Connecticut’s new Public Safety Commissioner Leonard C. Boyle ’80.
Steve Markson, associate professor of sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the university, was in his first year as a faculty member when he was asked to teach a class in criminology. His approach required students not just to listen but to think, and think deeply. He vividly recalls one student who was especially up to the task.

“He was intellectually inquisitive, exceptionally mature, and very talented,” says Markson. In fact, he adds, he “probably remains one of the 10 best students I can recall in 25 years of teaching.”

High praise? Yes. And an assessment, it would seem, that was right on the mark. Markson’s prize student, Leonard C. Boyle, would go on to distinguish himself throughout an illustrious career in public service. Then, this past August, with his proud family looking on, Boyle was sworn in as Connecticut’s new commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. Appointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell as one of the first steps in her campaign to establish a corruption-free government, Boyle will oversee the state police and other divisions that handle forensic investigations and fire, emergency, and building services. Former Lieutenant Governor Rell became governor on July 1, 2004, when her predecessor, John G. Rowland, resigned from office in the midst of impeachment and federal corruption investigations.

For the 51-year old Boyle, who graduated from the University of Hartford in 1980, the road to the commissioner’s office was marked by a succession of challenges and achievements. After graduating from high school in Vernon, Conn., in 1970, Boyle briefly attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., before returning to Connecticut and enrolling in the University of Hartford in the fall of 1971. By his own admission, he was not yet ready to “take education seriously,” and left after a year to start work, later enrolling in Manchester Community College to earn an associate’s degree.

A resident of East Hartford, Boyle joined the town’s police force in 1975. Two years later, he again enrolled at the University of Hartford. “The university had just recently begun a criminal justice program,” he recalls, “which was the area I was most interested in. The school also offered credits for life experience, and I was able to earn some for my police work.” Besides, says Boyle with a smile, “I had a soft spot for the school—I had spent a year there, and my sister was a graduate of the school.”

The decision proved to be a good one. “I had wonderful professors,” says Boyle, “and when I decided to apply to law school, I got a great deal of help from both the faculty and school administrators—even [then] President [Stephen Joel] Trachtenberg became directly involved in helping me. I have so many fond memories of my years at the University of Hartford.”

Following his spring 1980 graduation, Boyle left the police force and enrolled in the University of Connecticut School of Law. A highly respected assistant U.S. attorney who successfully prosecuted various defendants in the state’s treasurer’s scandal, in 2003 he was chosen to head the corporate fraud unit created by U.S. Attorney Kevin O’Connor. Prior to his appointment as commissioner, Boyle served as lead prosecutor in the ongoing federal grand jury investigation into corruption in former Governor John Rowland’s administration.

Lauded by defense attorneys, prosecutors, and union officials for his keen sense of judgment and honesty, Boyle is eager to take command. “Governor Rell has established a motto: Do the right thing. I think the Connecticut police have a long tradition of doing the right thing,” he says. “I hope to provide them with the resources to ensure that we continue in that tradition.”

Markson, who recalls writing a letter of recommendation for Boyle when he applied to law school, is certain that his former student is up to the task. “I believe it was the first letter of recommendation I wrote as a University of Hartford professor, and it stuck in my memory because I had such wonderful things to say about him. Len Boyle was a gifted student and a first-rate person.”
1944
GERALDINE A. JONES (HARTT, ’53 HARTT) of Bloomfield, Conn., was featured in a Hartford Courant interview, “Music Unlocked the Doors,” in which she told of becoming Hartford’s first black music teacher. The interview was one in a series, A Decision That Changed America, commemorating the anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education. Jones had graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio and had taught for three years in an all-black school when she applied for the Hartford position in 1947. Growing up in an integrated neighborhood in northeast Hartford and being mentored by a white guidance counselor at Hartford Public High School, Jones was unprepared for racial discrimination at a lunch counter in Cincinnati. Having taught music in Hartford for 35 years, Jones has been able to unlock doors for others.

1960
ROGER G. MURTHA (HARTT, ’61 HARTT) of South Windsor, Conn., was honored for 40 years of service to the University of Hartford. Murtha is a professor of trumpet and chair of The Hatt School’s Department of Brass, Winds, and Percussion. He is also celebrating his 45th anniversary with the Hartford Symphony, for which he is assistant principal trumpet.

1961
REGINALD A. COMEAU (A&S) of Concord, N.H., announces that a Lambda Phi Alpha directory has been compiled and is now available. The fraternity was one of three that existed between 1957 and 1972. Any brother interested in obtaining a copy of the directory can contact Comeau at rcomeau@aol.com or 18 Woodcrest Heights Drive, Concord, NH 03301-5855. He is interested in receiving photos with descriptions on the backs that he can scan into a compact disc for access and for posterity.

1962
SUSAN FORBES HANSEN (HCW) of West Hartford, Conn., celebrated 25 years in broadcasting at WHUS, the University of Connecticut’s radio station. She has been the voice of folk music in western Massachusetts on WFCR in Amherst and regularly volunteers for a myriad of administrative tasks at WWUH, the University of Hartford’s radio station. Since her retirement, she has also pursued her avocation of black-and-white photography.

HOUSTON PERSON (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., was featured in the San Francisco Chronicle. Known for his soulful, melodic saxophone style, Person has released Social Call, a CD of jazz classics.

1965
LINDY J. REMIGINO (ENHP) of Newington, Conn., seems destined to stay in Hartford. Although he has tried to retire three times, the 1952 Olympic 100-meter gold medalist and longtime Hartford Public High School track coach has agreed to coach one more team. He was recruited by Hartford Public to coach the girls’ track team. In more than 50 years of coaching, Remigino has been honored by Sports Illustrated, Runners World, and Esquire.

1967
HENRY “HANK” BURR (HARTT) of Charlestown, R.I., is a member of the Annaquatucket Saxophone Quartet. The ensemble, whose repertoire ranges from Bach to ragtime and jazz, recently performed at the Cross Mills Public Library in Charlestown.

1968
THOMAS M. HINE, JR. (A&S), of Niantic, Conn., was honored with an award for meritorious service at the 63rd Gold Key dinner of the Connecticut Sports Writers’ Alliance.

New Alumni Directory
The university’s Alumni Office, in conjunction with Harris Publishing, has begun the process of compiling information for the University of Hartford 2005 Alumni Directory. You will be receiving a questionnaire either through e-mail or in the postal mail asking you to be part of this project. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with past classmates or to network with thousands of other alumni. Please note, the Alumni Directory is sold only to alumni of the University of Hartford and is not to be used in mass marketing of any kind.
1969

DAVID KOPSTEIN (HARTT) of Franklin Square, N.Y., has retired from the West Hempstead, N.Y., school district after 34 years of service. Kopstein taught band and instrumental music at all levels. He currently is solo trumpet with the Band of Long Island and performs with the Old Bethpage Village Restoration Brass Band. He continues to teach privately and donates his time playing taps at military funerals.

