

"It felt wonderful to have my writing recognized with the Hackman prize. The award helped to reinforce the confidence I already had in myself as a writer," says Bleasdale.

He also was recognized at the Office of Environmental Policy's 2006–07 Environmental Leadership Awards ceremony for his exemplary environmental reporting for the *Daily Campus*, the student newspaper at UConn. Bleasdale has seen a positive effect from his coverage of a range of stories—everything from energy conservation, to testing water quality in rivers downstream from UConn, to the quarantining of UConn's horse herd in early 2007.

"I have noticed results. One of my goals as the environmental beat writer was to run at least one environmental article a week. It was tough at first, but by the end of the year, there were times when I was writing two or three articles a week," says Bleasdale. "I think this increased coverage served to raise the general awareness around campus of environmental issues."

The experience has strengthened Bleasdale's desire to effect change through his writing.

"Having spent a year covering environmental issues at UConn, I know that we have a long way to go still to solve some of the major environmental problems facing our world today, but there are a lot of great people out there working to resolve these problems and they're making progress," says Bleasdale. "I hope that someday my writing will help to inspire others to take up the cause."

Bleasdale spent the summer before his senior year focusing on nature writing in UConn's creative writing program in Florence. Upon his return in the fall, Bleasdale will take over as news editor of the *Daily Campus*, and continue the paper's in-depth coverage of environmental issues on and around campus.



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– Timothy Bleasdale

EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETE, DEDICATED NURSE

Jillian Sullivan '07 connects her success on the track and as a nurse to the self-assurance she developed as a UConn student-athlete.

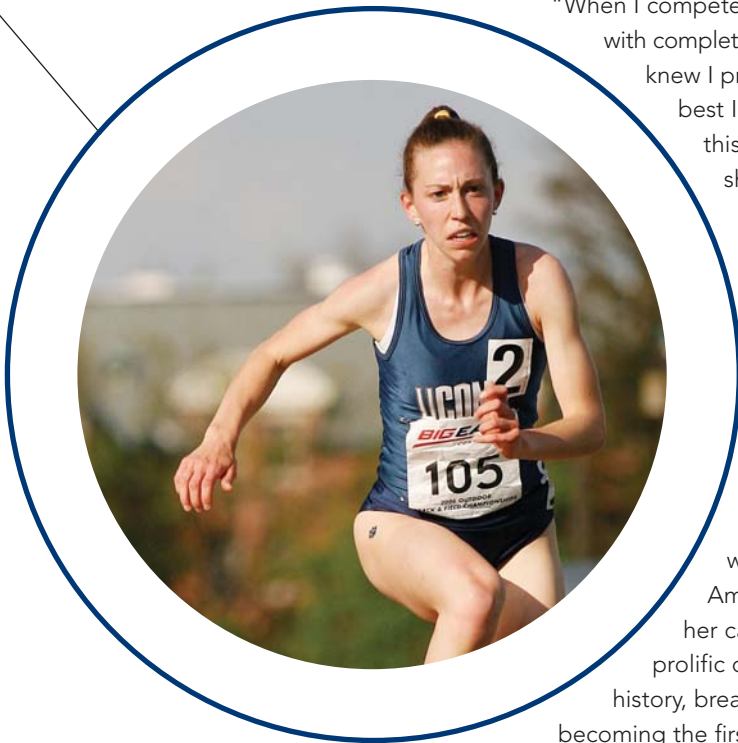
"When I competed, I would step on the line with complete confidence because I knew I prepared for that race the best I could. I learned to bring this confidence into my career," she says.

Supported by the privately funded Frank and Alice J. Niederwerfer, Sr. Family Scholarship, Sullivan earned a unique honor in college sports in 2006-07 as she received both NCAA All-America recognition in cross country and was also an Academic All-America selection. She ended her career as one of the most prolific distance runners in UConn history, breaking school records and becoming the first cross country All-American in program history. She says the scholarship support helped her focus on her studies and her athletic career.

"The scholarship meant relief for my parents, who were paying four college tuitions, and also summer classes for me so I would be able to continue my cross country and track career at UConn," she says. "They've always been so supportive of me, so when I found out about the scholarship I was so pleased that I could finally help them financially."

Now as a neonatal nurse at the UConn Health Center, Sullivan finds herself pushed every day by the demands of her career. She says the challenge suits her well, and hopes to return to school soon to become a nurse practitioner in neonatology.

