



Class Notes

The College of Arts and Sciences

New Arrivals

Craig W. Fenn '98 B.S., Biology, '00 M.S., Cellular and Molecular Biology, and Jennifer Looker, daughter — Anna Gail Looker-Fenn, December 2, 2007

Marriages

Erin A. Lamoreaux '06 B.A., Music Industry, and David M. Giannelli — July 8, 2007

Valerie A. Vancza and **Edward G. Lucas** '98 M.S., Education — July 28, 2007

Stacey L. Dube '04 M.S., Education, and Shawn P. Simpson — August 3, 2007

Tonia Maturo '03 B.S., Biology, and Charles Valverde — September 7, 2007

Christine M. Buccì '95 B.A., English, and Robert M. Caprilozzi — September 14, 2007

Amelia Lancio and **Justin P. Zywocinski** '06 M.S., Education — October 6, 2007

Valerie J. Spatafore '99 A.S., Dental Hygiene, '04 B.S., Dental Hygiene, and Joseph Karas, Jr. — October 12, 2007

Deaths

Mildred E. Bohannah adjunct English instructor and academic skills counselor (see story, page 26)

Caroline A. Dinegar professor of Political Science (see story, page 32)

Madelyn A. Greco '74 A.S., General Studies

Thomas R. Holahan adjunct instructor of Philosophy at UNH from 1985 to 2005

David Morris professor of Marketing

Janet B. Smith Glass '79 M.A., Community Psychology

Mark N. Stephen '81 B.A., Political Science

John H. Volk '75 B.S., Environmental Science

1970s

Bakersfield, Calif., resident **Dr. Peggy De Stefano** '71 B.A., English, '74 M.S., Criminal Justice, has been teaching at Bakersfield College since 1985.

1980s

Bridgeport resident **Dimas B. Cuoto** '80 B.A., Sociology, is restoring a landmark 19th Century East Side mansion in Bridgeport. Over the years, Cuoto has worked as a soccer coach at UNH, Guilford High School and Bridgeport's Harding High School. He also served as a deputy contract compliance director for Bridgeport Mayor Thomas Buccì in the 1980s.

The SUNY Fredonia Center for Rural Regional Development and Governance appointed **Sherry A. H. Lantz** '85 M.A., Industrial/Organizational Psychology, director of Fredonia/Dunkirk Community Partnerships. Lantz, a resident of Ripley, N.Y., brings more than 20 years of experience in community and mental health work and management to the position. Prior to joining SUNY Fredonia, she was director of

Food Programs for Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Inc.

1990s

West Haven resident **Dr. Beth Bureau** '96 A.S., Dental Hygiene, '98 B.S., Dental Hygiene, has joined the West Haven dental practice of Drs. Forman, Margolies, Natkin & Hung. Dr. Bureau was elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a dental honor society, and is a member of the New Haven and Connecticut state dental associations.

Dr. Jay M. Knudsen '99 M.S., Cellular and Molecular Biology, a doctor of dental surgery, has joined Great East Dental Associates in Springvale, Maine.

Waterbury Center, Vt., resident **Gregory C. Swan** '91 B.A., Interior Design, is the new owner of St. Albans Glass. Swan was previously a project manager for the Fluor Company, a national engineering and construction company.

Douglas J. Hammel '95 M.S., Education, of New London, has been named principal of Stanley T. Williams Elementary School in North Branford. He has been an administrator in the Salem school district for nine years.

2000s

Palm Desert, Calif. resident **Marcy S. Gregory** '00 M.S., Human Nutrition, has been a nutritionist in private practice since 2000, specializing in teaching women to skillfully handle weight gain associated with menopause and age. Gregory has written "Lose the Belly Fat," a practical approach to unexpected weight gain experienced by many women prior to and during menopause.

Gale S. Plancon '00 M.S., Hospitality, of Branford, has joined YTB, Your Travel Biz, as a referring travel agent. Plancon runs a home-based travel business and is a member of the UNH Alumni Board.

