Alumni Connections
BY KANDYCE AUST
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

PLAY BALL!
Boston Alumni Chapter invites you to join President Walter Harrison at the Pawtucket Red Sox Game.
Sunday, June 8, 2008
Join alumni and President Harrison for a Sunday afternoon at the ballpark as the Pawsox take on the Buffalo Bisons. Pregame BBQ is included.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELING
Washington’s National Treasures: History, Monuments, Art Collections
Thursday, June 12, 2008
A slide lecture and presentation by Professor Dorothy Bosch Keller ’62, M’63. Chairperson, Department of Fine Arts and Performing Arts, Saint Joseph College.

SMALL WORKS FOR BIG ALUMNI SHOW
Hartford Art School Alumni Small Works Exhibition
August 29 through September 18, 2008
All HAS alumni are invited to submit one recent work of art to be included in the second annual exhibition of small works. Look for our Call for Entries to be mailed soon.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER
The Art of Washington, DC: A weekend excursion with Dorothy Bosch Keller ’62, M’63
September 12–14, 2008
Join the Alumni Association for an extended weekend excursion as we tour some of our nation’s most prestigious galleries and monuments. Professor Keller will accompany our group throughout the trip, providing historical insight, as we view many artistic treasures.

AND THE NOMINEES ARE . . .
Alumni Anchor Awards—October 18, 2008
The Alumni Board is accepting nominations on behalf of alumni who have translated their University of Hartford education into outstanding achievement in their profession, public or professional service, or service to the University. Nominees for the Anchor Award must have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment and made a significant contribution in specified areas. These individuals must have graduated from one of the individual schools, colleges, or predecessor institutions of the University of Hartford. Each school/college will have two Anchor Awards for which to nominate alumni. The first candidate should exemplify the above criteria and be a member of any graduation year. The second individual must have graduated within the past 10 years.

Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.UH.ALUMS (888.842.5867) or alumni@hartford.edu, to receive your nomination form.
DEGREE KEY
Alumni Connections entries are distinguished by types of degrees and certification:

- **A**: associate's degree
- **AD**: artist diploma
- **C**: sixth-year certificate
- **D**: doctorate
- **GPD**: graduate professional diploma
- **M**: master's degree

No letter designation before a degree year indicates a bachelor's degree.

1960
ANTHONY T. GARDOCKI (HAS, M'67 ENHP) of Brimfield, Mass., had a solo exhibition of his artwork in the Pinney Gallery of the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield, Conn. The show included drawings, sculpture, and paintings ranging from his Hartford Art School days to recent execution.

1967
MATTHEW BRISTOW (BARNEY, M’95 BARNEY) of Farmington, Conn., was appointed visiting professor at the University of the Philippines–Diliman, College of Engineering graduate school. He is teaching Technology Entrepreneurship.

1968
ROGER L. DESSERTEAU (CETA) of West Hartford, Conn., was named Male Team Coach of the Year by the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association at the group’s annual awards dinner. The award is given to the best recreation coach in the state of Connecticut for male soccer players of all ages. CJS President Mario Gilarbini (left) presented the award to Dessureau.


JAMES R. STEERE (HAS) of Jackson Heights, N.Y., had his costume design work represented in a group show of stage and costume designs. The exhibit, titled Stagestruck: The Magic of Stage Design, was hosted by the Leslie/Lohman Gallery in New York City.

1969
RICHARD H. BOOTH (BARNEY, M’77 BARNEY) of Deep River, Conn., has been elected vice president of the board of directors of American International Group, Inc.

1972
EDWARD E. WRIGHT (HARTT) of Rowayton, Conn., has released a CD titled Just Imagine: A Portrait of Farm Creek, in support of Norwalk Land Trust’s $5.2 million Campaign to Save Farm Creek.

1973
ROBERT W. CLARK (M, BARNEY) of Roanoke, Va., was appointed to the board of directors of LL Global, Inc. LL Global is a not-for-profit, member-owned trade association, incorporated in Connecticut and based in Windsor.

1974
CHARLENE T. LAVOIE (A, HCW) of Winsted, Conn., is helping to run essay and speech contests in Litchfield County schools. The focus of the competition is the Bill of Rights.

DOUGLAS E. WORTHEN (HARTT, D’07 HARTT) of Durham, N.H., performed a concert of classical flute music at the Durham Community Center in Durham, N.H.