"You have to believe in yourself and make your goals difficult, then set up a plan to try to accomplish those goals," she says.



STUDENT CALLERS LINK ALUMNI, FRIENDS TO UCONN

For Shelli Boucher '09, the UConn Phonathon is both a job and a forum for receiving valuable professional guidance. After completing her bachelor's degree in chemistry, Boucher plans to attend dental school. As part of a recent calling drive, Boucher contacted UConn Health Center alumni who proved eager to provide advice for making it through school and beyond.

"I found people were interested in talking to me and were thrilled to hear I plan to attend dental school. I really learned from hearing about their experiences in school and in practice," she says.

Boucher's story likely appeals to alumni because of her readily apparent dedication to her studies. A member of UConn's Pre dental Society, Boucher is also involved in undergraduate research on a team comprising faculty and students from the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Periodontology. The team is researching periodontal pathogens and their potential links to heart disease, and Boucher relishes her work.

One of the Phonathon's most important functions is to reconnect alumni with current happenings at the University. The success of this mission is ensured by students like Boucher and the enthusiasm they bring to

their contact with those outside Storrs. Over 4,000 first-time donors contributed through the Phonathon last year, and the program as a whole raised more than \$1.7 million.

But the Phonathon's benefits reach beyond reconnected alumni and extend to individual student callers, as Boucher notes. "I like talking to people; that's why I took this job. That's what I hope to do in dental school by becoming a specialist, so the Phonathon is great preparation."



Care at the Community Level

As part of the UConn Health Center's ongoing efforts to help faculty, staff and students reach out to the local community, the Ethel Donaghue Center for Translating Research Into Policy and Practice (TRIPP) provides an array of services to assist low-income and underrepresented populations that traditionally have the least access to health care and a disproportionate amount of need.

Funded through a \$1.7-million grant from the Patrick & Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, the TRIPP Center is concerned with moving research from the clinical trial stage into the community and primary care practices.

Judith Fifield, Ph.D. (above right), director of the TRIPP Center, and her team work to translate evidence-based guidelines and standards of care into methods that work for providers and the community so that patients can benefit as quickly as possible.

One such initiative that has shown prodigious results is Sister Talk Hartford, a faith-based weight-control program for women that focuses on predominately black churches in greater Hartford. The program offers practical advice on such tried-and-true methods as understanding food labels, participating in sensible exercise regimens and finding healthier ways of cooking.

Mainstream weight-loss programs sometimes fail to take into consideration the social and economic pressures in black women's lives, notes Fifield. That's where reality-based

programs like Sister Talk can make all the difference. A year after the initial program ended, approximately two-thirds of participants had maintained their weight or continued to lose.

"There is a gap of approximately 17 years, according to the Institute of Medicine, for the results of clinical trials to find their way into the hands of providers so that they can actually benefit patients," says Fifield, a medical sociologist with a background in nursing.

"And, of course, whatever obstacles this presents are made that much worse by poverty and its associated problems. What we're trying to do is include practitioners in the research process so that the translation will be easier and patients will benefit sooner. That's the essence of our work."

Scholarship Helps Engineering Student Return to UConn

A merit scholarship has helped Joseph Zinski '09 achieve his goal to finish his bachelor's degree at the University of Connecticut, where he is taking advantage of opportunities for cross-disciplinary studies. Zinski is on a path toward a successful career in stem cell research—a field where he hopes to make significant contributions.

Zinski entered UConn in fall 2004 as a promising honors student in the School of Engineering. He left school at the end of his freshman year eager to return in the fall, but his plans were interrupted following a diving accident in June 2005 that resulted in quadriplegia.

In the two years following the accident, Zinski underwent operations and intense physical therapy to rebuild strength and improve mobility. Throughout the early months of rehabilitation, he remained optimistic about returning to school; however, the mounting cost of his medical care put that dream in jeopardy.

Thanks in part to a 2006–07 Northeast Utilities Engineering Scholarship awarded by the School of Engineering, Zinski was able to return to UConn.

“Since the injury, it's been tight money-wise,” says Zinski. “The scholarship helped out immensely.”

He notes that the Northeast Utilities scholarship was one of the deciding factors in coming back to UConn's School of Engineering, which was his top choice.

“It's a more personal program here,” explains Zinski.