Dr. Stanimira Nikolova '01 M.S., Human Nutrition, of the Bronx, N.Y., has been inducted as an honorary member in the 2008–2009 edition of the *Cambridge Who's Who Executive, Professional and Entrepreneurial Registry* for excellence in the health care industry. Dr. Nikolova has 15 years of professional experience in the healthcare industry and is currently a sleep laboratory manager for Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

The College of Business

New Arrivals

Dustin M. Guarino '99 B.S., Management of Sports Industries, and Alexis Guarino, daughter — Addison Jordan, November 21, 2007

Erika L. Graff '01 B.S., Management of Sports Industries, '03 M.B.A., and Robin Graff, daughter — Paige Mikayla, November 18, 2007

Marriages

Sandra Vigliotti '93 M.B.A., and Jack Senich — July 28, 2007

Stuart Gutter '90 B.S., Tourism and Travel Administration, and Patti Sommer — November 3, 2007



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Getting the Third Degree Worked for This Graduate



Tourism in Vietnam is booming, **Be' Nguyen** will tell you. It is not the Vietnam of the 1960s, when Nguyen was a young resident of Ho Chi Minh City trying to survive the conflict. Nor is it the Vietnam of the '70s and '80s, when residents were struggling to clear their lands of the ruins of war and stitch their lives back together.

It is now the Vietnam of the Millennium, filled with opportunity.

One day, Nguyen, still of Ho Chi Minh City, asked her nephew to find on the Internet a college in the northeastern United States where she could earn a master's degree in Public Administration. She arrived at UNH in 2003, and the story might have ended there, with Nguyen's first master's degree. But she knew a need existed for trained civil servants in Vietnam.

"There are wonderful resources here," she says. "The people, the equipment, the facilities, I got so excited. So I took Tourism and Hospitality Management, and got another degree." In keeping with her academic doggedness, she then discovered that Sport Management was not being handled professionally in Vietnam. She was awarded her third master's degree, in Sport Management, from the University of New Haven during Winter Commencement 2008 in January.

Equipped with three master's degrees, she finally decided to go home.

"I believe I am one of the first students in Vietnam to bring professional sports management training home," she says. "I am so psyched."

Deaths

John J. Bartick '67 A.S., Business Administration, '69 B.S., Management Science

Donald S. Cady '73 B.S., Operations Management

Douglas R. Carlisle '76 B.S., Financial Accounting

Joseph J. Einhorn '79 E.M.B.A.

Arthur W. Gruhn '77 M.P.A.

Richard A. Gutmann '62 B.S., Business Administration

Robert J. Hickey, Sr. '67 B.S., Business Administration

Teresa M. Michon '91 B.S., Financial Accounting

Bradford W. Nicholson '85 B.S., Business Administration

John J. Patrick '67 A.S., Business Administration, '69 B.S., Management Science

Robert L. Vechiola '78 M.B.A.

Larry D. Veneziano '96 M.B.A., Marketing

John H. Winkelman '91 B.S., Financial Accounting

Valentino Zurawlew '86 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management

1960s

Saint Mary School in Waterbury honored **Ronald M. Diorio** '69 B.S., Marketing, of Waterbury, with the Guardian Angel Award at its annual Bells of Saint Mary awards banquet. Diorio was a relief pitcher in professional baseball from 1969 to 1978, pitching for the New York Yankees and Montreal Expos organizations as well as the Triple-A Mexican League. Diorio is a partner with Nocera, Dillon & Diorio Company real estate consultants and principal of Diorio Realty.

1970s

Guilford resident **Peter A. Benson** '70 B.S., Operations Management, was selected as a juror in the third annual regional juried photography exhibit sponsored by the Easton Arts Council. Benson has taught photography at the college level for more than 20 years, and is the department chair of Photography and Digital

Imaging at Paier College of Art in Hamden. His work has been published in Architectural Digest, the acclaimed architecture and design magazine.

Gorham, Maine, resident **Kevin A. Fallen** '75 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, is owner of Personal Touch Catering.

Charles A. Adonizio III '76 B.S., Marketing, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., is assistant treasurer of the Greater Wilkes Barre Association of Realtors. Adonizio has been an owner/broker of Atlas Realty, Inc., a full-service real estate firm in Plains Township, for 20 years. Holding both the Graduate Realtors Institute and Senior Real Estate Specialist designations, Adonizio specializes in commercial real estate. He has received four Par Excellence Awards from the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors. He also owns Atlas Insurance Group, Inc., an independent insurance agency founded in 1938 by his late father, Charles Adonizio, Jr.

US Investigations Services, Inc., a leading provider of pre-employment screening solutions, has elected **Thomas H. Collins** '76 M.B.A., Business Administration, of West Haven, to its board of directors. Collins served for 38 years as a commissioned officer and leader in the U.S. Coast Guard.