1975
JAMES R. METZLER (M, HARTT) of Grand Rapids, Mich., directed the Canterbury Singers USA of Toledo, Ohio, for seven choral services at York Cathedral in England. This was the 11th choral tour he has directed with the choir.

JOHN C. SIMMONS (M, BARNEY) of Providence, R.I., has accepted a position as executive director of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council in Providence, R.I.

1976
KATHLEEN R. REGISTER (ENHP) of Hartford, Conn., was presented with the Apple for the Teacher award from the Beta Chapter of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

1977
Diane Alverio (A&S) of New Britain, Conn., was honored with the Entrepreneurship Badge, presented by the Girl Scouts of Connecticut. A former journalist, Alverio is principal of D. Alverio & Co., a Hartford public relations and marketing firm.

JEFFREY J. NOONAN (HARTT) of St. Louis, Mo., has published The Guitar in America: Victorian Era to Jazz Age. The book offers a history of the instrument from America’s late Victorian period to the Jazz Age. Covering a portion of musical history largely neglected by scholars, Noonan traces the guitar’s transformation from a refined parlor instrument to a mainstay in jazz and popular music.

1978
EDWARD D. KLOSE (M, A&S) of Torrington, Conn., has been named president of Charter Oak State College in New Britain, Conn.

GEORGIAN F. LUSSIER (M, BARNEY) of Wallingford, Conn., was named senior director of retention and engagement at Masonicare in Wallingford.

1982
EUGENE CANTERA (HARTT) of Carrollton, Texas, is a partner on the research team of the Dallas School of Music, whose contribution to a greener world is to teach online clients how to play a vast array of musical instruments. Visit www.musicked.com to discover how it’s done.

DEBRA A. PALERMINO (M, BARNEY) of Newington, Conn., was promoted to senior vice president of Corporate Human Resources at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield, Mass.

1983
THERESA BAYS (HARTT) of Sedona, Ariz., has released her second CD, Sacred Songs, Sacred Space, a collection of traditional and new sacred songs and psalms. Bays is currently the director of music and liturgy at Saint John Vianney Church in Sedona.

MARK L. BOXER (ENG, A&S) of Glastonbury, Conn., has been elected to the board of directors of the University of Connecticut Foundation. Boxer is executive vice president, president, and chief executive officer of WellPoint’s operations, technology, and government services business unit.

NANCY STULA (HAS, ’85 A&S) of Old Lyme, Conn., has been named interim director of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London, Conn. She is also a trustee of the Hartford Art School.

1984
STEPHEN A. TORGES (BARNEY, M’92 BARNEY) of Simsbury, Conn., has been named partner at the Farmington, Conn., accounting firm of Federman, Lally & Remis LLC.

2008
Just One Look
That’s all it took for Dan ‘69 and Lorna Woodsum Riley ’71, who met during Orientation week at the University of Hartford. On Sept. 7, 2008, they will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. The happy couple is still climbing mountains together, here, above their home in Vista, Calif.
1986
LAURA I. HEFTY (A&S) of New Hope, Penn., is executive assistant in the Office of the Vice President and Secretary at Princeton University in Princeton, N.J.

1988
AMY L. BARBER (D, HARTT) of Greencastle, Ind., was named the recipient of this year’s Boston University School of Music Distinguished Alumni Award. Barber, professor of music and former dean of the School of Music at DePauw University, was cited for her work as a performer, teacher, and advocate for contemporary music, as well as for her impact on the musical landscape in Central Europe.

1989
JONATHAN J. GOUTHIER (HAS) of New York, N.Y., and his studio were profiled on Domtar’s Designer Corner. The series of professional profiles is a monthly feature of www.domtardesignercorner.com, which highlights a virtuoso designer or design team that exemplifies inspiration and creativity.

1990
JOHN K. HAMPTON (A&S) of Simsbury, Conn., was reelected to the Simsbury Board of Selectmen last November. A Democrat, he was appointed deputy first selectman upon taking office in December. This is his third term on the Board of Selectmen.

PAMELA J. KOGAN (A&S) of Wallington, N.J., is engaged to Steven Freidrich. The wedding ceremony will take place on July 6, 2008, in West Orange, N.J.