Zinski also wanted to come back to UConn because of its strong programs in stem cell research. Upon his return, he paired his major in chemical engineering with a minor in molecular and cell biology through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. During his junior year, Zinski plans to conduct stem cell research alongside preeminent faculty at the Center for Regenerative Biology at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

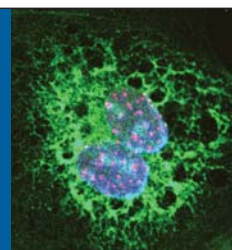
Zinski believes that stem cells hold the key to treatments and cures for quadriplegia, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Alzheimer's disease, diabetes and other devastating conditions.

“These diseases are so close to being solved,” Zinski says. “It's not that far away. All the science is there. It's just the funding now.”

After earning his bachelor's degree, Zinski is considering pursuing a graduate degree in neurobiology.



Stem Cell Research



Armed with an exceptional multidisciplinary team of scientists, and bolstered by a decade-long state effort to advance embryonic and human stem cell research, UConn is now at the forefront of a field that offers hope for millions of people with debilitating illnesses.

Connecticut is the first state to implement an ongoing, structured stem cell research grant program; more than \$20 million was awarded in November 2006 by the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee.

UConn researchers received 15 of the 21 grants, for a total of more than \$12 million. The grants support nearly two-dozen investigators in Storrs and at the UConn Health Center who are already engaged in stem cell and regenerative biology research.

"These awards recognize the expertise of University of Connecticut faculty in a field of great promise to medical research

and great potential to contribute to our state's economic growth," said President Philip E. Austin.

Research on stem cells promises to develop innovative cell transplantation therapies for diabetes, cancers, heart and blood disorders, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's disease.

A 113,000-square-foot building has been purchased in Farmington to house UConn's Human Embryonic Stem Cell Core Facility, along with cutting edge cell biology and genetics research. The center will unite UConn scientists in a cross-disciplinary, collaborative setting and accelerate discoveries that ultimately could lead to therapies. The facility is expected to open in 2010.

UConn's leadership in biomedical research—the foundation for stem cell work—has been established through its major commitment in the field of regenerative medicine with the Center for

Regenerative Biology at Storrs, which is led by Xiangzhong "Jerry" Yang, Ph.D., professor of animal science and one of the world's leading experts on animal cloning. The University's stem cell research efforts were also bolstered by the recruitment of Ren-He Xu, Ph.D., a world-renowned expert in human embryonic stem cell biology, as director of the stem cell core facility.

To anticipate and respond to ethical questions that may arise in this sensitive research, UConn has created an Embryonic Stem Cell Oversight Committee (ESCRO) composed of scientific, ethical and legal experts and members of the community at large; it is chaired by Anne Hiskes, associate professor of philosophy in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

ESCRO must review and approve all proposed stem cell research projects with a simply stated test: Are the anticipated benefits to human health greater than any potential risks to human dignity and the value of human life?

Year in Review

It was a year of progress and change at UConn, and fundraising efforts at the Foundation continued to expand in support of the institution's mission and strategic direction.

A National Search for a Visionary Leader

In January, President Philip E. Austin, whose 11-year tenure saw unprecedented academic, institutional and athletic success, announced his retirement. Praise for Austin's leadership echoed from across the UConn community.

John "Jack" W. Rowe, chairman of the UConn Board of Trustees, said Austin's legacy "will surely be one of the greatest in the history of the University. The achievements of the Austin era position UConn to attract another great leader who can guide the University along our continued path to true national leadership."

The search for a new president culminated in August with the appointment of Michael J. Hogan, formerly provost at the University of Iowa (see page 19).

The Foundation led efforts to establish a new \$1.5-million faculty chair in Austin's honor, and was supported by some of UConn's most prominent donors and leaders, who each worked closely with Austin during his historic tenure.

New Academic and Alumni Leadership

Several schools, colleges and organizations also announced new leaders.

Christopher Earley, dean of the National University of Singapore Business School, was named the new dean of the School of Business, beginning January 2008. Philanthropy was a major factor in recruiting Earley; a Leadership Cabinet of business school alumni worked closely with the University throughout the process and sought to raise \$4.5 million to attract a preeminent scholar, educator and leader. The fund will be used to enhance education, research, programs, activities and scholarships.