David P. Schuler '75 B.S., Management Science, of Lewes, Delaware, has been hired as pitching coach of the Tri-City Dust Devils, a Class A team based

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in Pascoa, Wash. During his coaching career, Schuler has been employed by the N.Y. Yankees, Baltimore Orioles, Seattle Mariners, San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves. He spent the past two years as coordinator of the Horsey Family Youth Foundation in Delaware.

Howard J. Wurzak '76 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, is president and CEO of the Wurzak Hotel Group in Narberth, Penn.

1980s

The financial services firm of **Thomas P. Morrone** '80 B.S., Financial Accounting, of North Haven, has been an affiliate of U.S. Wealth Advisors since 2000 and has been named a "Rising Star Firm" in the financial planning sector by CPA Wealth Provider, an accounting industry trade journal.

Angelo-Gene Monaco '82 M.S., Labor Relations, has been named associate vice president for Human Resources and Employee Relations at the University of Akron. Monaco was previously director of Labor Relations and director of Human Resources with Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. He also served as associate vice president at Oberlin College, director of Human Resources for the New York Zoological Society, and a product analyst for the Bic Corp., and Eveready Battery Co.

and Institutional Education Conference and Expo. Mellon has been teaching Marketing, Management and Hospitality Management since 1986. He has been teaching at Misericordia since 2002.

Sherman Oaks, Calif., resident **Joseph J. Farricelli, Jr.** '88 M.B.A., Business Policy and Strategy, was appointed to serve on the NTN Buzztime, Inc. board of directors. Farricelli is currently a senior vice president of Fidelity National Special Opportunities, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Fidelity National Financial, Inc. He also serves as a director of three privately held companies: Look Investment Agency, Inc., Recycling Enterprises, Inc., and Hamden Sand & Stone, Inc.

Wallingford resident **Carissa M. Neubig** '88 M.B.A., Management and Organization, was appointed executive director of Senior Whole Health, a Medicare Advantage special-needs plan that serves Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries in New Haven, Hartford, and Middlesex counties. Neubig most recently served as chief operating officer of Gaylord Hospital in Wallingford.

North Haven resident **Richard V. Branigan** '81 M.P.A., was named North Branford's town manager. Branigan has worked in North Haven since 1990, most recently as the director of public works.

Gerber Scientific, Inc. has named **Michael R. Elia** '81 B.S., Financial Accounting, executive vice president and chief financial officer. Elia, a resident of Dublin, Ohio, most recently served as chief financial officer of the Frank Gates Companies, Inc.

The American Stock Exchange (Amex) appointed **Patricia A. Rado** '83 M.B.A., Computer and Information Science, as president and chief operating officer. The former vice president, controller and chief accounting officer of Public Service Enterprise Group Inc., Rado will be responsible for managing the operations and growth of Amex's businesses. A resident of Annandale, N.J., she previously was an independent governor of the Amex Board of Governors, serving as chair of the audit committee and as a member of the finance and executive committees.

North Haven resident **Craig L. Mortali** '84 B.S., Communications, a six-time Emmy-award winning sports producer for ESPN, produced "Triumph and Tragedy: The Ray Mancini Story," which aired on ESPN Classic. Mortali has also produced for "SportsCenter."

John N. Mellon '86 M.B.A., Hotel and Restaurant Management, of Drums, Pa., associate professor of Business at Misericordia University, presented a research paper at the 2007 International Council on Hotel, Restaurant

I N M E M O R I A M

Milly Bohannah, a beloved and respected member of the University community for more than 28 years, died Nov. 29 following a long illness. An adjunct faculty member of the English Department, Bohannah also worked as an academic skills counselor in the Office of Academic Services and tutored in writing in the Center for Learning Resources. Bohannah's friend, Alice Guido, a former fellow adjunct in the English Department and a CLR writing tutor, wrote an article about Bohannah for the Charger Bulletin some years ago.



"The mementos scattered throughout her office and correspondence from students updating her on their post-UNH lives reveal that her ties extend well beyond graduation," Guido wrote. "A CLR veteran, Ms. Bohannah remembers more than 20 years ago when Room 106, now serving as the Computer Lab and the office of the CLR Coordinator, was used as a music classroom 'with strains of piano and recorded music wafting in over discussions of comma splices and mixed constructions.' Although the only tunes in the CLR today are those emitted by cell phones, Ms. Bohannah is still present, the soft-spoken lady seated at the round table near the picture window, her 16-ounce tea mug loaded and ready for an afternoon of tutoring sessions in composition and history."

Donations in her memory may be made to the Women of Christ Episcopal Church, Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524.