1991
SHANA BOUSARD (HARTT) of Anthem, Ariz., with husband Joe Bousard on piano, brought the vocal styles of Broadway, jazz, and blues to “Cabaret Café,” a New York-style evening at Phoenix’s Central Community Theatre in March. The duo featured selections from Shana’s debut album, This One’s on Me.

PATRICIA D. DAVILA (HARTT) of Mahwah, N.J., performed on the flute with her group UpTown Flutes in the Concert Hall of the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts in Madison, N.J.

ALAN M. WEINSTEIN (M, BARNEY) of Milford, Ohio, has accepted a position as director of marketing for Sign Supply USA and East West Plastics.

1992
SUSAN J. DULEPSKI (A&S) of New York, N.Y., is engaged to Brian Ducey. A fall wedding is planned.

REBECCA L. LYNCH (A&S) of Thorndike, Mass., has accepted a position as the e-banking officer with Florence Savings Bank in Florence, Mass.

CHRISTINE M. TRIMARCO (BARNEY) of Miami, Fla., was promoted to director of meetings and special events at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company in Miami.

1993
RUSSELL E. BLATT (CETA, M’96 BARNEY) of Plainview, N.Y., was named assistant general manager of the Chico Outlaws minor league baseball team. The Outlaws are located in Chico, Calif., and are part of the Golden Baseball League.

JOHN S. PAVLOVICH (M, BARNEY) of West Hartford, Conn., is director of litigation services and business valuation group with Blum Shapiro in West Hartford.

DIAHANN SIBLEY-MESSEGUE (A’91 HCW, ENHP) of Winter Garden, Fla., was named Teacher of the Year at Whispering Oak Elementary School in Winter Garden.

DOUGLAS McCORRY (BARNEY, M’95 BARNEY) of Hartford, Conn., was featured in a New York Times article (March 23, 2008) on Hartford school officials’ plans to open a new public school for boys, targeted at those students most at risk of not succeeding in traditional schools. A Democratic state representative and vice principal of Hartford’s Bulkeley High School, McCorry was a leader in planning the all-male academy, scheduled to open in the fall of 2008.
Flash from the Past

Whatever happened to 9:47 Man?

The University of Hartford’s own superhero!

We’ve had a query from an alumnus who is wondering whatever happened to the creators of 9:47 Man, a character whose exploits were shown on campus in the early 1970s.

We understand that the name came from the show time: Thursday nights at 9:47 p.m.

Unfortunately, our inquirer can’t remember the names of the creators.

Can you? If so, please contact us at observer@hartford.edu or call 860.768.4379 to speak with the Observer’s editorial staff and help us track them down.

We can’t wait to hear from you!

1994

JENNIFER M. MAZZUCCO (HAS) of Danbury, Conn., was featured in Art as Meditation, an exhibition at the Silvermine Guild Arts Center in New Canaan, Conn. Mazzucco and fellow artist Jeannie Thomma demonstrated how their creative process became visual meditation. Mazzucco is an artist, illustrator, and author of three children’s books. She currently teaches art at Ridgefield Academy in Ridgefield, Conn.

1995

JOSEPH J. BOUCHARD (M, HARTT) of Kent, Conn., performed a solo concert, “An Intimate Acoustic Evening with Joe Bouchard,” at the Washington Montessori School in New Preston, Conn.

JASON R. GUY (A&S) of Hoboken, N.J., married Elizabeth Shen on Aug. 4, 2007, at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. GEOFFREY N. BRAGG ’96 (CETA), RAYMOND J. CONFORTI ’95 (A&S), and SCOTT A. SALERNO ’95 (BARNEY) served as ushers.

TRAVIS PLOGER (HARTT) of Silver Spring, Md., begins the fourth run of his show iMusical: The Improvised Musical this spring with Washington Improv Theatre in Washington, D.C.

1996

GEOFFREY N. BRAGG (CETA).

See JASON R. GUY ‘95.

1997

ANA ISABEL MONSALVE (M, ENHP) of Caracas, Venezuela, has accepted a position as director in charge of the municipal education unit, Juan de Dios Guanche, in Alcalde de Chacao, Venezuela.

ANTHONY VALENTE (M, BARNEY) of Rocky Hill, Conn., is director of risk management at Henkel Corporation in Rocky Hill, Conn.