GARY A. PALLADINO
(A&S) of West Haven, Conn., was honored at the 42nd annual West Haven Jimmy Fund banquet. Palladino has been a basketball coach for 33 years in five high schools and the University of Hartford. He has received a number of honors, including being named a member of the Connecticut High School Coaches Association hall of fame in 2002 and the New England High School Coaches hall of fame in 2003.

1970

HERBERT ASCHERMAN, JR. (A&S, ’71 ENHP), of Cleveland, Ohio, has reopened his gallery in its original location. The first exhibit of the reopened Ascherman Gallery featured 30 platinum-print studies of horses by SAL LOPES ’71 (BARNEY) of the Cleveland Photographic Workshop. Lopes and Ascherman are former UofH roommates and longtime friends.

PAUL G. SALINA (HARTT, ’96 ENHP) of Kensington, Conn., retired as principal of New Britain High School almost a year ago but still assists the school in ways ranging from raising money for scholarships to taking pictures at sporting events. For his service in retirement, the New Britain Youth Services department recognized him with its Adult Volunteer of the Year award.

DIANE WYTHE TYLER
(HAS) of Amston, Conn., displayed her artwork at the Douglas Library in Hebron, Conn. At her business location, Wythe Studios, she markets her own artwork—lithographs of historic landmarks, classic sailboats, and harbors.

1971

KENNETH BUNOWSKI (HAS) of Colchester, Conn., showed his sculptures at three venues over the summer. He exhibited outdoor sculptures at the Guilford, Conn., Handcraft Center during June and July; concurrently at the Society of Connecticut Sculptors exhibit at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme, Conn., from May through July; and through Aug. 15 at the invitational Maritime Arts Exhibition at the Alexey Von Schlippe Gallery at the Avery Point campus of the University of Connecticut in Groton, Conn.

ROBERT A. JOHNSON
(ENHP) of Ellington, Conn., has retired as principal of East Windsor High School after a career as an educator that spanned more than 30 years.

ANDREW M. SHREEVES
(HARTT) of New York, N.Y., spent this past spring alternating performances of Richard Strauss’s Salome at the Metropolitan Opera and Stephen Sondheim’s Assassins on Broadway. The Met’s heckle-phonist since 1989, Shreeve has also played with the New York Philharmonic and the Boston Symphony. He is the staff musicologist for the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. You can reach him at ashreeves@ascap.com.

STEPHEN F. ZAWATSKI
(ENHP) of Milton, Mass., has been promoted from principal of Randolph Community Middle School to vice principal of Randolph High School in Randolph, Mass.

1972

PETER J. HARVEY (HARTT, ’80 HARTT) of Bloomfield, Conn., was master of ceremonies at The Bushnell for the finale of the All-District Arts Festival in March, in which students of the Bloomfield school district sang and played a specially arranged “Prayer for the Children.” Arranger of the finale, Pat Hollenbeck of the Boston Pops was present to hear the student musicians perform.

ALLYSON HOLTZ (HCW) of Pittsburgh, Pa., has received an artist residency award from the National Endowment for the Arts in recognition of her art and ongoing work in art education at Pennsylvania prisons. Holtz’s interest in social justice led her to redesign inmate art programs to incorporate restorative justice, a concept that encourages inmates to give back to society.

WILLIAM A. KINER
(ENHP) of Enfield, Conn., is a candidate for election in Connecticut’s seventh senatorial district. The district consists of Windsor Locks, East Granby, Granby, Suffield, Somers, Enfield, and part of Windsor.

JOHN H. PEARSON, JR.

1974

MARIE N. BASKERVILLE
(ENHP) of Bristol, Conn., was honored by the Greater Waterbury branch of the NAACP at its 62nd annual Freedom Fund luncheon. Baskerville is a guidance counselor at Crosby High School in Waterbury and is founder and artistic director of the Unity Dance Ensemble, Inc., started in 1992 to promote and encourage awareness of cultural identity through the arts.

1976

MELINDA CRANE (HARTT) of Harwich, Mass., performed as piano accompanist for 11-year-old violinist Samuel Dunham at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham, Mass. Crane, formerly a professor of vocal accompanying at Boston University, is currently minister of music at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Harwich and pianist at the Cape Cod Synagogue in Hyannis.

ROBIN LEKASHMAN DOWNES
(HAS) of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, has accepted a position with The Virgin Islands Daily News as a graphic designer.

SCOTT KALICKI (BARNEY, ’78 BARNEY) of North Adams, Mass., has been named vice president for student affairs at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, N.H.

GAYLE K. KELLEY (ENHP) of Norwood, Mass., was profiled after being named cultural affairs director for the city of Brockton, Mass., with the task of converting the war memorial building into a performing arts center.

RICHARD E. NEAL (BARNEY) of Springfield, Mass., was guest speaker at the Valley Press Club’s 2004 scholarship awards program. Neal is now in his eighth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to that, he served as mayor of Springfield for three terms, resigning after his election to Congress.

PAUL D. STRINGER, JR. (ENHP), of Newtonville, Conn., was spokesperson for opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics Connecticut Eastern Regional Games in May, held at the University of Hartford. Stringer, who is Weaver High School principal, noted that the games had a special meaning for him because he is a university alumnus and a former special education teacher.
Voodoo and...Who?
by Beverly Kennedy

In America we have the right to poke fun at anyone we choose, and now there’s a company that even supplies the pins to do it. Internet-based Pinheads, Inc., is the brainchild of Harry ’86 and Maureen (Duane) ’87 Schuster of Tampa, Fla. Combining their entrepreneurial spirits, a crisp sense of humor, and their art backgrounds, the Schusters have created their own line of voodoo doll caricatures of politicians, celebrities, corporate raiders, activists, and sports and media figures.

Not sure what to get that special person who has almost everything, including a strong opinion? How does a Pinhead of President G. W. Bush strike you? Or a Pinhead pair made up of former President Bill and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton? Chances are, you’ll find just the doll you need among the more than 60 Pinheads offered—characters like radio giant Rush Limbaugh, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, superstar Barbra Streisand, controversial filmmaker Michael Moore, and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. Multicharacter voodoo groups, including the U.S. Supreme Court and the Dixie Chicks, are also available.

Graduates of the Barney School of Business, both Schusters are also former students of the Hartford Art School. After graduation, Harry opened D.T. Publisher (www.dtpublisher.com), Florida’s first computer-based service bureau and design firm.

Maureen eventually joined Harry and now runs her own graphic design firm, Big Shoe Design (www.bigshoedesign.com). Married in 1994, the Schusters have two sons, ages 5 and 6.

“Like many people,” Harry says, “I have ideas for products and services all the time but rarely pursue them, only to see someone else have the same idea and turn it into a raging success. This time, I wanted to see if that someone else was me.”

Almost all dolls come with two sets of pins—black to wish bad luck on the subject, white for good luck. Terrorist dolls come with black pins only. The current biggest sellers in the Pinhead pre-election lineup are President Bush and Sen. John Kerry. The company donates a portion of profits from the sale of all Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein dolls to the USO for troop support. As of Observer press time, CBS anchor Dan Rather will be the newest kid on the Pinhead block. Harry says, “The jury is still out on who will want to put the most pins in him, Republicans or Democrats.” For more information visit www.pinheadvoodoo dolls.com.