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Caren R. Bartlett '83 B.S., Business Administration, was nominated to the 2008/2009 Registry of Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women, Honors Edition.

West Berlin, N.J., resident **Nicolaus E. Sakiewicz** '83 B.S., Business Administration, the current president of AEG Soccer New York/New Jersey, will be the CEO and operating partner of an ownership group seeking to bring Major League Soccer (MLS) to Chester, Penn. Sakiewicz has coached at the youth and college level and was a former general manager of two major league soccer teams, New York's MetroStars and Tampa Bay's Mutiny.

Gary J. Zavatkay '83 B.S., Business Administration, of Suffield, has been named manager of national accounts for Connor Sport Court International. Zavatkay's extensive sales experience includes working with the J.M. Ney Company, Curtis Industries, and most recently as a national corporate account manager for Barnes Distribution.

Wolcott resident **Scott W. Annis** '85 M.B.A., joined the senior management team of Huber+Suhner Inc., of Essex as director of industrial marketing. Annis previously worked as a regional account manager for Delphi Connection Systems.

Patrice A. Melluso '89 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, of East Rockaway, N.Y., joined Ogilvy Healthworld as an account supervisor. Melluso was

previously a consultant to Ogilvy Healthworld and other health care and business corporations.

1990s

St. Louis Park, Minn., resident **Steven M. Roth** '90 B.S., Marketing, was promoted to vice president, Sales and Marketing, for Rocket Science. Rocket Science develops and executes sales and marketing strategies for independent record labels throughout the United States.

RoadLink named Denville, N.J., resident **Thomas A. Collett** '91 B.S., Business Administration, director of Business Development for the East Coast.

Patricia M. Lugo '91 B.S., Financial Accounting, was named business administrator for the Mashpee Schools. Lugo, a Brockton, Mass., resident, most recently served as the accountant and an accounting teacher for the Brockton public schools.

Waterbury resident **James F. Nardozzi** '91 M.P.A., '96 C.P., Forensic Science, accepted a position at Post University in Waterbury as criminal justice manager. Nardozzi was previously deputy chief of police with the Waterbury Police Department.

Thomas C. Power '91 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, of Washington, D.C., is owner and chef of the restaurant Corduroy.

Broomfield, Colo., resident **Gary A. Loretsch** '92 E.M.B.A., co-authored "Power: Use of Treated Sewage Plant Effluent in Power Plants," which appeared in the December 2007 issue of *Ultrapure Water*. Loretsch is a principal scientist for water treatment technologies with Mechanical &

The Hill Fund Moves Forward

The University's Annual Fund, the Hill Fund, established three new initiatives this year:

- LEAD Society, or Loyal Engaged Alumni Donors, recognizes and honors alumni donors who have financially supported the University for the past five consecutive years or more.
- GOLD Club, or Graduates of the Last Decade, is a leadership group exclusively for those recent graduates who would like to join the President's Society. A \$500 annual gift provides a GOLD member with the same benefits as President's Society members, who typically give gifts of \$1,000 or more.
- SPUD Club, or Student Philanthropists for Undergraduate Development, comprises student Phonathon callers and other undergraduates dedicated to educating students about philanthropy in the United States and internationally. The group set a record when members collected almost \$1,000 in gifts from the senior class during Senior Week. SPUD elected its first officers this year: President: Eric Harding; Vice President: Brendan Pearson; Secretary: Sarah Zello; Treasurer: Amber Auger; Sergeant at Arms: Brian Ritchie.

Materials Engineering in Austin, Texas. He was formerly vice president and senior consultant with Puckorius & Associates Inc.

Branford resident **Maureen Nuzzo** '94 M.B.A., is owner-chef of Tastebuds in Guilford. Nuzzo has owned the breakfast and lunch restaurant for the past nine years. She previously spent a number of years as an administrator at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Amplify Sports and Entertainment, LLC, has named **Allyn R. Michalek** '97 E.M.B.A., of New Canaan, vice president of sales for the agency. Prior to joining Amplify Sports, Michalek was senior vice president of integrated sales for Patriot Marketing Group,

a division of US International Media.

Edward J. Nadriczny '98 M.P.A., Personal and Labor Relations, is New Canaan police chief. A resident of Monroe, Nadriczny is a 30-year veteran of the department. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1995, serving in the Patrol Division, then served as investigative section commander. After being named captain of Staff Services in 1999, he assumed the duties of captain of operations in 2003, and was appointed chief in 2005.