1998

ROBERT W. BLAKE JR. (HARTT) of Milford, Mass., has won the 2007 Manchester Music Festival’s 2nd Annual Regional Composition Competition for his work Verklaretes Leben for string orchestra. Blake works as a freelance composer and is the organist and music director at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church in Milford.

SANDRA M. DONESKI (M, HARTT; D’05 HARTT) of Waltham, Mass., directed the annual, two-Saturday music workshop, Music Mania, at Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. The workshop familiarizes young students with musical theatre, symphonic music, theory, world music, and listening skills—all tailored specifically for children and presented in new and exciting ways.

GRACE M. LEONARDO (BARNEY) of Union, N.J., ran a half-marathon with the Team in Training organization to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

CHRISTOPHER C. L’ETOILE (A&S) of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has been employed since 2004 as a writer and designer for BioWare, a video game company in Edmonton. L’Etiole was the first writer assigned to Mass Effect, the company’s newly released science fiction role-playing game for the Xbox 360 console. He contributed more than 50,000 words of dialogue and other text to the project.

LORENA GARAY OH (M, HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., performed a blend of classical flamenco music on the guitar at Green Street Arts Center’s “Latina Voices” series in Middletown, Conn.

SUSAN D. SADIECKI (M, BARNEY) of Harwinton, Conn., has accepted a position as president and chief executive officer of Main Street Community Foundation in Bristol, Conn.

U.S. Senate Confirms García’s Presidential Appointment

The Senate has confirmed President Bush’s nomination of Joxel García, MD, M’99, as assistant secretary for health, medical director in the Regular Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (four-star admiral), and U.S. representative on the executive board of the World Health Organization. As the assistant secretary for health, García focuses on disease prevention, health promotion, public-health preparedness, women’s and minority health, the reduction of health disparities, the fight against HIV/AIDS, pandemic influenza planning, and vaccine-preventable disease.

Formerly, García was senior vice president and senior medical advisor for MAXIMUS Federal Services, as well as deputy director of the Pan American Health Organization in the Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Western Hemisphere. A resident of Avon, Conn., he earned his MBA from the Barney School of Business, after which he served as commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health.
Births

Jaime Alpert & Brian S. Morris A’90 (Sydney Jade, 10.5.08)
Meri H. Fleischman ’91 & Wayne Fleischman (Elana Tzipora, 12.4.07)
Deborah J. Bard ’92 & Eric Bard (Ryan Shea)
Kami L. Morasco-Lacki ’97 & Ireneusz K. Lacki ’99 (Joseph Benjamin, 2.1.08)
Marcy W. Webster ’02 & William Webster (Catherine Elizabeth, 2.7.08)
Colleen MacMillan ’06 & Stanley MacMillan (Lillian Grace, 2.28.08)

Left to right: Stacy L. Schube Kassin ’93 & Woody Kassin (Julie Sedona, 4.16.07)
Christine Manikas Wanuga ’91 & Peter Wanuga (Cameron Henry, 11.14.07)
Sheel P. Frolich Tscherner ’99 & David J. Tscherner ’99 (Emma Faith, 2.21.08)

1999

KELLY E. AXTELL (ENHP) of Bedford, Mass., has accepted a position as director of marketing and community relations with Brigham House Assisted Living in Watertown, Mass.

STEPHEN L. KRASNER (A&S) of Newburgh, N.Y., has completed his Master of Science in nonprofit management from Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy in New York, N.Y.

RACHEL A. LUTZKER (A&S) of Hartford, Conn., has accepted a position with WTIC-61, Hartford’s FOX affiliate, as a reporter for the News at Ten and as a host of the FOX61 Morning Show.

She continues as the on-air traffic reporter for Clear Channel radio and hosts WHCN’s evening show as well. Lutzker is also happy to announce her engagement to David Jorgensen. A spring/summer 2009 wedding is planned.

FRANK F. MUSERO III (A&S) of Brooklyn, N.Y., is conference manager for Terrapinn, Inc., in New York City. Terrapinn produces and manages conferences in the financial, infrastructure, and real estate industries.

2000

JOSEPH F. BROCATO JR. (A&S) of Clarksburg, W.Va., is the sports director for WDTV News Channel 5 in Clarksburg, W.V.

