I Don’t Know What I Want, But I Know It’s Not This
A Step-by-Step Guide to Finding Gratifying Work
Julie Jansen ’81

Julie Jansen ’81 has written a career-change book that provides exactly what the title promises. *I Don’t Know What I Want, But I Know It’s Not This* is a concise “guide to finding gratifying work.” In contrast to a number of other exhaustive guides of the same genre, Jansen’s book provides essential information and exercises in self-knowledge without overwhelming the reader with too much information or too many time-consuming assignments to prepare in the course of career searching.

An interview in the 2002 spring issue of *The Observer* anticipated the publication of Jansen’s book by Penguin in 2003. A feature story recalled her own employment changes leading to her present career as writer and consultant. Since receiving her degree in mass communications from the University, Jansen has worked in broadcasting, recruiting, outplacement, and training. Her writing has been featured in a number of publications, and she is a frequent speaker for nonprofit and for-profit corporations and associations. She also plans another book.

*I Don’t Know What I Want, But I Know It’s Not This*, Jansen’s first book, treats shifting gears in the job market as a skill in itself. Through text and questionnaires, she helps job changers ask the right questions of themselves. She looks at the causes of employment dissatisfaction—age, corporate acquisitions, lack of balance in work life—and the effects of staying in an unpleasant job. Readers are asked to analyze six work situations that often lead to thinking about change and to answer questions about their own circumstances.

Other sections of the book and assessment questionnaires address personal values, attitudes, personality, and interests. Chapters are devoted to answering objections that job-changers raise, creating a plan for change, planning retirement, assessing the requirements of starting one’s own business, and observing the qualities possessed by successful people.

Also included is a section that Jansen calls the “Nuts and Bolts” of a job search, along with a list of other resources. One strength of Jansen’s approach is that questions require relatively short answers rather than the lengthy essays suggested by other career guides.

About her book, Jansen says, “I wrote [it] to motivate others—to help them feel confident that being happy with work is a choice you can and should make.”

Smack Dab in the Middle
Anita Riggio ’75

The story and illustrations for *Smack Dab in the Middle*, Anita Riggio’s newest children’s book, recall an era when today’s grandparents were themselves children. The heroine of the story, however, belongs to all generations, sharing a timeless problem with her young readers. Rosie Roselli, a middle child, feels neglected.

A highly successful author and illustrator, Riggio ’75 has drawn upon her own large, extended Italian family to create Rosie, a little girl who feels overlooked. Riggio portrays Rosie’s feelings by illustrating her as a white figure among her brightly colored friends and family members.

When Rosie takes “good work” home from school, hoping for praise and a hug, every adult is preoccupied with the needs and wants of another child. Rosie is shown slumped in a colorless heap. Like many other real and fictional children, she reacts by planning to run away. One of the teachers in her Catholic school helps Rosie discover that she is loved and she is central to her family.

Created with India ink, gouache, cut paper and stamps, Riggio’s art manages to look both retro and modern. Father wears a tie; Mother, a dress and pumps; and the children, saddle shoes. Because of the details of dress and the flat style of the drawings, we as readers would not be surprised to meet a cheerful mailman or friendly policeman from children’s books of another era, nor are we surprised to find Rosie’s teacher wearing a nun’s traditional habit.

At the same time, the book looks thoroughly modern. Riggio’s use of color—together with present-day techniques of composition, illustration, and printing—leaves no doubt that this book is aimed at today’s child.
In Memoriam

Ann Beck


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Although Beck retired as a full-time faculty member 30 years ago, she continued to conduct research in East Africa, contribute to scholarly publications, and teach at the University well into her 80s.

Born in Germany, she came to the United States in 1938. Here she received a Ph.D. in science history and taught at a number of colleges. She was named a full professor of history at the University of Hartford in 1960. She was particularly interested in how the British and German colonial powers introduced Western medicine to East Africa. Her work was published by Harvard University Press, Crossroads Press, and many academic journals.

Domenica DiMatteo

Friends, colleagues, students, and family members gathered at the Senior Common Room on May 2 in a moving tribute to Domenica DiMatteo ‘02, a beloved member of the University of Hartford community, who died on March 13, 2003. She was 53.

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She and her husband, E. Clayton Gengras, a founder of the University, were generous donors for many years, as evidenced by the Gengras Student Union. After her husband’s death in 1983, she continued her commitment to the University, receiving the University’s Medal for Distinguished Service in 1990.

Gengras was a member of the boards of the Bushnell Memorial, the Wadsworth Atheneum, and the national board of governors of The Institute of Living. A resident of Avon and the Fenwick section of Old Saybrook, Conn., she is survived by her three daughters and seven sons.

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Barbara Woodruff

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A life regent of the University, Woodruff died on March 23, 2003, at the age of 88. Her husband, Archibald M. Woodruff, Jr., who died in 1984, was president of the University from 1967 to 1977. She was a trustee of the Watkinson School and an incorporator-trustee of the Stowe-Day Foundation.

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VALERIE F. LEWIS (HCW) of Vernon, Conn., has been elected president of the State Higher Education Executive Officers, a national, nonprofit association that serves statewide coordinating boards and governing boards of postsecondary education.

1963 JEAN PHILLIPS NELSON (HARTI) of Keene, N.H., has received the 2002 President’s Outstanding Women of New Hampshire Award, presented at Keene State College, and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award from the Lions Club International Foundation for contributions to the state and community through music.

1965 JOHN J. CARSON (A&S) of Bloomfield, Conn., was featured in a lighthearted story on FOX 61’s “News at Ten” about local people with the same names as well-known celebrities.

DOUGLAS J. KEELER (ENHP, ’66 ENHP) of Claremont, Calif., has retired as superintendent of the Claremont Unified School District. He and his wife, Susan, are planning to move back to the East Coast and make their home in Virginia.

1967 COLLETTE M. HURST (BARNEY) of Unionville, Conn., performed at Peaberry’s Café in Simsbury, Conn. Hurst, a singer and songwriter, appears with the Satin Tones.

MARGARET W. NAREFF (HCW) of Granby, Conn., participated in a roundtable discussion on careers, sponsored by HCW’s Women’s Leadership Association.

ROLAND L. RICHARDSON (HAS) of St. Martin, West Indies, recently exhibited “Caribbean Impressions,” a collection of original oils, watercolors, and etchings based on the Caribbean region. The exhibit was hosted by Ennio & Michael Ristorante in New York City’s Greenwich Village.

LINDA WEBBER (ENHP) of Bloomfield, Conn., painted the 20-by-8-foot mural at the Center for Women’s Health of the University of Connecticut Health Center, where she is curator.

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LUCILLE SCHONBRUN (ENHP) of Tucson, Ariz., has received a Doctor of Education from Argosy University/Sarasota.

