Contemporary artwork from the renowned collection of Douglas S. Cramer—producer of such popular television series as The Brady Bunch, Peyton Place, and The Odd Couple, among others—made up a provocative exhibition called The Charged Image at the Joseloff Gallery this fall. The Charged Image was presented as the university’s Fifth International Distinguished Artists Symposium & Exhibition.

Zina Davis, director of the Joseloff Gallery, said the show reflected the dramatically new ways in which contemporary artists approach the human figure.

“A number of artists in the show began their careers in the mid-80s in the midst of changes in cultural attitudes toward gender and postfeminist issues,” said Davis. “In terms of the show’s eroticism, few viewers are uncomfortable in front of a Matisse or Picasso. Yet when it comes to a younger generation of artists, there is often a very different response.”

Davis also noted that the show was about the collector and the important role the collector plays in the lives of artists and the world of art.

Editor’s note: Shortly after The Charged Image exhibition opened, the university became aware of a possible copyright infringement and removed a painting by Damian Loeb.

Freund Excavations on NOVA

Excavations in Israel’s Cave of Letters by Richard Freund, professor and director of the university’s Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, will be the subject of a documentary in PBS’s NOVA series. “Ancient Refuge in the Holy Land” will be broadcast nationwide on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. EST.

In 1960 archaeologists uncovered a cache of ancient letters, human skulls, and artifacts nearly 2,000 years old in the cave that is perched high in a canyon near the Dead Sea. The letters were written by the Jewish rebel Bar-Kokhba, who led a heroic guerilla uprising against the Romans. NOVA follows Freund’s return to the cave in 2000, where, using the latest archaeological technology, he searched for further traces of Bar-Kokhba’s epic struggle.

For more information, visit NOVA on the Web at www.pbs.org/nova.

Tennis Elbow, Anyone?

They’ve sprained an ankle in an over-zealous Saturday-afternoon basketball game or spent too much time at a computer keyboard. They have back pain, neck pain, pelvic pain, sciatica. Now these and other sufferers can turn for relief to University Physical Therapy, LLC, a new, private-practice physical therapy clinic in the Sports Center on the main university campus.

“Physicians routinely recommend to their patients physical therapy services following injuries and surgery because of the rapid return to function that their patients will achieve. Years ago, this type of care was only made available to the elite athlete,” says John Leard, clinical coordinator of the new clinic and assistant professor of physi-

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Nu Debout by Henry Matisse, pencil on paper, 1907–08

Looking Back by Sam Taylor Wood, photograph, 2000
Clinical therapy in the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP). Full-time and adjunct faculty members who are also licensed physical therapists are providing services to the clinic’s clientele.

In addition to helping patients recover from injuries and illness, University Physical Therapy will also supplement students’ academic curriculum. “The clinic will serve as an integrated clinical experience for students in the PT program who will observe and be directed by faculty members who are treating actual patients,” Leard points out.

The clinic has an advantage over the competition, according to Catherine Certo, director of the physical therapy program in ENHP. “Our clinic differs in its ability to provide a wide variety of physical therapy services with easy access to preventive, maintenance, and restorative care. Because of our location within the Sports Center, we have access to both athletic and rehabilitative equipment for our clients.”

The clinic’s clients include faculty, staff, students, and student-athletes, as well as people who work or live in the surrounding communities of Bloomfield, West Hartford, and Hartford. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 860.768.5335, or e-mail univpt@hartford.edu.

¡Bienvenidos!

Twenty-one MBA students from Spain arrived on the university campus this summer for a month-long immersion in the English language and study of American business law, marketing, and e-business.

The program is a new initiative of the university’s English Language Institute (ELI). For 20 years, ELI has been helping the university’s international students make the transition from studying in their native languages to full-time academic work in English. Beyond language skills, the ELI also provides the necessary background in American culture and academic protocols of the United States.

Martha Crane, who has served as ELI’s director for five years, aims to take the institute in new directions by initiating more involvement with the local community as well as bringing in groups from other parts of the world.