SEAN M. BURTON (HARTT) of Lincoln, Neb., was artistic director for Briar Cliff University’s “Glory!” The program of uplifting seasonal music was performed by more than 250 musicians from western Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

JONATHAN R. GIRARD (HARTT) of Somerset, Mass., was the organist and conductor for a performance of Brahms’ Rhapsodie for Contralto and Men’s Chorus at the Saint Andrew’s Performing Arts Series in Wellesley, Mass.

CARL F. KOCH III (M, BARNEY) of Wallingford, Conn., has been promoted to the position of vice president of human resources at United Natural Foods, Inc., in Dayville, Conn.

MATTHEW E. ANDREJKOVICS (BARNEY) of New York, N.Y., has been promoted to the position of vice president at Knox & Co. in Westport, Conn.

MEREDYTH N. COLEMAN (M, HARTT) of Overland Park, Kan., performed on the oboe with her group City Winds Piano Trio at the Music at St. Alban’s concert, “Bach to the Future,” in Eltingville, N.J.

Celebrating with the Observer!

Weddings, births, new jobs, promotions, performances, exhibitions, publications—these and so many other notable milestones and accomplishments are what punctuate our lives once we leave the University of Hartford campus. Send the Observer your news, and we’ll let old friends and family, as well as the global University community, know what you’ve been up to since graduation. Announcements may be sent to alumni@hartford.edu or to the Office of Alumni Relations, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.
In Memoriam

The University mourns the loss of three longtime faculty members and associates.

Paul W. Zimmerman, internationally respected artist and Hartford Art School professor emeritus, died on Dec. 15, 2007. Miriam J. Levy, dedicated professor of history (retired) at Hillyer College, also died on Dec. 15, 2007. President’s College supporter and honorary fellow, Julius Elias, died Feb. 25, 2008. Elias was professor emeritus of philosophy as well as former provost and dean to bkennedy@hartford.edu. Larger files in jpg format, and e-mailed as attachments recent or upcoming exhibition. Photos should in any medium is a great addition to our Alumni

2002

LORI BINDIG (A&S, '04 HARTT, M'05 A&S) of Bloomfield, Conn., has had her master's thesis published by Lexington Books (Rowman & Littlefield). The book, Dawson's Creek: A Critical Understanding, is a cultural analysis of the hit teen television show of the same name, which aired on the WB network from 1998 to 2003. Binding is an adjunct faculty member at the University.

SCOTT A. HILL (M, HARTT; GDP'04 HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., performed alongside his musical partner, Carlos Boltes, at the Westport Library in Westport, Conn. The Alturas Duo has performed and lectured across the U.S., Canada, and South America. They were first-prize winners in the 2006 New England International Chamber Music Competition.

BRIAN V. NEMIROFF (HARTT) of Basking Ridge, N.J., played the leading role of Stanley Kowalski in the Tennessee Williams classic A Streetcar Named Desire at the Worcester Foothills Theatre.

IAN J. QUINN (HARTT) of Albuquerque, N.M., recorded a new solo CD at Coventry Cathedral. United Kingdom, that is devoted to American organ music. He also preformed concerts at Westminster Abbey and King’s College in Cambridge, United Kingdom.

MARCY W. WEBSTER (HARTT) of Middletown, Conn., was named 2008 Teacher of the Year at Haddam-Killingworth High School in Higganum, Conn., as well as District Teacher of the Year for Regional School District 17. She was honored at the annual Connecticut Teacher of the Year Awards ceremony at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

2003

CHAD K. AUSSN (A&S) of Hackensack, N.J., has accepted a position at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Nassau County as the associate director of admissions.

KARA BLEVINS (A&S) of West Haven, Conn., has accepted a position at Therap Services in Waterbury, Conn., as a customer support specialist.

MICHAEL J. CALAMARI (WARD). See ADAM R. KROLL '04.

AMY J. CHARRETTE (HAS) of Gardner, Maine, is a graphic designer at Nancy Marshall Communications. She is responsible for the design and development of print-based media.

MELISSA A. CIRILLO (ENHP, M'05 ENHP) of East Lyme, Conn., is pleased to announce her engagement to Jason Knowlton. She is currently working as a physical therapist at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London, Conn.

JOHN J. DEISVELSTI (A&S) of Matalaw, N.J., co-produced the one-act play Heil for the Company at Bridge Theatre at Shetler Studios in New York City. The play is a “satirical and irreverent look at the afterlife,” according to DeSivilstev.