Other deans announced in the past year include Mun Young Choi at the School of Engineering,

Jeremy R. Paul at the School of Law, Anne Bavier at the School of Nursing and Lamont "Monty" MacNeil at the School of Dental Medicine. In January, the UConn Alumni Association named Lisa Lewis as its new executive director.

Major Gifts

Several major gifts helped expand academic opportunities, revitalize the state's natural history museum and enhance Connecticut's health care.

The Connecticut State Museum of Natural History at UConn benefited from a transformational \$1-million current and deferred private gift made by Julia B. Budney (see page 5).

Maurice L. Farber, professor emeritus of psychology, gifted \$2 million to support scholarships and fellowships in his former department. The gift from Farber, who retired in 1977 after 29 years at UConn, will benefit undergraduate and graduate students.

A gift of \$2.5 million from Carole and Ray '56 '01H Neag made the UConn Health Center the first New England facility scheduled to offer TomoTherapy, a revolutionary cancer treatment available at only about 150 locations worldwide.

The Health Center also benefited from a \$1.25-million gift from a longtime supporter to establish the Lea's Foundation Center for Hematological Disorders. This gift expands hematological services through the Center's clinical care and translational research.

A major new commitment from Foundation board member Alan Bennett '69 will build upon his ongoing support for political science faculty, and allow for the first Honors professorship in the field. Past recipients of fellowships funded by Bennett have focused on the U.S. Supreme Court and Latin American political systems.



Support for Strong Collaborations

In the fall, the McLeod Blue Skye Foundation pledged \$250,000 for the Teachers for a New Era (TNE) project. UConn is one of only 11 colleges and universities selected to participate in TNE, which was created in 2002 by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to improve K-12 teacher preparation and pupil learning through research, integration of education and liberal arts studies, clinical experiences and new teacher support. Several other foundations and individual donors have also contributed, including John F. Greene '68 '71, Carmen Effron '72 '81 and the initial TNE private donors, Christine '67 and Philip '66 '67 Lodewick.

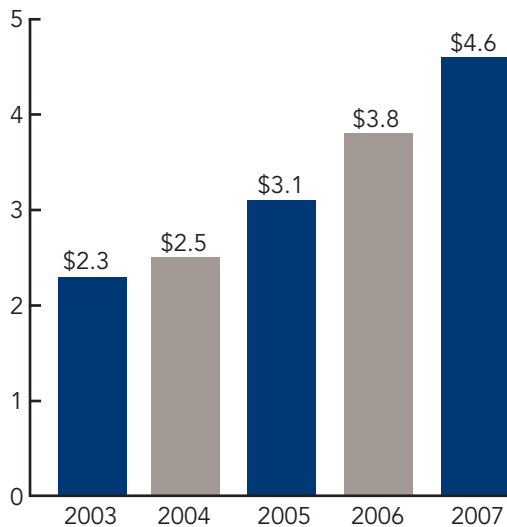
The School of Engineering began an ambitious campaign to fund a new Eminent Faculty Initiative in Sustainable Energy. The state has budgeted \$2 million annually for the program, conditional upon the University securing a one-time private funding match. By mid-June, pledges of more than \$2 million from corporate partners FuelCell Energy, the Northeast Utilities Foundation and UTC Power, as well as individual donors, had been made. The school will recruit an eminent faculty member of international stature in the area of fuel cells/sustainable energy, as well as his/her research team.

Athletics

Membership in the 54-year-old UConn Club surpassed the 6,500 mark in 2007; more than \$62 million has been generated by its members over the past four years to support UConn's student-athletes and two-dozen varsity sports programs. Corporate giving also remained strong, with more than \$7 million in support of the division. The athletics endowment, less than \$1 million in 1990, is currently valued at \$50 million. On campus, the new Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman

Annual Fund Giving

Dollars in millions



Training Center became the first projects on campus, as well the first of their kind in the nation, to earn the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for "green" buildings. LEED designation is a process certifying that a building project meets a wide range of environmentally friendly criteria.

Annual Giving Exceeds Goals

The annual giving program experienced another strong year, exceeding its highest ever goal of \$4 million by nearly 15 percent, ending at \$4.6 million. Both the School of Law and the Health Center also set records for their annual giving programs. The student-run calling program, operating from a newly renovated and expanded call center, generated nearly 40 percent of the total amount raised, and connected with 140,000 UConn alumni, parents and friends. The annual giving department was also enhanced through two new leadership giving development positions and broader marketing of the Leadership Roundtable Society.