Westport resident **Lou Ann Giunta** '99 E.M.B.A., has joined the Westport office of Country Living Associates as a sales associate.

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Giunta has more than 20 years of real estate experience. Previously she was in management with General Electric, Deloitte & Touche and Hyperion Solutions. She is on the board of the Connecticut Humane Society, a member of the Entrepreneurial Women's Network, and a member of the Branford and Clinton conservation land trusts.

Kathleen A. Pajor '99 M.S., Health Care Administration, of Milford, was named president and executive director of Health Care Vision Inc.'s Beechwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in New London. She has been with Beechwood for more than two years and previously worked at Bridgeport Hospital and the Hospital of St. Raphael.

Robert P. Wentzel '99 E.M.B.A., of Halifax, Penn., will oversee the new Bureau of 911 Programs within the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Wentzel has more than five years of experience with information technology and 911 programs on the county and state level. Before joining PEMA, Wentzel served as the emergency management director and 911 coordinator for Dauphin County.

Edward V. Kulhawik '90 M.P.A., of Trumbull, is chief of the Wilton Police Department. Kulhawik began his law enforcement career in Wilton in 1981.

Lyndhurst, N.J., resident **Jo-Lynn Cimino** '98 B.S., Marketing, was inducted into the Connecticut Scholastic and Collegiate Softball Hall of Fame.

2000s

Yoshimichi Aoki '00 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management,

accepted a position at U&R Hotel Management located in Tokyo, Japan, as front desk manager. Yoshimichi, who resides in Hirakata Shi, Japan, was previously employed by Global Line as assistant chief manager.

Wallingford resident **John R. MacKenzie** '01 E.M.B.A., was inducted into the Sheehan High School Hall of Fame. MacKenzie joined the Eye Level Corporation in 2002 and is currently vice president of sales and marketing. He was previously with the Household Products Division of Black & Decker, earning the distinction of Sales Manager of the Year in 2000.

Peter B. Tomaino '03 M.S., Taxation, was promoted to tax manager with the Shelton certified public accounting firm of Dworken, Hillman, LaMoret and Sterczala PC. Tomaino, a Danbury resident, joined the firm in 2002.

Seymour resident **Charlene B. Labate** '04 M.B.A., Finance, is an accounting and audit manager for Bailly Schaefer and Errato, LLC of Branford. Labate, a recipient of the 2004 Candidates Award from the Connecticut Society of CPAs, is a member of the Leadership Greater New Haven class of 2007.

James S. Ciarcia '05 E.M.B.A., of Rocky Hill, has been reappointed by Gov. M. Jodi Rell as a member of the State Board of Accountancy. Ciarcia is a financial analyst with Northeast Utilities, where he has worked for the past 26 years.

Peter Struble '07 M.P.A., Public Administration, of Wallingford, was inducted into the Sheehan High School Hall of Fame. Struble has been a member of the Wallingford Fire Department

since 1986 and became chief in 2000. For the past four years, Struble has been the team leader for the New Haven area Special Hazards Team.

Michelle L. Holmberg '07 B.S., Business Administration, was promoted to sales manager specializing in union and third party markets, at the Hilton Hotel Corporation's Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, Calif.

The Tagliatela College of Engineering

Marriages

Carla Minutillo '84 B.S., Computer Science and Ron Bailey — October 13, 2007

Deaths

Matthew R. Belanic '49 A.S., Engineering

Ronald E. Bellmore '79 B.S., Electrical Engineering

Allan F. Bergman '67 B.S., Mechanical Engineering

John M. Burke '64 A.S., Engineering, '85 E.M.B.A.

Ernest W. Cappiello '49 A.S., Engineering

Harry L. Carl, Jr. '53 A.S., Engineering

William F. Cellini '59 A.S., Engineering Science

Howard R. Chandler '48 A.S., Engineering

Nicholas V. Cusano '38 A.S., Engineering Science

John M. Gladke '69 B.S., Electrical Engineering

Reeves T. Spencer '50 A.S., Engineering

Brian Walonoski '83 B.S., Mechanical Engineering

1970s

Albert E. Chrisbacher '70 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, of Pawcatuck, has been promoted to vice president, sheet and foam systems, for Davis-Standard, LLC. Chrisbacher joined Davis-Standard in 1992 as product manager of film and has held the positions of business area manager and business director.