1977
ELAINE BESSETTE (ENHP) of Danbury, Conn., has retired as headmistress at Greenwich High School, following a career at Weaver, Glastonbury, Ellington, Ridgefield, and William Hall high schools in Connecticut. Bessette progressed from teacher to assistant principal to principal and is looking forward to spending time with her husband and to pursuing one of her passions—writing.

LINDA VOLLWEILER GARFINKEL (A&S) of Old Bridge, N.J., informs us that her daughter will be attending Pennsylvania State University this fall, majoring in kinesiology.

FRANCIS X. HURSEY (’73 ENG, ENG) of West Hartford, Conn., was featured in the Neighbors section of West Hartford Life. The entrepreneur and engineer is at the center of the discovery of Quik Clot, a new treatment for causing blood to coagulate that has been called a miracle find. The product does not rely on drug interaction that alters the body’s chemistry, which may be one reason the discovery was slow in coming. Researchers were focused on medicine for a solution, but it took a nonmedical scientist to try another direction.

1978
DAN D’ADDIO (HARTT) of Windsor, Conn., spent two days with band students at Windsor Locks Middle School. D’Addio is conductor of the Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble, Connecticut Youth Symphony, and Central Connecticut State University orchestra.

STEPHEN J. TAPPE (HARTT) of Tulsa, Okla., has been appointed director of music at the Cathedral of St. John in the Wilderness in Denver, Colo. He was previously organist/choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church and artistic director of the Tulsa Boy Singers in Tulsa, Okla.

1979
DANIEL P. COSTELLO (BARNEY) of Windsor, Conn., has retired after 25 years with the Town of Farmington as the director of finance and administration.

1980
BETTY A. GERICH (HAS) of Enfield, Conn., had a ceramic sculpture exhibition, Face Value, at Exposure Art & Framing in Manchester, Conn. Her face sculptures included both wall reliefs and sculpture in the round.

MELISSA KASS (ENHP) of Norwich, Conn., and twin sister STEPHANIE KASS-PIOUS (ENHP) of Hampton, Conn., were
while Captain Bob owns and operates Vacation Vistas, a vacation rental company for the past 18 years, she has been president of the Hartford firm of Whittlesey & Buckner. She has been a tax principal in the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants and immediate past president of the BARNEY (of Unionville, Conn., NEWTON BUCKNER III of the New Britain Symphony. Hart, Conn., has been named executive director of Young Audiences of Connecticut (YAC), a nonprofit, arts-in-education organization. YAC provides quality arts programming, performances, workshops, and residencies in conjunction with curricula at schools throughout Connecticut.

1983
ELLENE MIGA CARPINELLA (BARNEY) of Hamden, Conn., has been appointed executive director of Young Audiences of Connecticut (YAC), a nonprofit, arts-in-education organization. YAC provides quality arts programming, performances, workshops, and residencies in conjunction with curricula at schools throughout Connecticut.

1984
JUDY TUROFF BLOOM (BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., has opened Lynx Media USA, with a Web site at www.avonct.us covering news and information about Avon. The site offers links to town news, town government, local schools, houses of worship, community organizations, a calendar of events, movie listings, weather forecasts, an extensive list of local businesses, and photos of the town. Also listed are the names, addresses, and phone numbers for more than 100 local shops, restaurants, and services. Bloom plans to expand her business by offering Web sites to other towns.

1985
TIMOTHY H. COPPAGE (BARNEY) of West Hartford, Conn., was elected to the metropolitan board of directors of the YMCA of Greater Hartford.

PETER VERU (BARNEY) of New York, N.Y., was featured in the JAVA section of The Hartford Courant article, “The Merchants of Music.” Veru pursued his indie-rock dreams by founding The Feathermerchants in 1998, after retiring from Wall Street, where he was a junk-bond trader. The Feathermerchants have released two CDs of dream pop, Unarmed Against the Dark and Street Theater. The band performed this year at the South by Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas.

EDWARD R. YOUNG (BARNEY) of Southington, Conn., received the technology leader award for dedicated work with ESPN over the past 25 years. Pagano is ESPN senior vice president in charge of technology, engineering, and operations. Ranked high on the list of innovators for ESPN, he ensures that the technology side of the house keeps pace with the demands of the TV network. Approximately 650 ESPN employees report to Pagano, handling everything from craft services to camera operation and satellite transmission.
president of Hitchcock Printing, was featured in a New Britain Herald article, “100 years—just the beginning.” Young is a leader in updating technology in the printing business.

1986
MICHAEL L. BOGATAY (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., was featured in a Hartford Courant article, “Area Code Change Didn’t Stand In The Way of True Love.” Bogatay is employed by The Hartford and has been tapped by the company to use his voice and performance skills to train employees and optimize presentations of employees in the field.

JOHN A. CALICCHIA (A&S) of Wrentham, Mass., assistant professor of counselor education at Bridgewater State College, had his article published in the Massachusetts Psychological Association Quarterly. The article is titled “Preventing School Violence: A psychologist’s experience in a primary prevention effort.”

JOHN M. FOEHL, JR. (BARNEY), of Cheshire, Conn., has joined the insurance marketing team of Prudential Investment Management Services. Foehl offers PIM’s broad range of products to the property-and-casualty and the offshore-captive insurance markets.

GABRIEL J. PEGIS (HARTT) of Cincinnati, Ohio, concertmaster and principal second violinist of the Cincinnati Symphony was featured in The Cincinnati Post, along with Timothy Less. The duo performed Mozart’s Concertone for Two Violins and Orchestra in C Major, K. 190.

LEONARD M. ROMANIELLO, JR. (BARNEY), of Waterbury, Conn., partner in the CPA firm of Lenkowski, Lonergan and Company, LLP, has been appointed to the state board of accountancy. While a board member of the Institute of Management Accountants, Romaniello acted as advisor to four students who participated in the “fraud finders” academic challenge, sponsored by IMA and produced by Naugatuck Valley Community College.

1987
LAUREN BERGER BLOVAD (A&S) and her husband, Michael, of Bridgewater, N.J., have relocated their business, 24 Carrot Catering, to a more spacious location. Their specialty is creating customized menus, tailored to the client’s budget. The successful business is evenly split between corporate and social accounts.

MAXINE M. JACKSON (ENHP) of Windsor, Conn., was named a Nightingale Award recipient at Saint Francis Care Hospital.

1988
MARY BETH IACOBELLI (ENHP) of Berlin, Conn., has been named the new principal of Vance School in New Britain, Conn. She previously had been assistant principal at Washington Middle School in Meriden, Conn.