Student Activists and Activities

In March, the Foundation formally requested that its investment managers withdraw funds invested in Sudan, where millions of people have died or been displaced as a result of genocide. The UConn chapter of Students Taking Action Now: Darfur (STAND) held a rally in February, and group representatives



were invited by the Foundation's investment committee to present information and discuss divestment from companies whose Sudanese activities are seen as potentially abetting human rights violations. The committee unanimously approved steps for divestment.

Elsewhere on campus, the newly remodeled Student Union opened in August following four years and \$80 million of renovations, as part of the UCONN 2000 and 21st Century UConn initiatives. The hub of student activities since 1953, the Student Union is home to nearly all student clubs and activities, and includes a new high-ceiling ballroom, movie theater and Union Street Market.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR AN EXCITING TIME

On August 1, 2007, Michael J. Hogan, executive vice president and provost at the University of Iowa, was named the fourteenth president of the University of Connecticut. He assumed the role on September 14.

Following a comprehensive national search, Hogan was the unanimous choice of the 33-member search committee, which included Cheryl W. Gris , chair of the UConn Foundation Board of Directors. Hogan's views about the role of private philanthropy played a key part in him being selected.

"Private giving is the critical margin that makes all the difference for a great public university like UConn, as we strive to reach the next level of excellence," Hogan says. "It's the generosity of our friends, their support of our mission and their love for this University that will make it possible for us to take that next step."

Hogan, a specialist in the history of American diplomacy, held the F. Wendell Miller Professorship in History and served as the chief academic officer at the University of Iowa since 2004. He was responsible for oversight of all academic programs, student academic services, strategic academic planning and the promotion of student and faculty diversity.

During his tenure in Iowa, Hogan led development of a new strategic plan, was thoroughly engaged in private fundraising and worked closely with state officials. He also revitalized the university's student recruitment, championed a number of initiatives intended to enhance academic quality and research excellence, and collaborated with the President's Advisory Committee on Athletics. This broad range of experience will help Hogan lead UConn as it builds upon its past decade of growth in academic standings, private and public support, and athletic success.



"UConn is a university on the rise," Hogan says. "It's exciting to be welcomed to a place where there is so much support and enthusiasm—from the main campus to the State Capitol—for building on the University's already stellar reputation. I'm thrilled that I will get to play a part in guiding UConn toward what is sure to be a brilliant future."

The author or editor of nine books and a host of scholarly articles and essays, Hogan holds a B.A. in English from the University of Northern Iowa and an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Iowa.

2007 Financial Performance



Strong fundraising and equally robust investment returns resulted in positive financial performance for fiscal year 2007. Gains in annual giving were particularly high, surpassing the goal and setting a new record. The pooled endowment increased as well, demonstrating steady five-year growth.

Monies raised totaled \$59.8 million, including \$49.6 million in new gifts and commitments, \$3.4 million in revocable and deferred planned gifts, and \$6.8 million in pledge payments.

Of these gifts, donors specified \$2 million for faculty, \$8.3 million for scholarships, \$23.9 million for programs, \$4.9 million for capital improvements and \$20.7 million for athletics. Donors gave \$13 million for the UConn Health Center and \$26.1 million for the Storrs and regional campuses. A total of \$11 million was earmarked for endowments and \$48.8 million for operations.

The Office of Annual Giving brought in \$4.6 million, beating last year's result by \$0.8 million, or 17 percent. More significantly, since 2003, annual giving has doubled from \$2.3 million.

The Foundation established 55 new endowments for student, faculty and program support. The total number of endowments now stands at 1,137.

Donor households totaled 33,041. Giving from two critical groups, alumni and parents, increased by 52 percent collectively. Alumni committed \$17.3 million and parents committed \$2.1 million. UConn ranked in the top 13 percent among national public universities for alumni giving, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Other commitments included \$10.2 million from other individuals, \$15.5 million from corporations and \$14.4 million from private foundations and other organizations.

A total of \$48 million, down slightly from \$50.5 million in 2006, was made available to the University for various purposes. The total called upon by the University was \$33.3 million. Of that, \$11 million was disbursed for scholarships, fellowships and awards. UConn also disbursed \$9.1 million for faculty and staff support, \$3.5 million for programs and research, and \$4 million for facilities and equipment.