This summer’s students were sponsored by the Cámara de Comercio de Castellón from the Valencia region of Spain. Following a year of study for their master’s degrees in Spain, they spent 10 days in Brussels, Belgium, before arriving in Hartford.

Crane became familiar with the Castellón program during a recent trip to Spain to meet with university alumni living and working there. Among those she met was Faustino “Tino” Salcedo ’89, ’90, who received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the university. Salcedo works for IVEX, Valencia’s Government Trade Development Agency, which is a co-sponsor of the Valencia master’s program.

“The Barney School provided me with a solid business education and fully prepared me for the challenges and opportunities of a constantly changing international environment,” Salcedo says.

Salcedo feels he was particularly fortunate to have a graduate assistantship with John Ogilvie, who is now assistant professor and chair of Barney’s management/marketing department. He also has “very good memories” of Sandra Morgan and Charles Canedy, associate professors of management.

This summer’s ELI students had the benefit as well of the Barney School faculty’s expertise. They had classes and seminars with Canedy, Morgan, and Ogilvie, as well as George Generas, assistant professor of accounting, and David Desplaces, assistant professor of management. ELI faculty members Kim Schrader and Jean Dunnett provided instruction in business English.

The students returned to Spain for three-month internships and are beginning full-time jobs in Castellón this fall.

The Barney faculty members seemed to enjoy the experience as much as the students, Crane says, adding that she is already making plans for a new class of españoles next year. ■
The Village Market complex, housed in the former Konover Campus Center, is the place to go on campus to get an iced latte or hot food, do grocery shopping, rent DVDs, or meet friends for a late-night snack.

“Anyone who saw this building eight months ago and then saw it today would be absolutely astonished,” said President Walter Harrison at the opening on August 24.

Harrison was joined by Aramark’s resident district manager Sherwood Lincoln; Adam Weiss, president of the Student Government Association; and Howie the Hawk to cut the ribbon and officially open the new facility.

The complex features wireless computer access and includes an expanded Java City coffeehouse, the Market City Deli, and a large grocery store for students, faculty, and staff called the Village Market. The complex will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., giving students a new late-night hangout and a new menu for late night dining. The deli will operate from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. The Java City/deli area also has a raised platform for programming and entertainment.

Students, faculty, and staff have all expressed delight with the facility, especially the cozy coffeehouse atmosphere that provides a pleasant space for sitting and conversation.

“The bottom line is that this building will help us better serve our students and the community,” said Harrison. “A university is not a collection of buildings, it’s a collection of people.”

Planning for HCW’s Future

Strategic planning at Hartford College for Women (HCW) has resulted in a proposal that promises to have a significantly positive effect on women’s education at the University of Hartford. The college, however, would no longer exist as a degree-granting institution.

In a letter mailed to all HCW alumnae this past summer, President Walter Harrison noted that the university’s board of regents has endorsed two concepts recommended by the HCW strategic planning committee that “will continue Hartford College for Women’s long heritage of serving the educational needs of women and make the University of Hartford a leader in women’s education far into the future.”

The committee, chaired by university regent Jennifer Smith Turner, recommended creation of a new funding entity that would provide grants to faculty, staff, and students with the aim of stimulating new thinking across the university about women’s education.

“A faculty member in the Barney School of Business might propose a new course on women entrepreneurs,” Harrison wrote, “or a history professor might propose research on medieval women mystics. Staff in residential life might propose a residence hall with an emphasis on women’s health. Other proposals might connect the university more closely with women and women’s organizations in the community.”

Harrison noted that such a fund would be the first of its kind at any university in the country and would make the University of Hartford a national model in promoting the education of women in a coeducational institution.

The other recommendation of the committee calls for a strategic plan to maintain and strengthen The Career Counseling Center. Founded in 1968, the innovative community-outreach division of HCW was the first career counseling service for women in Connecticut, and one of the very first in the nation. Over the years its focus has changed, and people seeking the center’s services now include men and women from all over Connecticut, of all ages and backgrounds.

Beginning in July, President Harrison formed a committee of HCW trustees, university regents, faculty, and administrators to develop concrete plans for the two concepts. The group plans to have recommendations for the board of regents by February of next year.