1969 CHERYL MELODY BASKIN (HARTI) of Hopkinton, Mass., recently released her sixth CD, Celebrate! Baskin, who writes as Cheryl Melody, received the 2001 Parents’ Choice Foundation award for her CD Let’s Pretend (& More!). She is an independent recording artist, composer, educator, and international performer of original, interactive concerts titled “Peace Begins with Me.” She describes her music as “dedicated to nurturing inner peace and a vision of a world filled with respect, nonviolence, understanding, and love.” Her song “World Peace Anthem” is being translated into several languages and is the official song for the United Nations–sanctioned “One Day in Peace” campaign (www.oneday.net).

1970 ELIZABETH C. BOUKUS (ENHP) of Plainville, Conn., has been reelected to the Connecticut House of Representatives from the 22nd District.

ANTANAS J. VAN REENAN (A&S, ’79 ENHP) of Kaunas, Lithuania, is teaching the history of the Lithuanian diaspora at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Republic of Lithuania. He also teaches English and world history to high school students in Kaunas. He is also introducing American baseball to Lithuanian youths. At present, he has four Little League teams and two college teams. You may contact him at sigiskam@one.lt.

More Than Just an Illusion

An enthusiastic audience of approximately 400 contributed nearly $43,000 to the University of Hartford Magnet School Library Fund at “The Magic of Reading, an Evening of Fantasy and Illusion,” held at Lincoln Theater on May 10.

People vanished all over the Lincoln Theater stage, reappearing in other places and guises through the magic of Lyn Dillies, a master illusionist. Mentalist Denis Lacombe of Cirque du Soleil impressed the audience by first identifying a number in a sealed envelope and then proving it to be the sum of a series of numbers on a grid that he had created earlier. As promised, juggler Mark Nizer, who opens for Barry Manilow, juggled an electric carving knife, a bowling ball, and a propane torch (unlit because of fire laws but with a flag as its flame), and stunned the audience with his physical strength and agility.

The proceeds of this event enable the magnet school library to take a major step toward filling its shelves. The evening was made possible through the generosity and creativity of Hollywood producers Susan and Kent McCray ’51, who conceived of the fund-raiser and supplied the entertainment. Kent McCray, an alumnus of The Hartt School, serves as a University regent. Susan McCray is a corporator of the Hartford Art School.

Edward Crowell (right), art teacher at the University of Hartford Magnet School, presents his wood carving of a magic hat as a gift to Kent and Susan McCray (left) to thank them for their generosity to the magnet school. Principal Cheryl Kloczko (third from left) looks on.
ALUMNI NEWS

1971
RONALD C. CORMIER
(A&S, ’76 A&S) of Marco Island, Fla., and Lebanon, Conn., has completed a two-week program for the U.S. Coast Guard Air Training Station in Mobile, Ala. He is a staff member of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy’s Leadership and Management School in New London, Conn. Cormier was a major in the U.S. Marine Corps and a former adjunct professor in criminal justice. He is a retired judicial administrator from the Connecticut judicial system who also spent 10 years as a parole agent and warden for treatment programs at the Cheshire (Conn.) Correctional Institution. He and his wife, Nan, have four children and seven grandchildren.

NANCY J. OSGOOD
(HCW) of West Suffield, Conn., has been named a counselor with HCW’s of West Suffield, Conn., has been an associate professor of composition at Hartt.

1972
JOHN H. PEARSON, JR.
(A&S), of Lowell, Mass., has been named vice chairman of the American Textile History Museum in Lowell. The senior partner of Pearson & Pearson, patent attorneys, and chief executive officer (CEO) of Butter Bank in Lowell, Pearson has served on the museum’s board of directors for several years. In his new position he will work to further the American Textile Museum’s mission within the community and beyond.

1973
EDWIN P. McCausland, JR. (BARNEY), of New Albany, Ohio, has been elected chief investment officer of Nationwide, offering a broad range of products in personal and commercial insurance, retirement savings, and asset management.

KAREN S. NOBUMOTO
(A&S) of Los Angeles, Calif., has concluded a term as the first minority female president of the State Bar of California. Nobumoto, a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles, was the second woman and first public lawyer to head the 178,000-member organization.

SHARON NALBONE RICHARDSON
(A&S) of Malvern, Pa., superintendent of the Pottsgrove School District in Pottstown, Pa., was awarded an Educator of the Year award by the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. She has been reappointed by the district’s board of school directors for another four-year term as superintendent, after serving in that capacity for the last 10 years.

JOSEPH C. SERRA
(BARNEY) of Middletown, Conn., was reelected to the Connecticut House of Representatives from the 33rd District.

1974
RAYMOND M. NOWAK
(BARNEY) of Nanuet, N.Y., has been named executive vice president, chief financial officer, and chief administrative officer for the North American operations of Viacom Outdoor, the outdoor advertising unit of Viacom Inc.

1975
ALAN S. GOLDBERG
(A&S) of New York, N.Y., has been named regional vice president of the Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) Association of North America. Based in New York City, the association is the leadership network and central agency for the Jewish community center movement, comprising more than 275 JCCs, YM-YWHAs, and camps in the United States and Canada. Prior to this position he was associate executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland.

CARLTON E. HELMING
(BARNEY) of Cheshire, Conn., founding principal of Helming & Co., P.C., has been elected president of the Connecticut Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

1976
BARRY D. FRIEDMAN
(’73 ENG) of Dahlonega, Ga., was recently installed as chancellor of the Atlantic Region for the 2002–05 triennial period of Pi Gamma Mu, an honor society for the social sciences. Friedman is a professor of political science and coordinator of the Master of Public Administration program at North Georgia College and State University.

RICHARD E. NEAL
(BARNEY) of Springfield, Mass., was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 2nd District. He is the former mayor of Springfield.

MICHAEL SCHELLE
(HARTT) of Ossining, N.Y., saw his “Struwwelpeter Songs” included in a New Music Café concert on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University in November 2002. Texts of the comedic songs come from German children’s books about what happens to children who behave badly. On the evening following the concert, the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra performed an orchestral work by Schelle, who is composer-in-residence in music theory and composition at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind.

1977
DAVID KATER
(HARTT, ’84, ’89 HARTT) of Danbury, Conn., music director of the Danbury Symphony Orchestra and artistic director of Hat City Music Theater, conducted performances of Humperdinck’s Hansel and Gretel and Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker.

1978
PAUL P. BISACIA
(HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., was presented with the Alumnus of the Year Award for 2003 at The Hartt School’s annual Alumni Dinner in April.

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THOMAS J. HERLIHY, JR. (ENHP), of Westatue, Conn., was recently reelected to the Connecticut State Senate from the 8th District.