The Foundation's endowment investments showed strong performance, gaining 16.8 percent in a year when the global stock market was bullish. All asset classes showed positive returns. The portfolio return was slightly below its benchmarks, which gained 17.1 percent, because of an underperforming U.S. equities allocation and hedge fund investment. Despite the slight lag, the endowment has outpaced the benchmarks for two-, three-, five- and 10-year periods.

The solid investment performance was led by a 50.6 percent gain in emerging markets stocks. Gains in other areas included developed market equities (25.6 percent), global real estate (21.8 percent), private capital (23.7 percent) and U.S. equities (17.5 percent).

The total endowment now stands at \$336 million, showing a \$37 million, or 12 percent, increase over 2006. Continuing a positive trend, the endowment has grown \$139 million, or 70.6 percent, over the past five years.

Finally, the Foundation's total assets grew by \$42 million to reach a record \$408 million. Continuous growth over the past five years has increased the total assets by \$164 million, or 67.2 percent.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

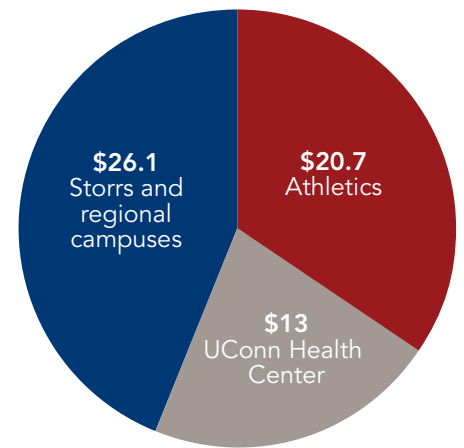
Dollars in thousands

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,169	\$ 1,062
Cash restricted for debt service	779	899
Pledges receivable, net	27,676	30,845
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	347	704
Investments	363,550	319,580
Funds held in trust by others	7,763	6,536
Cash surrender value of life insurance	178	220
Donated property and collections	-	6
Property and equipment, net	5,386	5,495
Deferred bond issuance costs, net	476	287
Research and Development Corporation	576	789
Total assets	\$ 407,900	\$ 366,423
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,580	\$ 2,962
Trusts and annuities payable	2,806	2,573
Accrued debt service interest	128	188
Bonds payable	7,290	7,195
Research and Development Corporation	157	424
Total liabilities	\$ 14,961	\$ 13,342
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Research and Development Corporation	419	365
Foundation	7,375	4,841
Total unrestricted	\$ 7,794	\$ 5,206
Temporarily restricted	137,773	109,346
Permanently restricted	247,372	238,529
Total net assets	\$ 392,939	\$ 353,081
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 407,900	\$ 366,423

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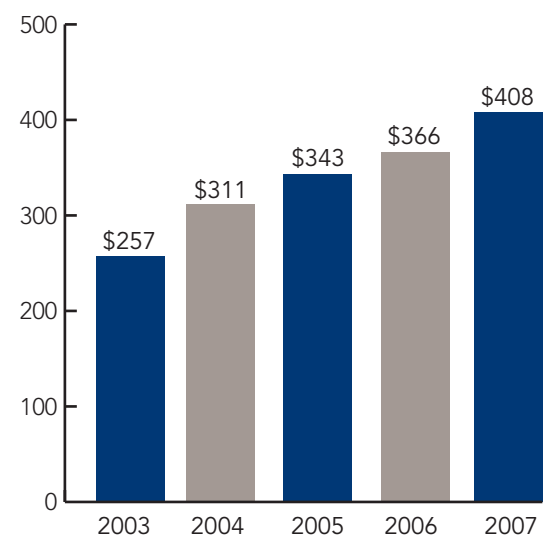
Distribution of Monies Raised

Dollars in millions



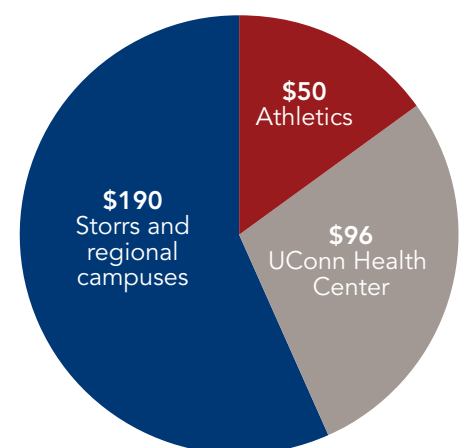
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Endowment Distribution