DAVID A. LANGONE (BARNEY, ’86 HILLYER) of Springfield, Mass., invites us to visit his gallery display of modern and contemporary art, featuring the work of Picasso, Miró, Chagall, Matisse, Warhol, Renoir, Lichtenstein, Braque, Calder, and Toulouse-Lautrec. Langone may be reached at www.davidlangonegallery.com and at www.david@animationimages.com.

ROBERT J. MAFFUCCI (WARD) of South Windsor, Conn., was profiled in a cover story in the Hartford Business Journal as owner of Vito’s by the Park, a successful restaurant across from Bushnell Park. Maffucci is also an adjunct faculty member in the acoustical engineering department and a member of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture’s board of visitors.

DANIEL L. MEI (ENG) of Bergenfield, N.J., has been promoted to senior associate at Auerbach-Pollock-Friedlander and AuerbachGlassow. Auerbach-Pollock-Friedlander’s focus is Arts/media facilities planning and design; AuerbachGlassow offers services in Architectural lighting design and consulting. Among Mei’s credits are project management and system design for the visitors’ center at the United States Capitol and for Washington and Lee University; sound, video, and communication systems designs for the Judy and Arthur Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall; the Borgata Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City; the Tufts performance and production center; and the Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College.

RACHEL SAMPSON (’86 HILLYER, A&S, ’91 A&S) of Litchfield, Conn., was featured in the Reader of the Week section of the New Milford Times. She was profiled for being not only a psychologist but also a busy parent.

1989
JOLIE ROCKE BROWN (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., gave a solo recital at the University of Connecticut. Fulfilling a require-
Alumni Art from Class of ’94

The Hartford Art School’s 10th Anniversary Alumni Exhibition will be on display from Friday, Oct. 29, through Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Silpe Gallery. The event, organized by alumna artist Jenni Freidman, will feature original art by the Class of 1994 art school graduates.

Anticipated presenters include

- Frank Bramble
- Tricia Brucato
- Katie Burnett
- Jennifer Cone
- Ken Cotrina
- Jonathan Fiske
- Jenni Freidman
- Kate Gennelly
- Brett Gerstenblatt
- Kevin Gora
- Lyn Hinds
- Debbie Frankman Kissell
- Will Matthews
- Jennifer Mazzucco
- Leigh Medieros
- Kim Morrow
- Seth Nagelberg
- James O’Neil
- Jean Saitzer
- Mark Zunino

Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the Hartford Art School at 860.768.4393.

Lee Ann Chupka Dangelo (Barney, A&S) of Milford, Conn., has formed an advisory and consulting business that serves medical practices, physicians, and other groups that wish to strengthen their operations in the areas of human resources and financial management. She serves clients in Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts. Clients have also engaged her services to assist with information technology projects, mergers, and marketing. Her venture, LAD Consulting, LLC, may be reached at ladlife@optonline.net.

Lisa M. Hancock (Barney) of Glastonbury, Conn., has been named finance director for the town of Wethersfield. A municipal information systems software expert, Hancock is on the board of directors of the Government Finance Officers Association of Connecticut.

George S. Lopez (Hartt) of Goffstown, N.H., performed with the Granite State Symphony Orchestra in the Summer Music Associates’ 2004 season at Colby Sawyer College. Lopez has been an advocate of music education for many years and is an arts lecturer in New Hampshire. He maintains an active studio at Phillips-Exeter Academy and the Manchester Community Music School.

Michael Pish (HAS) of Belleville, N.J., has been promoted to creative design manager at Hoffman-LaRoche in Nutley, N.J. He would like to hear from friends, who can reach him at michael.pish@roche.com.

1992

Faliou Diorhane (Barney) of Bronx, N.Y., is employed as a supply chain manager for Colgate Palmolive in Senegal, West Africa.

Mark A. Hansen (A&S) of Katy, Texas, has opened a Brooke Insurance & Financial Services office. He is a personal and commercial lines insurance agent, specializing in automobile, home, and business insurance.

Timothy G. Hochstetter (HAS) of Bridgewater, Conn., has relocated his glass studio and new gallery, Adeptus, to Washington, Conn. Hochstetter is a glassblower and steel artist who combines the delicacy of glass with the strength and durability of steel.

1990

Jeffrey R. Astrachan (A&S) of Old Bethpage, N.Y., informs us that since graduation, he has lived in Jerusalem, Israel, Cincinnati, Ohio; Macau, Ga.; and currently Long Island, N.Y. He would like to hear from others from the class of 1990, plus or minus a few years, whose paths may have crossed his. You can contact the rabbi at frbera18@optonline.net.

1991

Leonard J. Gould (’90 Hillier, Barney) of Boca Raton, Fla., has received his MBA degree from the University of Miami and has been promoted to senior vice president of QEP (NASDAQ: QEPC).

Guy Michael Grande (A&S) of Newington, Conn., was the subject of an article, “Blending the sounds of childhood into a distinctive musical style,” in the Neighbors section of Newington Life. Grande’s new CD is titled So Much of What I Wanted. His music may be heard on the Internet on CDbaby.com.

Richard F. Hutchings (ENHP, ’97 Barney) of Collinsville, Conn., has been appointed to a two-year term as chief of fire and emergency medical services in Canton, Conn. Hutchings is a registered nurse in the emergency department at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, Conn.

Janet M. West (Barney) of Glastonbury, Conn., has been elected to serve as secretary for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. West is director of internal audit and corporate compliance for Saint Raphael Healthcare System in New Haven.
Two Receive Disney Awards

Two graduates of the University of Hartford were selected from more than 150,000 nominees as 2004 DisneyHand Teacher Awards honorees. Susan Gross Menkes ’71 (HAS) and Robert Garry ’91 (A&S) are two of only 39 teachers nationwide who were selected for this honor.

Menkes is the only teacher from the state of New York and the only visual arts teacher in the country to be selected. She is a K–5 art teacher in Jericho, N.Y. Garry, the only teacher in Connecticut to be chosen, teaches 5th grade at the John J. Jennings Elementary School in Bristol, Conn. “Bob Garry and I are honored to have been chosen,” Menkes writes. “We also think that this is a reflection on the University of Hartford and the quality of education that we received.”

As part of the award program, Menkes and Garry along with their spouses were flown in late July to Southern California, where they joined the other outstanding teachers and participated in the Awards Gala in their honor.

“These teachers personify excellence in the classroom, and we are pleased to recognize and reward their creativity, commitment, and dedication to their profession, students, and communities, and provide them an opportunity to exchange ideas and best practices,” said Michael D. Eisner, CEO of the Walt Disney Company.

Menkes’s other recent awards include a Fullbright Memorial Fund Scholarship to Japan in 2002, New York State Art Educator of the Year/Long Island in 2000, and the Robert Rauschenberg Power of Art Award, 2001. She is also recognized for her work with the New York State Visual Arts Education Department.

Menkes shared a personal story from her years at the university. “Gross is my maiden name,” she wrote. “I married my college sweetheart in our senior year, George Menkes, who went to UofH in nursing. The award celebrates my entire experience, featuring orchestra, narratives of seven immigrants portrayed by actors, and a video projection that includes inspiring and moving images.