JOHN C. HONOR, JR. (BARNEY), of Oakton, Va., has been named director of human resources by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). His career in human resources includes stints in the aerospace, automotive, professional sports, insurance, and professional services industries. Most recently, he served as vice president, human resources and development, for US Airways. He has held posts as national director, human resources, for KPMG, LLP; vice president for human resources and development for Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance; and executive director for human resources, Baseball Office of the Commissioner, Major League Baseball, New York.

1979

SUSAN M. LORICCHIO (HARTT) of Jersey City, N.J., combined her two loves—flying and music—by becoming the East Coast coordinator of Flight Across America. The mission achieved its goal by using “the privilege and freedom of aviation to deliver the support of every state in the Union to New York City, and by helping to bring together the American people to honor and remember those fallen on 9/11/01.” On Sept. 8, 2002, 52 planes—one from each state, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico—made history flying its state flag down the Hudson River. In an honor flight past Ground Zero, they paid tribute to the people who lost their lives at the World Trade Center. Loricchio writes that she holds a private pilot certificate and is an active member of the National Aeronautic Association, Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Society, The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. She is also a member of the Mid-Atlantic Pilots Association in Essex County, N.J., and the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum in Reading, Pa., where her choir is scheduled to sing for the field mass at the World War II Reenactment Weekend in June. She also orchestrates an active music program at the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Nutley, N.J., where she trains two choral groups and 10 cantors.

DAVID G. NORD (BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., was named vice president of finance and chief financial officer at the Hamilton Sundstrand division of United Technologies Corporation (UTC). He has been UTC’s vice president and controller since October 2000 and previously was acting controller and assistant controller. Before joining UTC in 1996, Nord served as corporate controller at the Pittston Company and senior manager at Deloitte & Touche.

MARK D. RUBINFE LD (A&S) of Salt Lake City, Utah, manages the sociology program at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is the author of Bound to Bond: Gender, Genre and the Hollywood Romantic Comedy and Shoot to Thrill: Hollywood Action Films, Rationalization, and the American Spectacle. Rubinfeld previously served as a professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Assumption College; and Loyola University, New Orleans.

1980

WILLIAM B. BRIGHENTI (BARNEY) of New Britain, Conn., has joined Scilla, Dowling & Natarelli, LLC, in the audit department of the Hartford office. He serves clients on major accounting and tax matters with an emphasis on the construction business.

MAGGIE ALSTON CLAUD (HCW) of Hartford, Conn., received the Antoinette Bascetta Women’s Career Development Award from Hartford’s Trust House.

MARTIN ELSTER (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., has released his newest book of poetry, which celebrates man’s best friend and loyal companion, the dog. With more than 300 poems, There’s a Dog in the Heavens! A Universe of Canine Verse explores canine life, from training to tail wagging, chewing to bathing, hunting to petting, and everything in between. Elster writes that he must have been inspired by his own motley mutts. Why else, he asks in his preface, would an otherwise rational person write hundreds of limericks about dogs? Elster is a percussionist with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

WARREN J. HANSEN (BARNEY) of Granby, Conn., a retired police detective with the Simsbury Police Department, former instructor at the Connecticut Police Academy, and former director of security for the Simsbury School District, is teaching criminal justice courses in the sociology department at the

President Walter Harrison (top left) has been traveling the country for the last few months, talking with alumni at a series of informal receptions. One was at the West Hartford home of Annie Garcia Kaplan ’79, ’81, ’97 (second from right) and University regent Ben Kaplan ’79, ’80 (far right). Harrison’s wife, Dianne (second from left), was also on hand.

Others attending the alumni reception at the Kaplans’ included many Barney School faculty and alumni, among them (inset photo) Peter K. Mulligan ’75 (left), senior executive vice president of Webster Financial Corp., who enjoyed chatting with Chris Holmes ’03. Holmes, who graduated in May with a degree in economics and finance, was a member of the golf team and is now starting to make a name for himself on the amateur circuit. Receptions were also held at the home of Fred Beloin ’79, ’80, and his wife, Brenda, in Marietta, Ga.; and at the Academy for Educational Development in Washington, D.C., hosted by University Regent Stephen F. Moseley ’67. Moseley is president and CEO of the academy.
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STEVEN P. HARRIS (BARNEY ’82) of Rockaway, N.J., is employed by an innovative, two-year-old company called DigitalGrit. He is interested in hearing from his alumni friends and may be reached at sphmail@stephen-harris.com.

1981

CURT M. BUCKLER (A&S) of North Bergen, N.J., has returned from his role as Big Jake in the national tour of Guys and Dolls with Maurice Hines. Buckler also played the role of Gangster 2 in Kiss Me, Kate in Elmsford, N.Y.

EUGENE HEADY (ENG) of Snellville, Ga., is a partner in the Atlanta law firm of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. The firm has a national practice in construction law, government contract law, and employment law. A published writer on legal issues affecting the construction industry, Heady is admitted to the state bars of Georgia, Florida, Colorado, and Texas.

CHUCK ROSE (BARNEY) of Pelham Manor, N.Y., recently opened a restaurant in Queens called the F&J Pine Ramada, located across from Shea Stadium. Rose invites all alumni, whether attending a game or just in the area, to come in and say hello.

1982

MARCI M. ALBORGHETTI (A&S) of Stonington, Conn., has published her latest book, Freedom from Fear: Overcoming Anxiety through Faith. The book is a collection of anecdotes, prayers, and other means to address anxiety.

KENNETH H. McGOVERN (BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., is vice president of business development at Addressing Services Company (ASCO) in East Hartford, Conn.

MARK A. VINING (BARNEY) of Columbia, Conn., was reelected as a corporator of the Windham Community Memorial Hospital. He is a realtor affiliated with Prudential Connecticut Realty in West Hartford and serves as a member of the University of Hartford Alumni Council and Hawks Athletics Board.

EDWARD M. WASSUNG (WARD) of Merrimack, N.H., a technical director at BAE Systems Information and Electronic Warfare Systems, was honored with BAE’s 2002 Jack L. Bowers Award for his work on the Set-On Low Cost Expansible Receiver/Jammer (SOLER), an innovative countermeasure technique that reduces the complexity, volume, and cost associated with previous jammer approaches. Wassung’s creation has been incorporated into several key electronic warfare initiatives. BAE Systems is a major producer of aircraft self-protection systems and tactical surveillance and intelligence systems for all branches of the armed forces.


1983

PERRY W. HASSON (BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., has earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

DEBORAH OLEYNIK (BARNEY) of Great Falls, Mont., is a naturopathic physician at the Natural Health Clinic in Great Falls and was formerly at Integrative Medicine Clinic.