Oak Ridge, Tenn., resident **Richard L. Giannelli** '75 B.S., Civil Engineering, has joined Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc., as Eastern Region manager. Giannelli has more than 38 years of engineering and management experience in both the private and public sectors. He worked for seven years for the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Frank L. Harper '79 B.S., Computer Science, '85 M.S., Industrial Engineering, of Decatur, Ga., is a special projects advisor to IT/IE companies. Harper previously was deputy chief information officer for Business Strategic Services and project management office director for the city of Atlanta. He was founder and managing director of Enterprise Engineer from 1988 to 2006.

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The East Haven High School Alumni Association inducted **Robert A. Guarino** '83 B.S., Computer Science, '98 M.B.A., Health Care Management, into its Hall of Fame. Guarino, who resides in East Haven, is a manager at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut.

Meriden resident **Joseph R. Mele, Jr.** '84 M.S., Computer Information Science, has been named senior vice president, operations, for Gerber Scientific, Inc. Mele is currently a partner with Lean Horizons Consulting, specializing in enterprise-level lean implementations for Fortune 500 clients. He has 26 years of experience in high technology aerospace and commercial manufacturing, including 17 years with United Technologies' Sikorsky Aircraft Division.

Vasanth Iyer '89 M.S., Computer and Information Science, of Hyderabad, India, was invited to the University of Ostrava, Czech Republic, to present his paper "Distributed Wireless Sensor Network Architecture: Fuzzy Logic Based Sensor Fusion."

1990s

Piya Hawkes '90 A.S., Civil Engineering, '92 B.S., Civil Engineering, of East Hampton, is Enfield's new director of public works. Hawkes is a 15-year veteran of the state Department of Transportation, where he was a senior project engineer.

Old Saybrook resident **Gregory J. Smith** '91 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, has been named chief operating officer of Lewmar USA and president of Navtec Corp. Inc., the marine rigging division of Lewmar USA. Smith

is former director of operations for General Electric Aviation Times Microwave Systems.

The Connecticut Business & Industry Association elected Cromwell resident **Bruce E. Dworak** '95 B.S., Mechanical Engineering, to a four-year term on its board of directors. Dworak is president of Hobson & Motzer Inc., which he joined in 1998. He is president of the board of directors of the Connecticut Tooling and Machining Association.

2000s

James T. Olsen '07 M.S., Environmental Engineering, a Middletown resident, is a senior hydrogeologist at Tighe & Bond, Inc., in Middletown.

The Henry C. Lee
College of Criminal Justice
and Forensic Sciences

Marriages

Nicole S. Edwards '06 M.S., Criminal Justice, '07 M.S., Forensic Science, and **Robert C. Mitchell** '98 A.S., Fire and Occupational Safety — August 25, 2007 — Robert is the son of John Mitchell, director of Telecommunications at UNH, and Judy Mitchell, secretary for the Forensic Science department at UNH.

Erin P. Littlefield and **Michael J. Spaziani** '99 B.S., Arson Investigation — July 29, 2007

Deaths

Geoffrey K. Schweitzer '97 A.S., Criminal Justice, '99 B.S., Criminal Justice

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Nathan D. Crowell, 22, a senior at the University of New Haven, died Oct. 25 after being fatally struck by a puck during a recreational league ice hockey game in Shelton. Crowell, whose smile brightened any room he entered, was scheduled to receive his bachelor's degree at Winter Commencement. He had majored in investigative services, minored in political science and had obtained a certificate in computer crime.



Dr. William Tafoya, a professor in UNH's National Security Program and a mentor to Crowell, remembered him as a quiet, attentive student who sat in the front row of Tafoya's Computer Crime class and who eventually earned the highest grade there. "Nathan had tremendous potential and was full of enthusiasm for the future," Tafoya told the audience at Winter Commencement, where Crowell's parents, David and Gale Crowell, accepted their son's degree posthumously. "He was inspired and looked forward to using his UNH education to serve his country. Can there be a more admirable goal for a 22-year-old, or a higher calling?"

Friends and family visited www.smithmason.com to share their memories of Crowell. One writer remembered him in this way: "He was a wonderful young man, everything you always wish for your child to become: intelligent, hard-working, kind, respectful, and full of fun. He had a way about him that made everyone at ease."

Contributions may be made in his memory to the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center, c/o Advancement Office, the University of New Haven, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516. Please make checks payable to the University of New Haven and mark contributions "In Memory of Nathan D. Crowell."