BERNARD F. FITZPATRICK (BARNEY) of Hamden, Conn., has been named town manager of Baileyville, Maine. Fitzpatrick is the retired executive director of the Danbury, Conn., housing authority.

THOMAS HORN (BARNEY) of West Simsbury, Conn., was named assistant dean for career development at Quinnipiac University School of Business. He was previously director of staffing and college relations at Aramark Corp. in Windsor, Conn., and Philadelphia.

LINDA J. KAPINOS (ENHP) of Chicopee, Mass., received a 2004 Nightingale Award from Capital Community College for excellence in nursing. The award celebrates nursing and recognizes exemplary nurses.

KELLY M. McCARTEN (A&S) of Los Angeles, Calif., is employed by Party Planners West, Inc., a corporate-event services company. On her first day of work she flew to Washington, D.C., for the NFL kickoff celebration. McCarten has worked on the World Series, Show West, City of Hope, pediatric aids events, and, most recently, Olympic events for NBC. She would love to hear from other alumni and possibly plan outings in the area.

LISA A. TOMASELLI (ENHP) of Butler, N.J., graduated from C.W. Post, Long Island University, with a master’s degree in library and information science. She received a graduate scholars award and is certified as a public librarian and school media specialist. She is a third-grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary School in Glen Rock, N.J.

1993

JODI “IGGY” BEERBOWER (HAS) of Newfane, Vt., exhibited at a Vermont Center for Photography show, Finding Presence in Absence. Beerbower is a fine-art photographer whose work concentrates on man-altered landscapes.

PETER BOYER (HARTT, ’95 HARTT) of Upland, Calif., the composer of Ellis Island: The Dream of America, saw his multimedia concert celebration of immigration performed by the Brown University Orchestra. Ellis Island is a 42-minute celebration of the immigrant experience, featuring orchestra, narratives of seven immigrants portrayed by actors, and a video projection that includes inspiring and moving images.

BERNARD F. FITZPATRICK (BARNEY) of Hamden, Conn., has been named town manager of Baileyville, Maine. Fitzpatrick is the retired executive director of the Danbury, Conn., housing authority.

THOMAS HORN (BARNEY) of West Simsbury, Conn., was named assistant dean for career development at Quinnipiac University School of Business. He was previously director of staffing and college relations at Aramark Corp. in Windsor, Conn., and Philadelphia.

LINDA J. KAPINOS (ENHP) of Chicopee, Mass., received a 2004 Nightingale Award from Capital Community College for excellence in nursing. The award celebrates nursing and recognizes exemplary nurses.

KELLY M. McCARTEN (A&S) of Los Angeles, Calif., is employed by Party Planners West, Inc., a corporate-event services company. On her first day of work she flew to Washington, D.C., for the NFL kickoff celebration. McCarten has worked on the World Series, Show West, City of Hope, pediatric aids events, and, most recently, Olympic events for NBC. She would love to hear from other alumni and possibly plan outings in the area.

LISA A. TOMASELLI (ENHP) of Butler, N.J., graduated from C.W. Post, Long Island University, with a master’s degree in library and information science. She received a graduate scholars award and is certified as a public librarian and school media specialist. She is a third-grade teacher at Hamilton Elementary School in Glen Rock, N.J.

1994

KIMBERLY A. COLLIER (A&S) of Manchester, Conn., is the executive director and founder of Grantwriters Development Network (GDN), a nonprofit corporation. GDN provides a full range of grant-writing consulting services and trains representatives of nonprofit organizations in strategies and techniques to become self-sufficient fund-raisers.

ALAN J. HADAD, JR. (BARNEY), of Burlington, Conn., is a realtor for William Raveis Real Estate in Simsbury, Conn.

DEBRA FRENCHMAN KISSEL (HAS) of Wayne, N.J., who received her M.S.Ed. in supervision and administration
in the visual arts at Bank Street College of Education, is teaching art at Woodcliff Middle School in New Jersey. Kissel also studied at the Parsons School of Design in Manhattan.

JAMES W. LONG III (ENG) of Virginia Beach, Va., has completed his MBA at the College of William and Mary. He is employed as a senior financial analyst at Northrop Grumman in Newport News, Va.

1995
CHRISTINE BRESLIN (HAS) of West Hartford, Conn., has had a solo exhibition of her work, The Elizabeth Park Series, at 100 Pearl Gallery. The exhibit was mounted in conjunction with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Hartford’s Elizabeth Park and rose garden.

DAVID M. CORDANI (BARNEY) of Simsbury, Conn., has been appointed senior vice president, customer segments and marketing, at CIGNA HealthCare. Cordani focuses on meeting customers’ needs for innovative products and services, including promotion of CIGNA’s new CIGNATURE—Your Plan.

JOSEPH D. DANAIO (BARNEY) of Oakdale, Conn., a major in the National Guard has been appointed commanding officer of the 14th Civil Support Team (WMD) for the Connecticut National Guard. The team’s mission is to acquire advanced training and expertise in hazardous materials, particularly in the area of weapons of mass destruction.

LOUIS J. D’ANGELI, JR. (’94 HILLYER, A&S), of Fort Collins, Colo., is the director of marketing/sales/public relations for the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, Colo. The center is an entertainment and sports arena managed by Philadelphia-based Global Spectrum.

MARY F. LAWRENCE (A&S) of Windsor, Conn., has started her own personal chef business, Well on Wheels, LLC, specializing in vegan/vegetarian meals. Lawrence teaches cooking classes in the Hartford area, works as director of research at the Loomis Chaffee School, and is currently writing a cookbook of favorite recipes. She was elected a director of the New England Development Research Association in May.

JASON A. PANNONE (A&S) of Jamaica Plain, Mass., has been inducted into Beta Phi Mu, the national librarian’s honor society. Beta Phi Mu is open only to those who maintain a GPA of 3.75 or better during their academic years in library schools. Pannone is a librarian at Harvard University.

CHRISTINE KICINSKI PORTER (HARTT) of Randolph, Mass., has celebrated the fifth anniversary of the opening of her company, YoungSong, which specializes in music for preschool children in the Boston area. For the past four years she has been listed in Who’s Who of American Women. In 2001 she traveled to Cuba as an educational delegate representing the United States through the People to People ambassador program founded by President Eisenhower. She has been a featured performer in Hot Spot Cabaret’s “Solid Gold Oldies Show.” When not involved in music, Porter competes with her flat-coated retriever, Derby, in the sports of obedience, agility, and flyball. Derby is ranked number 40 in the country for his breed in flyball.

1996
JOHN BAIROS (BARNEY) of New Britain, Conn., has a new position as manager of government and community relations for Comcast Cable Communications Company.

JO ANN CARUFE (ENHP) of Manchester, Conn., was honored with a 2004 Nightingale Award for excellence in nursing. Carufel was nominated by Connecticut Children’s Medical Center.

DWAYNE K. DEMOND (BARNEY) of Atleboro, Mass., has been certified as a financial planner. As such, he is authorized to use the CPF designation by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. DeMond is a registered representative of New England Securities, a registered investment advisor with Baystate Financial Services’ branch office in Boston.