JEAN MARIE PARADIS (HAS) of Whitinsville, Mass., showed her paintings and sculpture at Booklovers’ Gourmet in Worcester, Mass. The show, titled “It Just Looks Like Paradise,” was an eclectic blend of colors and shapes, acrylic paintings complementing the sculptural pieces made from wood, metal, steel, charcoal, and wax.

1984

LORIANA DECRESCENZO (HARTT) of North Kingston, R.I., was the featured soprano in a presentation of Phantom of the Opera at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

SALLY J. IRVIN (A&S) of Indianapolis, Ind., has started a program called ICAAN (Canine Assistant Adolescent Network). The program benefits teenage prisoners who train service dogs and the physically disabled adults for whom the dogs are trained.

1985

MARK M. FULCO (BARNEY) of Rocky Hill, Conn., has been named vice president for strategic marketing and business development at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn. He previously served as senior vice president at Cardium Health Services in Simsbury, was vice president of Masonic Management Services Corporation in Wallingford, and was senior marketing manager at PharmaMedica Inc. in New Haven.

WILLIAM J. MURPHY (A&S) of West Warwick, R.I., was named speaker of the house of the Rhode Island state legislature.

JOSEPH A. OLZACKI (A&S, ’86, ’94 HARTT, ’01 ENHP) of East Hampton, Conn., was honored at the Bloomfield Public Schools’ first annual all-district arts festival, held in the University’s Lincoln Theater. President Walter Harrison gave high praise to the music and art teachers and to Olzacki, chairman of the district’s department of visual and performing arts, as the prime mover of the program.

MICHAEL B. SMITH (A&S) of Edinburgh, Scotland, was appointed director, United

Congratulations!
Best wishes to our alumni and their spouses on recent nuptials

Cheryl Lumi Branson ’75 and Alan Weiner
Christine Hoffmann ’80 and Michael Joseph Golabek
Elizabeth Anne Chellman ’82 and Richard M. Link III
Janet L. Boesshar ’87 and Charles Paul Josceline
Jill A. Baumgarten ’88 and Sam Bear
Rachel Beth Katz and William A. Lo Presto ’88, ’90
Christina Paoules and Robert Joseph Salerno ’89, ’91
Renée Lynne LaBanca and Charles Robert Schulze ’89
Sheri F. Jedell ’90 and Scott Wiener
Suzanne C. Boudreau ’91, ’93, and Brian A. Doherty
Sabrina Yacono and Robert S. Mers ’91
Beth S. Rosenburg ’91 and Patrick Sanders
Dana Leigh Melitzer ’93 and Jeffrey Steven Berkowitz
Jennifer L. Seeger ’93 and Vincent Dones, Jr.
Mara Denise Steinberg ’93 and Mark Ira Shapiro
Rita Boulay ’94 and Jonathan Sigler
Tiffany Guoz and David I. Katz ’94
Jennifer Lee Fanning and Ronald Richard Megas ’95
Jennifer Frick and Michael J. Aniskiewicz ’96
Rebecca Wartell and Gill K. Label ’96
Andrea Suzanne Mill ’96 and Kenneth B. Martin
Alison B. Pressman ’96 and Darren Fruman
Abigail Larsen Trueblood ’96 and Todd Edward Ivis
Lauren Beebe ’97 and Phil Lyons
Lindsay R. Farrell and John P. Bemek ’97
Nicole Prato and Jamie A. Hoy ’97
Stacey J. Brooks ’98 and Christopher Nordstrom
Jessica Nowosaski ’98 and David S. Markowitz ’98
Pamela Janette Schwarz ’99 and Michael Pock ’98
Lee Bankler and Christopher S. Taylor ’99
Kristi Ann Socco ’01, ’03, and Patrick Ardore
Leah Weisberger and Gabriel M. Deutsch ’02
Rebecca L. Friedman ’02 and Kyle Bruce Klockar
Keri J. Hardina ’02 and Sean D. Mograth ’00
Gayle Zahnke ’02 and Robert Levine

and to our alumni parents
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Kingdom client relationship management, for the Kleinwort Benson Private Bank in London. Smith was previously with the Merrill Lynch International Bank in Scotland.

1986

GUILLAUME P. BODSON (BARNEY) of Canary Islands, Spain, writes that he is a private consultant in sales and marketing management for the timeshare industry.

W. KEVIN UNSWORTH (BARNEY, ’84 BARNEY) of Enfield, Conn., was promoted to the position of vice president and district manager in Connecticut of the Gilbane Building Company. As district manager, he oversees a number of projects, including Hartford’s Adriaen’s Landing complex and the University of Connecticut’s Rentschler Field football stadium in East Hartford. Unsworth has been honored frequently by the company, including receiving two excellence awards; New England Region Builder of the Year, which opens the jazz show that runs on all Northwest Airlines flights. The music is an eclectic blend of Latin, smooth jazz, and rhythm and blues.

JOSEPH F. DIAMOND (BARNEY) of New York, N.Y., has a newly released CD, Island Garden, which opens the jazz show that runs on all Northwest Airlines flights. The music is an eclectic blend of Latin, smooth jazz, and rhythm and blues.

RICHARD J. GOLDMAN (BARNEY) of Port St. Lucie, Fla., is founder and president of Construction Journal.com, which provides comprehensive, accurate, and timely information on construction projects through the Internet to clients in eight eastern states.

1987

RICHARD A. BATTISTINI (ENG) of Duncan, S.C., has purchased Precision Door Services, Inc., a national garage-door repair business.

JOSEPH F. DIAMOND (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., has a newly released CD, Island Garden, which opens the jazz show that runs on all Northwest Airlines flights. The music is an eclectic blend of Latin, smooth jazz, and rhythm and blues.

1988

JONATHAN R. BENNETT (BARNEY) of Suffield, Conn., has been promoted to senior vice president of the property-casualty personal lines division of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. He oversees underwriting and development of The Hartford’s auto, homeowners, and other personal insurance products.

DeLOIS C. LINDSEY (ENHP) of Torrington, Conn., and her sister, Sheila L. Traynum, have co-authored A Promise to My Mother, the historical account of African American folk artist Ellis Ruley of Norwich, Conn., the great-grandfather of the authors. The work is the fulfillment of a promise to their mother to write a book that would honor those relatives who came before them.

TIMOTHY J. PETROVIC (A&S) of Dade City, Fla., garnered national attention in January 2003 when he joined two other alumni, JERRY KELLY ’89 and PAT SHEEHAN ’92, in the Sony Open golf tournament in Hawaii. It was the first time the three had played together in a PGA tournament.

Geryl A. Rose (BARNEY) of Windsor, Conn., has been elected to the board of directors of the Society for Marketing Professional Services, Southern New England Chapter. She is director of marketing at Konover Construction Corporation in Farmington, Conn.