Susan M. Stratton '00 A.S., Criminal Justice, '03 B.S., Business Administration

Donald A. Crouch, Sr. '75 A.S., Criminal Justice

Perry M. Pausig '81 A.S., Criminal Justice, '84 B.S., Criminal Justice,

'88 M.S., Computer and Information Systems

1970s

John J. Prete '78 A.S., Criminal Justice, of Branford, has been appointed vice president of Transmission Business for United



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Illuminating Company (UI). Prete joined UI in 1980 as an engineer in the electric distribution portion of the utility and most recently held the position of associate vice president of the transmission business.

Lieutenant **Robert J. Desena** '75 A.S., Criminal Justice, of Oakville, a 31-year veteran detective, has been selected to serve as deputy chief of the Watertown Police Department.

1980s

Rocky Hill resident detective **Joseph S. Coco** '83 M.S., Criminal

Justice, retired from the Stonington Police Department. Coco joined the department in 1976.

James E. Simpson '87 A.S., Criminal Justice, '89 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Seymour, was appointed principal at North End Middle School in Waterbury. Simpson previously served as vice principal. He is currently on the staff of the Police Activity League, which offers academic and athletic after-school activities for 1,400 inner-city youth.

Stratford police chief **John J. Buturla** '88 M.S., Forensic Science, has been appointed to the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security's State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council. Buturla began his career in 1979 as a police officer in Trumbull and joined the Connecticut State Police in 1982. In 2001, Buturla was appointed deputy director of Homeland Security for the state. He is also an adjunct professor for the graduate program in National Security at UNH.

Watertown Police Department Lieutenant **John F. Carroll** '88 B.S., Criminal Justice, graduated from the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Va.

Pawcatuck resident **Jody A. Grabowski** '88 M.S., Forensic Science, is a lieutenant in the Groton Town Police Department. Grabowski was hired as a patrol officer in 1984 and headed the forensics lab until 2001, when she was promoted to sergeant. She has also served as an instructor in the rape crisis center and the battered women's mentor group.

West Haven resident **Donald R. Scott** '89 B.S., Criminal Justice, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Orange Police Department. Scott began his career as a police officer in 2002 and has won several awards, including a Certificate of Commendation for the arrest of an armed adversary.

Sandy Springs, Ga., resident **Jack K. McElfish** '84 B.S., Fire Science, '87 M.S., Fire Science, '87 M.P.A., is fire chief for the city of Sandy Springs. He has been designated as chief fire officer for the Commission on Professional Credentialing from the Center for Public Safety Excellence by Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Jeffrey S. Obier '88 B.S., Arson Investigation, of North Haven, received the North Haven Community Service Firefighter of the Year award. Obier, a firefighter since 1991, is a lieutenant with the Headquarters Unit. He is currently president of the North Haven Professional Firefighters and plays drums with the New Haven County Firefighters' Emerald Society.

1990s

North Haven resident **Mark J. Petrone** '93 B.S., Fire Science, accepted a position at the University of Connecticut Health Center as environmental care coordinator. Petrone was previously a building fire and safety inspector II with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Sherman resident **Karen A. Alward** '98 B.S., Arson Investigation, has been promoted from deputy fire marshal to fire marshal for New Milford. Alward, a finance broker, has served as president and owner of FTF Investments LLC. She was previously fire lieutenant for the Squantz Engine Co. in New Fairfield.

Beacon Falls resident **Roberto N. Rinaldi** '98 B.S., Criminal Justice, was promoted to sergeant in the Seymour Police Department. Rinaldi, who has 16 years in law enforcement, has served nine years with the department as a patrol officer.

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James A. Kersten '02 B.S., Fire Science Administration, of Brattleboro, Vt., joined the Derry Fire Department. Kersten was formerly employed by the state Division of Fire Safety in Vermont as an assistant state fire marshal.

A Hero is Honored

Stamford Police Officer **Tom Pjatak** '01 Criminal Justice, was honored March 14 during the Second Annual Heroes of Lower Fairfield County Breakfast at the Hilton Stamford Hotel in Stamford. Pjatak was working an extra-duty assignment at a Stamford construction site one morning in March 2007 when he spotted a house on fire on Greenwich Avenue.



With flames pouring out of windows and threatening houses nearby, Pjatak called for backup, then ran inside. He scrambled up to the second floor, where he discovered a grandmother and her two grandchildren cowering amid the flames. As the fire blazed furiously around him, Pjatak shepherded the three out of the house to safety.

A father of two children, Kayla, 10, and Tyler, 5, Pjatak is married to Jennifer Pjatak, the director of Alumni Relations at the University of New Haven. He grew up in Stratford, and has received numerous awards from the Stamford Police Department, including a Unit Citation, one of the department's highest awards.