HOAI T. LE (ENHP) of Bloomfield, Conn., was profiled in a review of the Mango Tree Restaurant in Hartford’s Parkville neighborhood. Le’s family fled Vietnam by sailboat in 1982. From Hong Kong, they flew to the United States and settled in Hartford’s Charter Oak housing project.

MICHAEL E. LITKE (ENHP) of Hebron, Conn., is the new principal of O’Brien Elementary School in East Hartford, Conn. He formerly was assistant principal at Jack Jackter Elementary School in Colchester, Conn.

1997
JORGE G. COSTA (HAS, ’99 HAS) of Ludlow, Mass., received the best-of-show award at the Monson Arts Council spring exhibition, Beyond Boundaries, held at the House of Art in Monson, Mass. Costas won for his oil painting, Darlene.

TYLER S. KIMBALL (’95 HILLYER, A&S) of West Hartford is practicing law in Springfield, Mass. He and his wife, JOYCE LIPMAN KIMBALL, have an 18-month-old daughter, Bella Rose.

SUSAN MORISON (ENHP) of Enfield, Conn., has been asked to serve as a member of the advisory board for Qualidigm in completing a project titled “Assessing Barriers to Mammography: Reducing Disparities for Women with Disabilities.” The project was financed through a grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Morison, who is the radiologic technology program director at the University of Hartford, will play a key role in ensuring that consumers, family members, health care providers and disability advocates from across the state are represented in the project. The advisory board will assist the team with recruitment strategies for the focus groups, provide input for the moderator’s guide, and provide feedback on proposed improvement strategies for 2005.

SCOTT M. SHORES (HARTT) of Augusta, Ga., was selected sailor of the quarter with the Navy Band, New Orleans, La. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Shores was chosen as the top performer among all sailors assigned to the command and was cited for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative, and military bearing.

1998
ALICIA E. DIDONATO (HARTT) of Stoneham, Mass., received the guest artist award established by the Borromeo Quartet. In addition to appearing with various chamber music ensembles, the flutist has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Boston Musica Viva, and the Firebird Ensemble.

GRACE BARTON HARVEY (HARTT) of Danbury, Conn., choreographs dance programs that incorporate students’ academic curriculum with dance routines. She and her mother, Kathleen Barton, own the Graceful Planet Moving Arts Center and Spa in Sandy Hook, Conn. To learn more about the Graceful Planet, visit www.gracefulplanet.com.

JOHNATHAN L. IVESON (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., was profiled in Black Enterprise magazine. The dream of running away and joining the circus is a cliché, but, as the article points out, that was exactly what happened in Iverson’s life. After he graduated from the university, he landed the role of ringmaster for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

SHARON E. LAMIGA (HAS) of Hartford, Conn., designed the logo for the new Village Market at the University of Hartford. The
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Best wishes to our alumni and their spouses on recent nuptials

Judith P. Bygate ’81 and Gregory J. Derr
Betsy D. Grossman ’89 and Steven I. Robinson
Gail Maria Adampoulos and John Pappas ’90
Emily R. Hanke and Omar J. Otero ’91
Lori A. Slotz ’91 and Howard L. Fish
Lisa Flanagan and William J. Perrier ’92
Cara L. Tomkin ’92 and Chris Malatch
Katherine M. Waskiewicz and Edward G. Bodzin ’93
Brooke Strobel and Louis J. D’Angeli, Jr. ’94, ’95
Debra J. Frenchman ’94 and Scott Kissel
Juliette Le Cacorn and Joe T. Nguyen ’94, ’03
Mariem Grosz-Daley and Charles Dagenais ’95
Kristy-Ann Baird ’97 and Kristoff Eldridge
Karyn S. Amkraut ’98 and Michael Clarke
Andy and Christopher M. Riley ’98
Nico Smith ’98 and Kevin Frazier
Alison S. Rose and Scott A. Turen ’98
Meredith B. Fellows ’99 and Victor Cohen
Dawn H. Eddy and Craig D. Freeman ’99
Jennifer E. Grant ’99 and Steven J. Castro ’99
Elissa M. Bibo ’00 and Christopher R. Lorant ’99
Perri J. Mensch ’99 and Marc Grinberg
Marisa N. Rondini ’99 and Mark W. Hornyk
Kathleen M. Young ’99 and Steven D. Boyle
Shannon Marie Salyards and Sean M. Burton ’00
Stephanie D. Downing ’00 and Troy J. Langlas
Sharon Lynne Radice and Michael Vito
Giannini ’02
Siobhan K. Lawlor ’02 and Patrick J. Sullivan

And to our alumni parents
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Stuart A. Shogas ’85, ’87 (Jesse Tyler)
Jill Baumgarten Beer ’88 and Sam Beer
(ETHAN BENJAMIN)
Andrea Ginsberg Lokshin ’88 and Jeff
Lokshin (MATTHEW ADAM and Rachael Anne)
Nanci Berkis Ross ’88, ’89, and Jamie
Ross (Samantha Nicole, Julia Roe, and
Emily Parker)
Darcey Scharrett-Yates ’88 and Roy Yates
(Lauren Darcey)
Jaime Levine Garfield ’89, ’91, and
Jason Garfield (Sarah Rose)
Sharon Giffix Kedet and Kenneth M.
Kedet ’89 (Justin Lev)
Meri Harary Fleischman ’91 and Wayne
Fleishman (David Simcha)
Susan Kono Donas ’92 and Paul Donas
(Coya Michelle)
Jeanne Goulet Reardon ’93 and Darren
Reardon (Spencer Darren)
Kim McMullan Robinson ’93 and Seth L.
Robinson ’94 (Ellie Elizabeth)
Jodi Matteucci Wollner ’93 and Robert
Wollner (Eve Catherine)
Gail Greenspan Cannon ’95 and Rich
Cannon (Jenna Ashley)
Catherine Hikel Derbyshire ’97 and
Brian W. Derbyshire ’97 (Kyle Breanna)
Jessica N. Huston Marrill ’00 and
Michael Marrill (Kendall Marilyn)
Cathryn Fields Bartolotta ’01 and
Jonathan Bartolotta (Caroline Anne)
Aimee and Bryant J. McConkie ’01
(Wendylyn Stone)

The Observer wishes to share in the
experience of your life changes and celebrations. We look for
ward to receiving those important announcements in writing from
you after they have happened. E-mail us at alumni@hartford.edu.

DAVID A. KATZMAN
(BARNEY) of Baldwin, N.Y.,
joined the Long Island office of
Newmark & Company real estate
of Manhattan. Katzman is launching a
move into retail-space brokerage
in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

MARKET will include a new Java
City coffeehouse, a deli, and an
expanded convenience store. The
circular, light-green logo made its
debut on construction helmets worn
during the groundbreaking.