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Consolidated Statements of Activities

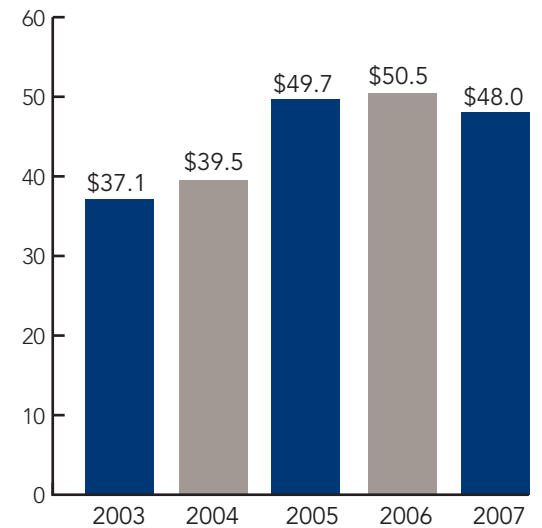
Dollars in thousands

	2007	2006
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$ 29,384	\$ 29,526
Net total investment returns	48,334	34,154
Contractual payments from the University of Connecticut	8,513	8,348
Memberships and other income	536	1,159
Research and Development Corporation	78	50
Total revenues, gains and other support	\$ 86,845	\$ 73,237
EXPENSES		
University Support		
Student scholarships, fellowships and awards	\$ 11,098	\$ 10,259
Facilities construction, improvements and related expenses	2,890	8,193
Faculty and staff compensation	9,138	6,271
General program and research support	3,566	3,354
Fundraising, events, promotions and donor cultivation	2,354	1,959
Faculty, staff and student travel, conferences and meetings	2,433	1,792
Equipment	1,117	1,048
Alumni Association	192	230
Research and Development Corporation	544	543
Total University support	\$ 33,332	\$ 33,649
Foundation Support		
Development expenses	\$ 10,329	\$ 8,501
Fiduciary expenses	3,326	3,167
Total Foundation support	13,655	11,668
Total expenses	\$ 46,987	\$ 45,317
Change in net assets	39,858	27,920
Net assets, beginning of year	353,081	325,161
Net assets, end of year	\$ 392,939	\$ 353,081

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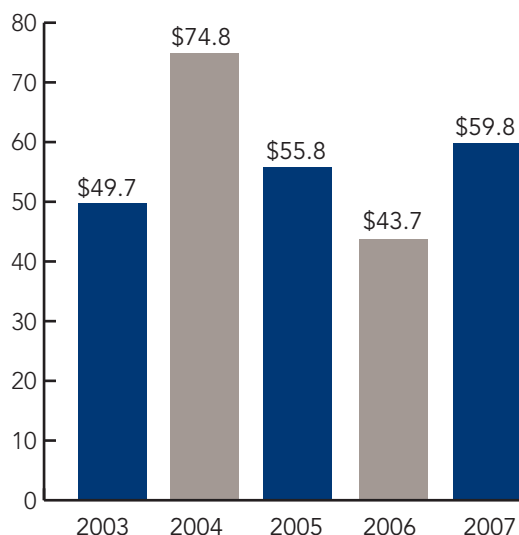
Dollars Made Available to Support University Programs