FRANK R. SALVATORE, JR. (A&S), was named a 2002 American Association for Respiratory Care Fellow. This distinction is conferred upon those individuals who have met a standard of excellence in the practice of respiratory care. They must also have demonstrated nationally prominent leadership, influence, and achievement in the clinical practice, education, or science of respiratory care.

JAY C. SONDHI (A&S) of Mombasa, Kenya, has a flourishing coffee export business, primarily to Europe, and recently started a tea export business. You may reach him at jcs-stl@Mbaraki.com.

1989

JOLIE ROCKE BROWN (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., appeared in the Connecticut Concert Opera presentation of “A French Opera Gala” at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford. She also sang in the chorus of Madama Butterfly for the Connecticut Opera and performed in a concert, “Harmony for the Soul,” for the Catholic Charities/Family Services. Brown was honored at the 15th annual Apple for the Teacher award luncheon, sponsored by the members of the Beta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda.

Athletics Honors 10

Seven former student-athletes were inducted into the Alumni Athletics Hall of Fame during ceremonies April 12 at The 1877 Club, and three others were given special recognition. Shown with (far left) Pat Meiser-McKnott, director of athletics, and (far right) President Walter Harrison are (left to right) Michele O’Toole, softball, 1992–95; Pat Hedge, baseball, 1986–89; Jessica Reifer, soccer, 1992–95; Heather Weindorfer, basketball, 1993–97; Dave Brunelle, basketball, 1967–70; Scot Sanderson ’71, recipient of the A. Peter LoMaglio Award; Bob Haggett ’75, recipient of the Vincent Brown Coffin Award; Vito Serafini, soccer, 1988-91; and Tom Meade, basketball, 1969–71. Marty Hoffmann ’55 (seated) received the Pioneer Award.
Sorority. The awards honored 10 teachers from the Greater Hartford area who have contributed significantly to educating children and improving schools.

**Betsy Grossman (ENHP)** of Boynton Beach, Fla., was recently honored for her leadership role in the Palm Beach County Jewish Federation. She was among six representatives from Palm Beach selected to represent the agency in a weeklong fact-finding mission to St. Petersburg, Russia, during Passover.

**Jerome “Jerry” Kelly (Barney)** of Madison, Wis., garnered national attention when he joined two other alumni, Tim Petrovic ‘88 and Pat Sheehan ’92, in the Sony Open golf tournament in Hawaii. It was the first time the three had played together in a PGA tournament.

**Paul E. Tormey (A&S)** of Orrington, Maine, has been named assistant vice president in the cash management department at People’s National Bank in Bangor. He will continue to assist corporate clients in treasury management and commercial banking. Tormey joined People’s in 1996 and previously served as a cash management officer, mortgage originator, and branch manager.

**1991**

**Diane Donchak (Barney-Paris)** of Brooklyn, N.Y., has requested that our thoughts and prayers include her seven-year-old daughter, Alexandra Capellini, who is being treated at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for bone cancer.

**Gara B. Field (A&S, ’93 A&S) of Atlanta, Ga.,** is associate director of athletics and girls varsity soccer coach at Pace Academy in Atlanta. She has been accepted to attend the School Leadership Program of the Harvard Graduate School of Education for the fall 2003 semester.

**Robert S. Mess (A&S) of New York, N.Y.,** is pursuing a career in writing and acting in New York City.

**Rachelle Rubin Tilbor (Barney)** of East Brunswick, N.J., and her husband, Allen, have expanded their family by one. Two-year-old Scott Ian now has a baby sister, Alexis Rose.

**Mark N. Winarsky (A&S, ’93 Barney) of Atlanta, Ga.,** has accepted a consulting position at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. He was a core member of the initial team assigned to establish and staff a CDC 24/7 emergency operations center, designed to respond to public health and bioterrorism events in this country and around the world. As a senior analyst, Winarsky consults with the CDC’s Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response, focusing on threats to public health and national security. He continues to volunteer as an auxiliary patrol officer with the city of Alpharetta, Ga., police department.

**William F. Schlosstein (Barney)** of Warren, Mass., has had his designation renewed as a certified Massachusetts municipal treasurer. Renewal is awarded every five years only to those previously certified candidates who continue to attend the annual school of the association every August and successfully complete required courses in municipal law, finance, and administration. He is the town treasurer of Warren.

**Patrick Sheehan (ENHP)** of Orlando, Fla., was awarded his PGA Tour card this past year and garnered national media attention when he joined two other alumni, Tim Petrovic ’88 and Jerry Kelly ’89, in the Sony Open golf tournament in Hawaii. It was the first time the three alumni had played together in a PGA tournament.

**Robert D. Straus (Barney)** of New York, N.Y., has joined Independent Research Group LLC as a senior analyst to cover small- to mid-cap stocks in the communications, technology, consumer and retail, and biotech sectors.

**1993**

**Dana Meltzer Berkowitz (ENHP)** of Woodcliff Lake, N.J., graduated from Hofstra University with a Master of Science and is employed by the Financial Times as a business development manager in its financial learning division.

**Jeanne M. DeGrance (A&S)** of San Antonio, Texas, former All-America soccer player at the University, received her M.D. in 1997 and is currently an assistant professor, researcher, team physician, and clinician at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Her state-of-the-art research on physical activity and exercise in the geriatric population has been published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. DeGrance, her husband, Kevin Cochran, and their two dogs

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**Congratulations! from page 33**

Sandra and Paul B. Cohen ’86 (Peter Oren)

Elyse and Thomas J. DeZoppo ’86 (Tyler James)

Vanessa L. Moskowitz Greenberg ’88 ’91, and Barry B. Greenberg ’91 (Jamie Cydni)

Robin Rosenkranz Leon ’88, ’90, and Matt Leon (Joshua Reeca)

Christine DiGiorgio Lukaszczyc ’88 and Thomas Lukaszczyc (Kate Anne)

Cathy and Mason Wilson III ’88 (twin girls, Alexandra Sherrill and Hayden Prichard)

Elizabeth Kane Rawicz ’89 and Scott Rawicz (Seth Martin)

Suzanna P. and Craig I. Schwartz ’89 (Abigail Rachel)

Erika and Jeff Bagwell ’90 (Blake)

Jessica Mokotoff Gollin ’90, ’92, and Mark D. Gollin ’92 (Tyler Joseph)

Senette Jones-Jemison ’90 and Mark Steven Jemison (Symen Myllos)

Brigit Burr Stronge ’90 and William F. Stronge, Jr. ’93 (Emma Connelly)

Meri Harary Fleischman ’91 and Wayne Fleischman (Micheal Chaim)

Rachelle Rubin Tilbor ’91 and Allen Tilbor (Alexis Rose)

Liza Trupin ’91, ’93, and Gene Conselyea (Dylan Gene)

Christine Chamides Korde ’92 and Scott D. Korde ’90, ’92 (Chelsea Grace)

Elizabeth Mettler ’92, ’93, and Matthew J. Coyle ’94 (Caroline Grace)

Melissa Rogew ’92 and Jack B. Holden ’95 (Joshua Andrew)

Adina Leshnower O’Neill ’94 and Mark O’Neill (Jonathan)

Diane Pinto Shaw ’94 and Gregory W. Shaw ’95 (Elizabeth Grace)

Susan Paster Epstein ’95 and Peter M. Epstein ’94 (Brandon Harris)

Alexandra Slater Bertol ’96 and Rob Bertol (Olivia Morgan)

Jodi Doffner Frankel ’96 and Shane Frankel (Ethan Phillip)

Amy Sabo Allen ’97 and Chris Allen (Christopher Joseph, Jr.)