JEREMY J. QUINN (WARD) of
Los Angeles, Calif., was awarded a
Master of Architecture from the
Southern California Institute of
Architecture in Los Angeles. He
is currently employed at Osborn
architects in Glendale, where he is
working on several school proj-
etics in the LA area. Through Rise
Industries, which he founded with
partner MICHELE JAQUIS
’97 (HAS), he continues to design
independent projects and to pro-
duce and show artwork in the LA
area and beyond.

KAKHA SHENELIA
(BARNEY) of Tbilisi, Georgia, is
vice premier of Tbilisi’s municipal
government. Shengelia returned to
his homeland in 1999.

LYNN M. VALENTINE (HAS)
of East Lyme, Conn., is
the new assistant pro at the Golf
Club of Avon.

1999

JOSEPH B. BISSON
(BARNEY) of Chester, Conn., has
been named vice president for net-
work management at Saint Francis
Hospital and Medical Center
in Hartford. In his new position, he
continues to direct the operations of
the access centers while assum-
ing additional responsibilities for
network development.

JENNIFER GUARINO (HAS,
’02 HAS) of West Hartford, Conn.,
was the subject of an article in the
Neighbors section of West
Hartford Life. The article, “Abstract
painter’s art comes alive through color,” discusses her use of color in
abstract paintings. Guarino’s work
has been exhibited at Real
Arts Way, Limmer Gallery in
New York City, and the Katanon
Museum of Art in Katanon, N.Y.

GUSTAV HOYER (HARTT)
of Bloomfield, Conn., was selected as
one of several composers whose work is included in Masterworks of
the New Era, a new series of
compact-disc releases from ERM
Media. Hoyer’s composition, “The
Lion Triumphant,” for full orches-
tra, is on volume two of the series.
For further details about the CD,
visit www.numus.org.

DENISE MACIEL KAPLAN
(ENHP) of Highlands Ranch, Colo.,
was promoted to manager of an
assisted-living home in Denver for
adults with acquired brain inju-
ries. She says that she takes great
pride in her work and credits the
University of Hartford with contrib-
uting to her success.

DAVID A. KATZMAN
(BARNEY) of Baldwin, N.Y.,
joined the Long Island office of
Newmark & Company real estate
of Manhattan. Katzman is launching a
move into retail-space brokerage
in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

STEPHEN L. KRASNER
(A&S) of Bethesda, Md., has been
accepted to the New School’s
Milano graduate school and will
relocate this year with his wife,
Lisa, to New York City. Krasner
has had his first work published,
a diary of his two-year adventure
in the Peace Corps, which can be
viewed online at www.servey
ourworld.com/Volunteer
_experiences/Journals_and
_Diaries/Stephen_Krasner%27s
_Peace_Corps_Diary/.

REBECCA L. PEARSON
(A&S) of New Britain, Conn.,
graduated from Boston College
with an M.A. in English literature.
She is teaching reading classes
at the Institute of Reading
Development.

ECKART PREU (HARTT) of
Erfurt, Germany, is the newly
appointed music director of the
Spokane Symphony. Preu is asso-
ciate conductor of the Richmond
Symphony, resident conductor of
the American Symphony Orchestra
and the American Russian Young
Artists Orchestra, and assistant
and guest conductor at the Bard
Music Festival. He is also one of
the finalists for the coveted position of
music director of the Stamford
Symphony Orchestra.

CLIFFORD A. RANKIN
(BARNEY) of Bristol, Conn.,
received the annual service award
of the Connecticut Society of
Certified Public Accountants in
recognition of his work on the
CSCPA bylaws committee, as
chair of the CSCPA State Taxation
Committee, and as a member of
the state tax education task force
and tax legislative subcommittee.

MICHAEL J. STEWART
(HAS) of Il-Dong, Ansan, South
Korea, is teaching English as a
Second Language at the Kids
Interface English School in South
Korea, working with children from
ages 6 to 14.

2000

SEAN M. BURTON (HARTT)
of Suffield, Conn., has graduated
with a Master of Music in choral
conducting from Boston University.
During the summer he was on the faculty of New England Music Camp in Sidney, Maine, conducting choirs and teaching ear training and music theory. Burton will begin study for his doctorate in musical arts in choral conducting at Boston University in the fall.

JOANNE R. CANNON (ENHP) of Manchester, Conn., was nominated by Manchester public health to receive a 2004 Nightingale Award for excellence in nursing.

PATRICIA A. CUNNINGHAM (ENHP) of North Branford, Conn., was honored with a Nightingale Award for excellence in nursing by Yale–New Haven Hospital. The Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut recognizes nurses from Greater New Haven hospitals and health care institutions. Cunningham works in the neuroscience unit of the hospital.

MATTHEW M. GROSSO (BARNEY, ’03 BARNEY) of Sayville, N.Y., is employed in auditing by Deloitte Touche.

KELLY E. HEANEY (A&S) of New Canaan, Conn., has been appointed marketing and communications associate at the human resource communications firm of XL Communications, Inc., in Wilton, Conn.

SCOTT R. LINGENFELTER (A&S) of Suffield, Conn., has opened a new, general-practice law office in Suffield Village.

DERRICK P. MILLER (HARTT) of Toronto, Ont., appeared in a production of Othello for Opera Ontario.

SUSAN MORISON (ENHP) of Enfield, Conn., assistant professor and director of the radiologic technology program at the University of Hartford, has been tapped as a member of the Qualidigm advisory board for a grant received from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The research project will explore the barriers in seeking mammography services for women with disabilities. Qualidigm is a private, nonprofit, quality-improvement organization in the health care field.

DONAL E. MULCAHY (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., presented a program of Irish music at the Brooklyn Public Library, featuring a variety of songs from the rich Irish tradition, including both contemporary sounds and songs dating back to the 1600s.

2001

LYNNE M. CAMENGA (HARTT) of Enfield, Conn., presented a concert with Robin Roth at the Cheshire Public Library. The duo performed a mix of styles, including contemporary folk, bluegrass, old-time Appalachian, and jazz. Camenga plays with the Springfield Symphony and is concertmaster of the Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra. She also teaches at Encore School for Strings, LLC, of which she is founder and director.

MIKLOS EGRI (BARNEY) of Budapest, Hungary, has changed jobs at Siemens in Munich, Germany, moving as a financial officer from supply chain consulting to event management for corporate mobility services.

KAREN L. FISCHER (A&S) of Garden City, S.C., is an education coordinator at The Sun News in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

DEAN H. GARNER (BARNEY) of Merrick, N.Y., has been appointed staff accountant at Isaellof, Trattner & Co. in Garden City, N.Y.

MICHAEL J. PINK (A&S) of Simsbury, Conn., is the program director at Tri-Town YMCA in Hartford. Among the programs that he oversees are aquatics, day care, and teen leadership.

2002

JONATHAN P. BABCOCK (HARTT) of Brooklyn, N.Y., artistic director and conductor of the Gay Gotham Chorus, directed the first major appearance of the chorus outside of New York City at the First Congregational Church of Bloomfield, Conn. The Gay Gotham Chorus is the men’s chorus in residence at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in New York City. Babcock serves as the conductor of the Brooklyn College Chorale.