AARON M. FARBO (CEA) of Marlborough, Mass., has accepted a position as a consultant with Cavanaugh Tocci Associates, Inc., in Sudbury, Mass.


Pardon...

The Observer misspelled Jackie Kravitz ’87 in the photo caption for her No Excuses University kindergarten class in the winter issue. Perhaps Ms. Kravitz has room for one more in her class?
MICHAEL S. PINYARD (CETA) of Etna, Maine, married Emily Fogg on Sept. 15, 2007, in Raymond, Maine. COLIN M. TIPTON ’03 (HARTT) served as best man, and DENISE M. MILLER ’03 (CETA) served as a bridesmaid.

LISA A. WIENER (HARTT) and JONATHAN P. HUMPHREY (HARTT) of Anchorage, Alaska, were married on July 28, 2007, at St. John Methodist Church in Anchorage. MICHAEL A. GILLETTE (HARTT) served as a “bridesman”; JEREMY S. BERGER (BARNEY) was one of the best men, and TIMOTHY J. BECKER (HARTT) served as a groomsman.


2004
NANETTE E. BRADBURY (A, HILLYER; ’04 ENHP). See MICHAEL J. PINK ’01.

KATHERINE KALAGHER (A&S) of Tolland, Conn., has published her first novel, Never Mind the Poetry, about an ambitious young college student who is suddenly faced with the challenge of motherhood. The book is published by Grifiot Press and is available online at www.katherinekalagher.com. Kalagher is a tutor at the University’s Center for Reading and Writing and a learning specialist at Learning Plus.

ADAM R. KROLL (HAS) of Forest Hills, N.Y., married Lindsay Keppins on Dec. 22, 2007, in Livingston, N.Y.

MICHAEL J. CALAMARI ’03 and IAN E. KLEINMAN ’03 served as groomsmen.

CAROLYN J. PAINE (A&S) and JOSHUA L. RAMOS ’03 of Hartford, Conn., worked on a professional production of A. R. Gurney’s Love Letters in Wellesley, Mass. The two-person play is a dramatic love story told through the letters of the two characters. This was Ramos’s professional theatre directorial debut, and Paine was the female lead.

JOSEPH PETITO (A&S) of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is an associate with the Law Office of Bruce A. Petito. His areas of concentration are commercial litigation, business formation, and personal injury.

ALLAN L. SCHULENBURG (HARTT) of Middletown, Mass., is engaged to Sarah Luckenbach. An Oct. 11 wedding at the North Madison Congregational Church is planned.

LINDA L. SHANLEY (M, BARNEY) of Burlington, Conn., was appointed chief information officer at Stony Brook University Hospital in Stony Brook, N.Y.

MARI E. SKARP (HAS) of Harwinton, Conn., had her work featured in the Young Talent exhibition at the Washington Art Association. This exhibition looks for artists who are influential, who have fashioned conceptual breakthroughs, and who have maintained a sense of spirituality and monumentality in their work.

2005
CHRISTOPHER DUBEY (A&S) of Middletown, Conn., is a founding member of the Mad Student Society, a new interuniversity group that raises awareness of involuntary psychiatric care, the rise in psychiatric diagnoses, the increase in prescribed medication, and related issues.

MARIA LISBOA (M, ENHP) of Tolland, Conn., has joined the faculty at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn., as an instructor of nursing.

LINDSEY E. PERROTTI (BARNEY) of Southington, Conn., has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

SUZANNE E. PETERS (M, BARNEY) of Vernon, Conn., has accepted a position at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst as director of financial aid.

CALEB D. PORTFOLIO (HAS) of Southington, Conn., had his first major solo exhibition during the Creative Cocktail Hour at Real Art Ways in Hartford, Conn.

2006
DOMINIC R. BARRETT (US) of Chicago, Ill., is a multimedia developer for MedPoint, Inc., in Evanston, Ill.

JESSICA L. CUSHING (US) of Granby, Conn., is pleased to announce her engagement to David Ginsberg. A June 2008 wedding is planned.

DANIELLE M. CYR (A&S) of Manchester, Conn., has accepted a position as an account coordinator at Co-Communications in Simsbury, Conn., a public-relations and marketing firm.