Lindsay R. Farrell and John P. Benesek ’97 (Jordan Charvet)

Valerie and Aaron Wing ’97 (Rhiannon Morgan)

Stefanie Bologna Castellucci ’99 and Louis P. Castellucci ’99 (Aidan Louis)
A Special Night in Honor of Hartt Alumni and Faculty

Faculty and alumni of The Hartt School, including members of the Classes of 1940 through 1988, participated in the annual Alumni Dinner, held on April 6 at The 1877 Club.

Dean Malcolm Morrison presented the Alumnus of the Year Award to pianist Paul Bisaccia, a member of the 1957 Executive Committee, and a student of Samuel Adler and Herbert Solomon.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Dean Morrison presented him with a citation from Connecticut Governor John G. Rowland proclaiming April 6, 2003, as "Paul Bisaccia Day" in the state of Connecticut.

Nancy Compton was presented with the Alfred C. Fuller Award, which celebrates the memory of Hartt’s principal benefactor by honoring a trustee who exemplifies the Fuller spirit through sustained commitment, outstanding service, and valuable contribution to the School. An alumna of Hartford College for Women, Class of 1955, Compton’s love for Hartt dates from her childhood days when she took harp lessons at the School’s Broad Street address in Hartford. She has served as a trustee since 1992 and was a member of the executive committee. As a special tribute to Compton, harpist Haley Hewitt from Hartt’s Community Division performed Berceuse Russe by Marcel Tournier and Rondeau by Marin Marias on the harp that Compton donated to the school in 2001.

Dean Morrison also acknowledged the contributions of Violin Professor Bernard Lurie ‘55, ’57, who is retiring from Hartt this year. Lurie retired from the Hartford Symphony Orchestra in 2001 after playing for more than 50 years, the last 32 as concertmaster.

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spend their spare time skiing in Colorado and scuba diving and fishing in Mexico.

REBECCA FABIANO (A&S, ’91 HILL) of Brooklyn, N.Y., contributed to the book Teacher Training by Dave Pushkin. For the past four years she has directed an after-school program at Martin Luther King, Jr., High School in Manhattan. She has also started her own business called Scramble T’s, Inc., whose motto is “Changing the world one T-shirt at a time,” targeting a percentage of the profits for charitable organizations. Fabiano may be contacted at www.ScrambleTs.com.

MAT SARUAN KADIS (BARNEY) of Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia, is a course coordinator and lecturer in the Police Officers College, Kuala Lumpur.

1994
DANIEL J. O’CONNOR (HARTT) of Southbury, Conn., has completed a Web site where all of his music is available. His Web address is www.mp3.com/danieljamesonline.

MARTA SANTAMARIA-MARIN (ENHP) of Veracruz, Mexico, is director of the Calasanz Institute of Educational Sciences of the Universidad Cístobal Colon.

AARON “A. J.” VITTONE (A&S) of Pittsfield, Mass., is host-anchor of the Cox Cable program “Sports Page Live,” broadcast weekly from the newsroom of the Providence Journal in Providence, R.I. He is also a sports anchor-reporter at WRGB-TV (CBS) in Albany, N.Y. Vittone was one of the founders of the University of Hartford’s Channel 2 News.

1995
CHERYL PARKS CHASE (’99 HCW) of Suffield, Conn., has opened Blue Hydrangea Antiques and Decorative Accessories in Suffield.

DANIEL L. SOLOMON (A&S) of Deerfield Beach, Fla., has written several articles for Muscle & Fitness magazine and was featured commentator for the television broadcast of “Mr. Olympia Live from Las Vegas” and host of “Ms. Fitness Olympia.” Solomon founded the Physique Management Group and developed Pro Muscle Online.

NICHOLAS S. ZAHARIAS (CERT) of Willington, Conn., has been named director of development for the Tilton School in Tilton, N.H. He will oversee all advancement, marketing, and alumni/parent activities for the institution.

1996
ANTONIO DYBOY (BARNEY) of Madrid, Spain, recently left DRM Consulting, where he was a project manager, to work for an organization that helps children in Tibet through education and health projects. His wife works as a translator and language teacher.

ENRIQUE GRAULLERA SANCHO (BARNEY) of Madrid, Spain, is currently employed in a small consulting firm and traveling a great deal. He hopes to meet other UH grads living in the Madrid area.

ELVIRA M. REQUENA-SILLA (BARNEY) of Madrid, Spain, is currently employed as a small consulting firm and traveling a great deal. He hopes to meet other UH grads living in the Madrid area.

1997
JOHN J. ANTHONY III (A&S) of Norwich, Conn., is an application architect at The Hartford. He is also pursuing a Master of Science in Computer
Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. This summer, he is looking forward to competing in his first eco challenge.

JOHN P. BENESEK (A&S) of Franklin, Va., is senior psychologist at Rivers Correctional Institution, a subsidiary of Wackenhut Correctional Corporation.

STACY E. BURNHAM (A&S) of Washington, N.H., is recruitment communications coordinator for the Student Conservation Association, which administers internship opportunities at national parks and other areas around the country. Burnham writes that she still sees her friends from the Class of ’97 twice a year and would love to have classmates e-mail her at StacyBinNH@hotmail.com.

KEITH A. COHEN (A&S) of Bensalem, Pa., had his poetry published in America at the Millennium: Best Poems and Poetry of the 21st Century. The poems were reprinted in a new volume, Barefoot Afternoons, available from the International Library of Poetry or through local bookstores.

JOHN L’ABBATE (A&S) of Oakland Gardens, N.Y., is a paralegal at L’Abbate, Balkan, Colavita and Contini in Garden City, N.Y.

LAUREN BEEBE LYONS (A&S) of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., teaches kindergarten in San Diego.