GARY S. MALA (ENHP) of Southwick, Mass., has been named superintendent of schools for the Haddam and Killingworth school district. Mala formerly was superintendent of the combined Southwick-Tolland regional school district and the Granville, Mass., school system.

MIGUEL MARICHAL (A&S) of Lynn, Mass., a right-handed pitcher who played with the Hartford Hawks, was signed by the Lynn (Mass.) Spirit, which opens its second season in the independent Northeast League. Last season with an independent minor-league team in Baton Rouge, La., was Marichal’s first as a full-time pitcher.

MICHELLE E. PONTO (’01 HILLYER, A&S) of Cranford, N.J., is employed by a marketing agency in New York City.

2003

HEATHER E. BALL (A&S) of West Islip, N.Y., is an administrative assistant at Grossman Strategies, where she coordinates communication among account executives, clients, members of the press, and leaders in government, politics, and business.

RYAN P. BOWLER (HILLYER) of Glastonbury, Conn., studied at Ramon E. Betances Elementary School. She was formerly principal at Ramon E. Betances Elementary School in Hartford.

GRETCHEN D. WERLE (ENHP) of Florence, Mass., has published an article in The Journal of School Nursing. “They Lived the Experience of Violence: Using Storytelling as a Teaching Tool with Middle School Students” discusses the research project Werle completed as an independent study student in the university’s Master of Science in Nursing program.

2004

JEANETTE E. AKERLUND (BARNEY) of Stockholm, Sweden, has signed with the New England Mutiny soccer team. Akerlund was named to the American East All-Conference First Team for the second straight year and was an
All-Conference selection all four years at the university.

**LisAnn D. Campbell** (Barney) of West Hartford, Conn., was featured in the West Indian American newspaper for her success at the University of Hartford. Campbell hails from Kingston, Jamaica, and transferred to the university in the fall of 2000. She completed a double major in marketing and advertising as well as completing two internship programs.

**Shawn M. Murphy** (A&S) of Maplewood, N.J., is an account coordinator for the MWW Group in East Rutherford, N.J., the 14th-largest public relations firm in the country.

**Flannery E. O'Brien** (A&S) of Clifton, N.J., is a marketing assistant for The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford, Conn.

**Mark F. Pelini** (Eng) of Ridgefield, Conn., is in Tampa, Fla., designing and manufacturing high-performance engine accessories for the marine industry.

**Kate Way** (Has) of Haydenville, Mass., has a photography exhibition at the Hosmer Galley of the Forbes Library in Northampton, Mass.

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**Correction**
The e-mail address for Jennifer Rosen Reidy (A&S ’92) was listed incorrectly in the Summer ’04 issue of The Observer. The correct address is kcrandjkr.home@verizon.net. She would love to hear from her classmates.

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IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING OHENEBA ‘ED’ KETEKU

Oheneba Edwards Kwabena Keteku, known to colleagues as Ed and to students as Professor Keteku, died April 28 at the age of 57. He taught at the university for 10 years in both African American Studies and the All-University Curriculum.

Many alumni will remember being introduced to such courses as The Study of the Black Experience or The Black Impact on Western Civilization by this large, jovial man with a deep African accent and a big pendant of Africa on his chest. He was proud of his African heritage, and showed it. Others may have encountered Keteku in the team-taught Hunger: Problems of Scarcity and Choice, or Cultures and Transnational Corporations.

Although the campus was gearing up for final exams, a hastily arranged memorial service on May 5 nevertheless drew significant numbers of students, faculty, and staff, as well as friends from Keteku’s native Ghana. Presenting memorial tributes were Delois Traynum-Lindsey, director of multicultural programs; Karen Barrett, associate dean of undergraduate studies; Bernard den Ouden, professor of philosophy; Monica Hardesty, director of African American studies; Jane Horvath, professor of economics; and Harald Sandström, associate professor of politics and government. Barrett and Hardesty read a number of deeply moving student tributes.

To those of us in the faculty who knew him, Ed was an affable but intensely private person, Sandström said. Our grief was intensified by his passing away alone in his New Britain apartment without anyone’s knowing about it for several days. He had apparently been severely ill over an extended period, having been rushed to a Virginia hospital during spring break, but we did not find out about his illness until after his death.

Born in Akropong, Ghana, West Africa, Keteku was the oldest of eight children of Nana Ago Prah Yiodom II and Chief William Budu Keteku. The family invited Sandström to the large, royal funeral in Ghana as a representative from the university. Some 600 family, friends, and church members in flowing African robes gathered at the Keteku home for an outdoor ceremony. Conducted in the local Twi language, with the exception of Sandström’s address, the service included sermons by two Presbyterian ministers as well as eulogies from family members. Interment at the local cemetery was followed by talking drums, dancing, and festivities into the night. The next day’s Sunday service at the church was also largely devoted to memorializing Keteku.

Sandström said the family has been deeply touched by the generous contributions from many individuals, departments, clubs, and other organizations. Memorial donations may still be sent to the Keteku Family Fund, c/o of the Department of Politics and Government, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

CLAYTON E. HUDNALL, associate professor emeritus of English, died on Aug. 25 at age 68. An on-campus remembrance gathering in his honor was held on Sept. 28. Hudnall retired in 2000 after 30 years of teaching at the university.

“He was very passionate about his teaching and much beloved by his students,” said Catherine Stevenson, associate professor of English and drama and former chair of the English department. She recalled that Hudnall was the first faculty member at the university to offer a course on AIDS and literature.

Professor Emerita of English Virginia Hale noted that Hudnall, a poet himself, had “a particular interest in poetry, always presenting the poetry winner at the annual English department creative writing awards ceremony.” He was among the first, she said, to teach Romanticism in the Arts, an original course in the All-University Curriculum. “Clayton was known by students and colleagues alike,” Hale said, “as a devoted and innovative teacher.”

Hudnall leaves a son, Clayton J. Hudnall ’94, of New York, N.Y.; a daughter, Mary del Principe, of Suffield, Conn.; two brothers, and four grandchildren.

BRUCE D. WUNDT ’77, ’81, a faculty member at the Barney School of Business, died as a result of an automobile accident on July 6. Wundt, 51, taught economics as a full-time instructor at the Barney School from 1985 to 1989, and he was planning to return as an adjunct faculty member this fall. He also served as Barney’s director of graduate programs at the Barney School from 1991 to 1992 and as director of academic services from 1992 to 1994.

“Bruce was excited about returning to Barney as an adjunct professor this fall,” wrote Bharat Kolluri, chair of the economics, finance, and insurance department, in an e-mail to Barney faculty and staff. “Bruce was dearly loved by his colleagues and staff, and we are all greatly saddened by this tragedy.”

Wundt received a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in economic research and analysis from the University of Hartford, as well as a master’s and Ph.D. in economics from Clark University. He was the author of many articles in economics publications and was a member of the American Economic Association, the National Association of Business Economists, and the Northeast Business and Economics Association.