MOLLY A. MCLAUGHLIN (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., performed on the flute with her duo Lumos at North Haven Congregational Church in North Haven, Conn.

2007
CHRISTINE C. DWYER (HARTT) of Lynnfield, Mass., played the role of Maureen John, a bisexual performance artist, in the musical Rent in Osaka and Tokyo, Japan, and in venues throughout New England.

RYAN M. TUOHEY (A’05 HILLYER, A&S) of Middletown, Conn., has accepted a position at The Kennedy Center, Inc., in Trumbull, Conn., as a vocational facilitator/case manager.

We want to continue talking about the environment in future issues of the Observer, but we need your help. Do you have a green job? Have you dedicated yourself to reducing your carbon footprint? Do you write letters to your congressperson about air pollution, wildlife habitat, or renewable energy? Then we want to hear from you. Contact us at pcharles.hartford.edu or 860.768.4379 and be the subject of an alumni profile in an upcoming issue.

Calling All Tree-Hugging Alumni!

After-Hours Chanteuse
ENHP alumna Latanya Farrell M’97, M’98, will be the opening act for hit recording artists Air Supply in a fundraising concert at the Palace Theater in Waterbury, Conn., on May 31. Well known to area audiences, Farrell has brought her vocal talents to Connecticut venues that include the Bushnell and Foxwoods Resort and Casino. When she’s not on stage, Farrell is in front of the class as a middle school teacher in Bristol, Conn. Proceeds from the Air Supply concert will benefit the Bristol Business Education Foundation.

Cavanaugh Comedy Hits New York Stage
Playwright Lauren Cavanaugh’s Nunchuck Ninja Nuns premiered this spring at New York’s 13th Street Repertory Company. The play—inhabited by Jesus, Mary, frat boys, zany psychologists, communist poets, and a few nunchuck swinging nuns—steers its audience on a sidesplitting journey through the distorted reality of living in a world with so many rules and so few morals. Cavanaugh, of Union City, N.J., is a 2002 alumna of The Hartt School. She is the daughter of Linda M’72 and Jim ‘68, M’80, Cavanaugh.
ALUMNI EVENTS

1. Koray Gurz M’02 and Oktay Gurz M’01, M’07, with their University of Hartford mugs from the Alumni Association table at the International Festival.

2. Future alumnae Aarthi Udayakumar ’08, Melina Luna ’08, and Unoma Ogwu-Weekes ’08.

3. Countdown to Graduation.


6. Clarity the Clown entertained alumni and their families at the Women’s Basketball Family Day sponsored by the Alumni Association.


8. Howie the Hawk squeezes between two charming alumnae at a Hawks basketball game.


10. Carol Zimmerman de Montrichard ’67 (HCW), Sandra Augustitus ’97 (HCW), Amalia Augustitus, and Christine Rockwell.


14. Le Méridien Etoile was the stylish venue for a reception with U.S. and Parisian alumni.

15. Thierry Montagnier ’92 proudly displays his University of Hartford tie.
London & Paris Trip

The Eurostar takes the group through the Chunnel (Channel Tunnel) to Paris. After a quick group photo, we take the elevator to the first level of the Eiffel Tower for a memorable dinner.
1. Carla Germain M’90 and Bob Duncan M’90 enjoy Happy Hour at Joe Black’s in Hartford.

2. Lisa Morgan-Daley A’93, ’95 (left), is delighted to receive one of the drawing prizes given away at Joe Black’s.

3. HAS trustee Rosalie Roth, Associate Professor Ellen Carey, and HAS corporator Janet Peckinpaugh at the Walter Wick open-studio event, sponsored by the HAS Alumni Committee.

4. From left, Aaron Masthay ’97, associate director, alumni relations; Walter Wick; HAS trustee Jonathan Gouthier ’89, co-chair, HAS Alumni Committee; Randy Gilman; and Emily Cappa ’05.

5. We were fascinated by the miniature fantasy world we found at the studio of children’s author Walter Wick.

6. STN2 (Student Television Network) alumni celebrated the station’s 15th anniversary in March.

7. Regent Nancy Botcheller (center) enjoys a concert performed by two Hartt alumnae in Seoul, Korea—violinist Ho Jeong Park ’03 (left) and conductor Jinnie Pae ’05 (right).