JOSEPH V. MENDES (ENHP) of Forest Grove, Ore., graduated with honors and received the Outstanding Graduate Award in academics and clinical excellence from Pacific University’s Graduate School of Physician Assistant Studies. Joseph received his master’s degree in physician assistant science, together with the Josiah Hill Memorial Award and Scholarship for diversity in clinical medicine and public health. He is currently employed in the area of head and neck otolaryngology, department of surgery, at Yale–New Haven Hospital, Yale School of Medicine. He hopes that other members of the UH respiratory therapy Class of 1997 are doing well, and he would enjoy hearing updates from them.

CHIP MUZOREWA (BARNEY) of Harare, Zimbabwe, has been elected a board member/secretary of the Rotary Club of Avondale, Harare, Zimbabwe. Muzorewa is working on a project called the Mt. Kilimanjaro–Keyne Project.

SUSAN FERRANCE ORION (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., was named assistant manager of marketing for the University of Iowa’s division of performing arts. She is pursuing her M.B.S. at the university.

1998

JASON C. ASHLEY (HARTT) of Montgomery, Ala., is a strings teacher in the prestigious Booker T. Washington Magnet High School in Montgomery, one of the only magnet schools in Alabama that specializes in the performing arts with an emphasis on integration. Ashley is a member of the Montgomery Symphony along with fellow Hartt alumnus PETER M. ROVIT ’95, both of whom performed in a December 2002 concert that aired on Troy State National Public Radio. The featured soloist at the National Black Democratic Caucus in Montgomery, Ashley also performs with the Mobile Symphony and the Tuscaloosa Symphony. He is preparing for a graduate assistantship in violin performance at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, where he will focus on orchestra audition material.

ERIK W. BOWEN (HILLYER, ’02 A&S) of Hartford, Conn., is the cinema coordinator for Real Art Ways in Hartford.

MARGARET CONWAY-ORGEL (ENHP) of Goose Creek, S.C., is working at the Medical University of South Carolina in the neonatal intensive care unit. She also teaches at the college of

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In Memoriam

Charles E. Benton ’40
January 18, 2003

Gino L. Donato ’41
December 9, 2002

Donald B. Carter, Jr., ’43
December 5, 2002

Lora Francis Mudgett ’43, ’70
February 13, 2003

Albert R. Maule ’44
January 10, 2003

Roger E. Godbeck, Sr., ’47
January 18, 2003

Warren H. Sullivan ’47
January 4, 2003

Anthony J. Arcell ’48, ’60
December 14, 2002

Richard B. Behnek ’48
January 11, 2003

Joseph D. Taverna ’48, ’50
December 20, 2002

Gennaro R. Stabile ’51
November 19, 2002

Frank P. Lombardi, Sr., ’54
December 28, 2002

Lawrence H. Kellum ’56
December 4, 2002

Alvin C. Carter ’57
October 25, 2002

Gertrude L. MacMillan ’57
December 15, 2002

Pasquale F. Nappi ’57
October 4, 2002

Eugene A. Ahlers ’59
December 3, 2002

Robert V. Camarca ’59
January 27, 2003

Romilda DeGangi ’59
February 3, 2003

Fred C. Andrulat ’60
January 18, 2003

Dorothy Sullivan Komolik ’60
February 10, 2003

Vic E. Soudier ’60
October 4, 2002

William R. Myshrall, Jr., ’61
February 3, 2003

John J. Quattropani, Sr., ’62, ’65
February 1, 2003

Arthur L. Reardon ’62
January 11, 2003

K. Richard Jones ’63, ’67
December 11, 2002

Edgar P. Beardsley ’64
November 26, 2002

Catherine Saur Brumbach ’66
December 3, 2002

John P. Pullan ’66
August 29, 2002

Dorothy G. Rapport ’66
January 14, 2003

Elmer Wachholder Robinson ’66, ’73
January 10, 2003

Hugo A. Mortenson ’67
December 27, 2002

Martin P. Innes ’68
January 27, 2003

Carol Arnold Merrick ’68
November 29, 2002

Milton J. Witanok ’68
February 22, 2003

Frank K. Rizza ’69
October 29, 2002

Patricia A. Hoban ’70
January 27, 2003

Lynne Oliver Andrus ’73
January 28, 2003

John R. Coyler, Sr., ’73
February 11, 2003

Evelyn B. Williams ’73
December 5, 2002

Michael J. Valuk ’74
December 4, 2002

Richard M. Gilman ’75
November 12, 2002

Antoinette E. Grenier ’76
December 18, 2002

Darlene L. LaRose ’76
January 18, 2003

Deric E. Downer ’77
December 10, 2002

Paul A. Tooney ’77
January 13, 2003

Andrew L. Maciejewski ’78
December 27, 2002

Mary Beth Geckler ’79
February 18, 2003

Stuart Seid Louis ’80
September 11, 2001

Irene Duval Ploszaj ’81
December 2, 2002

Lenora Margaret Manning ’82
April 28, 1999

Scott C. Ricci ’82
February 16, 2003

William H. Atkinson ’86
December 22, 2002

Peter F. Beneski ’90
December 8, 2002

Nicholas M. Johnson ’90
February 3, 2003

Marion L. Phelps ’90
February 7, 2003
Fee Waivers for Alumni Families

D oes your child or grandchild plan to apply for admission to the University of Hartford? The University is pleased to announce that it will waive the $35 admission application fee for all children and grandchildren of University alumni who apply for admission by Feb. 1, 2004. This new benefit will take effect starting with applicants seeking admission for the fall of 2004.

We are particularly pleased to welcome the children and grandchildren of alumni to the University, and we hope this new benefit will encourage even more to apply.

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nursing at the university.

MARLENE M. FRAY-BONSU (ENHP, ’02 ENHP) of Bloomfield, Conn., has launched a new business enterprise. She is president of Quality Nursing Services LLC. The company is a staffing agency dedicated to providing quality healthcare delivery in local hospitals and nursing homes by aligning healthcare professionals with nursing opportunities.

JENNIFER L. GOLDSCHMIDT (A&S) of Windsor, Conn., graduated from Quinnipiac University with a physician’s assistant degree and has begun her new career working as a physician’s assistant degree and Quinnipiac University with a physician’s assistant degree. She has moved to Connecticut from her previous home in New York City, where she worked as a research assistant at New York University School of Medicine.

RUSSEL A. SHANNON (ENG) of Princeton, N.J., has completed his Ph.D. at Oxford University in England. His thesis title is “Ultrasound to Assess Lipid Content in Salmon Muscle.” He attended Oxford on a University of Hartford Martin Scholarship in 1998 and may be reached at russ@ieee.org.

1999

JARON R. BROWN (BARNEY) of Shaker Heights, Ohio, has joined Coffe, Haller & Oriswold LLP as an attorney concentrating in general corporate law. As an associate with the firm, he provides counsel to privately and publicly held companies on a variety of business and legal matters.