Dollars in millions



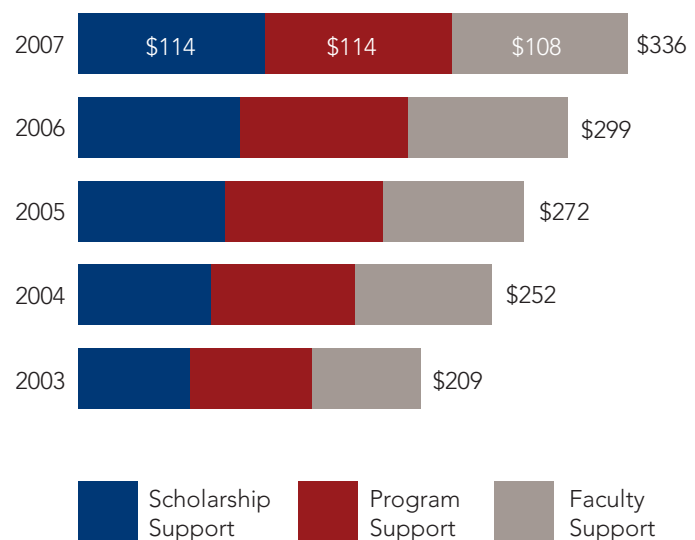
Monies Raised

Dollars in millions



Endowment Assets by Purpose

Dollars in millions



The Founders Society

The Founders Society was established in 1996 to recognize the University's most generous benefactors. All gifts to benefit the University, including contributions to the UConn Foundation, the University Athletic Development Fund, the UConn Law School Foundation and the UConn Health Center, count toward membership in the Founders Society. Fifty-five new members were welcomed into the society this year. Founders Society members contributed more than \$11 million in new gifts this year in support of colleges, schools, programs, students, faculty and athletics.

Neag Circle

The Neag Circle is named in honor of Ray Neag '56 '01H, whose \$23-million gift in 1999 to the Neag School of Education and the UConn Health Center was the largest single gift to the University by an individual. The Neag Circle recognizes donors who have made cumulative gifts and pledges in excess of \$5 million.

Ray '56 '01H and Carole J. Neag

1881 Circle

The 1881 Circle, named to mark the year the University was founded, recognizes donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$1,000,000 and \$4,999,999.

Kevin A. '80 and Lorraine R. '80 Bouley
Henry S.* and Julia B. Budney
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Arnold L. and Sandra M. Chase
Cheryl A. Chase '78 and Stuart D. Bear
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Marianne Hartly* and Irving Cohen
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Barbara L. Flynn
Keith R. '80 and Pamela A. Fox
Mark E. Freitas '81
Edith D. Gampel
Gary S. '66 and Judith A.* Gladstein
Charles E. Heilig, Jr. '94H
Fred M. Hollfelder
Nafe E. Katter
John W. Kluge '03H
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Morris N. '48 and Shirley Trachten
Richard Treibick
Wilda E. Van Dusen*

George W. Whelen IV and Kathleen O. Whelen
Thomas J. '56 and Bette W. Wolff
Judith M. '77 and Henry M. Zachs

Charter Oak Circle

The Charter Oak Circle, named after the famed symbol of Connecticut's fight for independence during the Revolutionary War, recognizes donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$500,000 and \$999,999.

Arthur O. Bayer '50
William R. and Marjorie J. '99 Berkley
Anthony T. Bianca, Sr.
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Charles J. Burstone
Carol Carrick
Richard W. '78 '90 and Ellen S. Cartun
Robert '53 and Jane Cizik
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Erwin Jausz
John Y. '87 and Diane M. Kim
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Roland G. and Marilyn P. Labonte
Scott A. and Sally Labonte
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William T. Sherman '58 and Ms. Sam Smith
Marc and Sara Simont
Robert S. Smith '70
Lucia M. Spakowski

Charles and Augustus Storrs Circle

The Charles and Augustus Storrs Circle, named in honor of the Storrs brothers whose gift of land and money in 1881 enabled Connecticut to establish the Storrs Agricultural School, recognizes donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$250,000 and \$499,999.

David M. and Sandra Adams
K. Tucker and Karen K. '66 Andersen
Charles Dean Bakes
Katharine Derr Barney*
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Simon '96H and Doris M. '50 Konover
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Robert J.* and Nihla Lapidus
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 Daniel D. '87 and Tresa Toscano
 Zoltan B. and Joy Tuba
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 Peter J. Werth III '80 and Suzanne Werth
 W. Douglas '65 '75 and Diane Willett
 Eric M. and Jessica P. Zachs

Constitution Circle

The Constitution Circle, named in honor of Connecticut's legacy as the Constitution State, recognizes donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$100,000 and \$249,999.

Ann S. Abbott
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 Neil A. Alan and Franciene A. Lehmann '89
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 Frank '77 and Rebecca Antonacci
 Nancy A. Antonez
 Timothy J. '79 and Suzanne '80 '84 Arborio
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 Geno and Kathryn Auriemma
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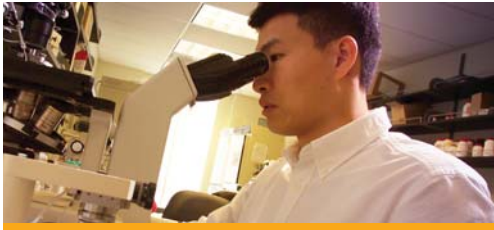
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