Class Notes

Clinton resident **Katharine A. Bondonna** '03 B.S., Criminal Justice, '06 M.S., Education, joined Pierson School in Clinton as a fifth-grade teacher. Bondonna has been a swim coach at the Valley Shore YMCA for the past five years.

Misty Fitch '03 B.S., Forensic Science, '05 M.S., Criminal Justice, of Danbury, is a civilian crime analyst for the Waterbury Police Department.

Vernon resident **Rebecca L. Ricciuti** '03 B.S., Criminal Justice, '07 M.S., Forensic Science, has joined the Madison Police Department. Ricciuti was previously with the Vernon Police Department.

West Hartford resident **Albert L. Barrueco** '04 B.S., Criminal Justice, graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law and was recently admitted to the Connecticut Bar. Barrueco is currently an associate at the law offices of Day Pitney, LLP, where he is an employment litigation attorney.

Daniel J. Greenwood '04 B.S., Fire Science, of Vernon, **Philip A. Gawronski** '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Vernon, and **Kevin Manzolillo** '06 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Middletown, graduated from the Connecticut State Police Academy with a class of 60. Candidates for the 118th Connecticut State Police Training Troop were selected from a pool of more than 2,000 applicants.

Madison resident **Jason Davis** '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, graduated from the Connecticut Fire Academy and was sworn in as a firefighter for the town of Hamden.



John Runyon '03, center, graduated from Academy Class 07-02 of the New York City Fire Department on Jan. 16, 2008. Flanking him are friends and UNH classmates Mark Sicuso '03, left, of the Norwich, Conn., Fire Department, and Jake McNeilly '03, of the Manchester, Mass., Fire Department.

Christopher Perez '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Matthews, N.C., accepted a position as Citizens on Patrol coordinator with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in Charlotte, N.C.

Amanda J. LaPolla '06 M.S., Criminal Justice, of New Hartford, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the State University of New York at Oneonta. LaPolla was a member of the college's first national championship soccer team in 2003.

Justin M. Rutherford '06 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Clifton Park, N.Y., has joined Met Life's Albany agency as a financial services representative. Rutherford currently holds his life, accident and health licenses and is Series 6 and 63 licensed.

A New Member of the Advancement Team



Chris Lukowski has joined the Advancement Office as an associate development officer. Most recently, Lukowski worked in undergraduate admissions and fundraising for the athletic program at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield and was an assistant coach of Sacred Heart's lacrosse team, where he had played for four years as an undergraduate. He began

his career after obtaining an M.B.A. from Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y., where he went on to coach lacrosse, becoming the youngest Division I lacrosse coach ever. He subsequently joined the Admissions Office at Wagner before moving back to Connecticut.



Class Notes



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It was mid-February in New Haven, but blazing red Christmas poinsettias still filled the house where **Dr. Caroline Dinegar** lived for many years with her closest friend, Dr. Elisabeth Van Dyke. “She loved to decorate, especially at Christmas,” Van Dyke said. “She loved, too, to feed the birds and watch the cardinals.”



Dinegar died Dec. 12 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her life mixed a softer side — a passion for penguins, a sense of humor that drove her to plop a tribal headpiece from Borneo atop a bust of Thomas Jefferson that she kept in her living room — with a hard-headedness that won her a legion of fans and critics. She was schooled at Cornell, Columbia and Oxford universities and studied Chinese on a Fulbright scholarship in Taiwan. She spent most of her life in higher education, leaving only when a challenging opportunity to adventure into a new realm lured her away. She taught at the University of Connecticut, Cal State Northridge, the University of Virginia and, finally, the University of New Haven, serving in-between as a foreign affairs officer and a liaison to the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York and Paris, a director of the Peace Corps in Malaysia, and a professor of strategy and politics at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. She even ran for mayor of New Haven, twice.

Her resume at the University of New Haven was equally diverse. She served as assistant provost, was chair of the Department of Political Science, chaired the Faculty Senate several times over the course of many years, served as acting director of the library, was interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and directed the School of Hospitality and Tourism.

“I’ve had several careers,” Dinegar told the New Haven Register in 1986. “Life has to be fun for me.”

The Dr. Caroline A. Dinegar Memorial Scholarship has been established in her name to benefit a student majoring in Political Science at the University. Those interested in contributing may make a check payable to the University of New Haven. Please mail to the attention of Timothy Stanton, associate vice president for Advancement Operations, University of New Haven, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven CT 06516.