CHARLES M. DEMUYNCK (HARTT) of Ontario, Canada, recently conducted the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra in Magale Recital Hall on the Northwestern State University campus. The program included Harold Faberman’s The Great American Cowboy Suite, Camille Saint-Saens’s Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso and Johannes Brahms’s Symphony No. 1.

PAULA A. FONTANA KING (HARTT, ’01 A&S) of Newington, Conn., is marketing and public relations coordinator for Liquid Plastics, Inc., in Middletown, Conn.

REBECCA F. GANCI (HCW) of Plainville, Conn., wrote “Introduction to Medicare Appeals” for the October-November 2002 issue of the National Paralegal Reporter. She is a registered paralegal with the Center for Medicare Advocacy in Willimantic, Conn., and serves as secretary of the Central Connecticut Paralegal Association.

DAVID A. MILLER (BARNEY) of Fort Lee, N.J., is assistant vice president of treasury and bank management at UBS PaineWebber.

EARL C. SNYDER III (A&S) of Plainville, Conn., was picked up by the Boston Red Sox and assigned to its minor-league camp. He previously was with the Cleveland Indians organization.

2000

DAHLIA N. BAHIA (BARNEY, ’03 BARNEY) of Newport Coast, Calif., was featured in the April 13, 2003, edition of The Orange County Register. She recently responded to the Iraqi National Congress call for Iraqi-Americans to come forward and volunteer to help rebuild their country. She also wrote to the U.S. State Department to offer her bilingual skills to be used in any way it sees fit. Bahia’s parents left Baghdad for London when she was 4 and came to the United States when she was 7. Returning to Iraq is “like a calling,” she says. “This is the time to give if you can.” She recently started a job as a staffing consultant for a Newport Beach, Calif., accounting firm, but, she says, “I am one of the few people who are able to drop everything and go.”

ANNE CAMPBELL-MAXWELL (BARNEY) of Manchester, Conn., has been named director of medical specialties for Fallon Clinic. She previously served as president and chief executive officer of the Harold Leever Regional Cancer Center in Waterbury, Conn.

MATTHEW P. ERIKSON (HARTT) of Bloomfield, Conn., is a music and arts reporter for The Hartford Courant.

HEIDI M. LARKIN (BARNEY) of Manchester, Conn., has joined The Office Works, Inc., in Plainville, Conn., as a sales consultant. The Office Works represents Toshiba digital laser copiers, printers, high-speed scanning, document management systems, and facsimiles. You may contact her at hlarkin@theofficeworks-inc.com.

DERRICK P. MILLER (HARTT) of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has accepted a position as the tenor soloist with Calvin Presbyterian Church Choir in Toronto. Miller, who teaches voice, has also been offered the role of Herman in the musical Sweet Charity with the Curtain Call Players.

RYAN P. O’ROURKE (HAS) of West Hartford, Conn., has work included in American Illustration 21, published by Harper Design International, and Illustrators 41, published by the Society of Illustrators. He won first prize in the recent “Of Art and People Show” at the Huntington House in Windsor, Conn. In addition, O’Rourke does freelance artwork for magazines and newspapers and murals for Centre Coffee House in Windsor.

ANGELA M. PARISI (A&S) of East Patchogue, N.Y., earned a master’s degree in special education from Dowling College. She is a third- and fourth-grade special education teacher in Brookhaven, New York.

LAURA J. SCALLI (ENHP) of New Windsor, N.Y., has been a special education teacher in Connecticut for the past three years and has also started a work-at-home business based in the wellness industry.

DAVID L. THATCHER (HAS) of Westfield, Mass., has been elected president of the Springfield (Mass.) Art League for 2003. Thatcher has his studio in Mill Park, a former Civil War-era factory in Springfield.

DIANE E. ZEISS (ENHP) of West Islip, N.Y., graduated from
West Point and the CIA

Join University of Hartford alumni Oct. 2 on a day-trip from Hartford to Hyde Park, N.Y., for tours of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and West Point Military Academy. The day will include round-trip transportation from the University of Hartford campus, a tour of the Culinary Institute, a three-course lunch at the Escoffier restaurant, and a tour of historic West Point Academy. Cost is $60 per person. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 1.888.UH ALUMS or chapters@hartford.edu.

2001

AMANDA H. BOEHEIMER (HARTT) of Hollywood, Calif., has begun studies at Southwestern University School of Law. She received the Paul W. Wildman Scholarship offered by the university to entering students who have demonstrated exceptional academic promise.

SANDY A. DESILVA (A&S) of Warwick, Bermuda, has earned her Master of Arts and is currently completing her doctorate in clinical psychology.

BETSY A. FROEBEL (BARNEY) of Rocky Hill, Conn., was awarded the First-Year Top Achiever award from American Express Financial Advisors for 2002. She ranked number 40 in the nation out of 2,500 first-year advisors, earning her national recognition from her company.

BRYAN A. GIANSANTI (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., currently employed by Columbia Artists Management, Inc., has been selected as a board member of One Year Lease, a New York theater company dedicated to working with classic texts.

STEWARD L. MADER (A&S) of Manchester, Conn., addressed the Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch of the Sons of the American Revolution in Canton, Conn., on the topic “Benjamin Silliman’s Philosophical Cabinet Meets the 21st Century: Technological Advances in the Teaching of Chemistry.” Silliman, a 19th-century Yale University professor, was the holder of America’s first professorship in science. Mader is an assistant instructor in chemistry at the University of Hartford.

LENORE C. MORROW (A&S) of Kingston, N.Y., is employed by the advertising and marketing agency Keiler & Company of Farmington, Conn., as assistant account manager to support client Lockheed Martin. Morrow will assist in the systems integration and technology services divisions.

KAZUNORI NINOMIYA (BARNEY) of Tokyo, Japan, is employed by Optrex, as a business planner/sales in the TFT display division. Optrex’s strongest product area is the manufacture of speedometers. Eighty percent of the cars in the world have Optrex’s display systems in their automobiles.

JESPER P. STJERNFALT (BARNEY, ’02 BARNEY) of Indianapolis, Ind., has relocated to the Carrier Corporation/ North American Residential Headquarters in Indianapolis.

APARNA VASUDEVAN (BARNEY) of West New York, N.Y., is employed by Brooks Brothers as a merchandise planner.

2002

GABRIEL M. DEUTSCH (HILLIER, A&S) of Chicago, Ill., is currently working for a Jewish youth organization in Chicago.

ROBERT I. GELB (HAS) of Enfield, Conn., is employed by LEGO Direct as an associated designer.

KRISTIN M. KACMARGIK (HILLIER) of Suffield, Conn., has joined the United States Navy. She will be stationed in Japan for the next three years and is planning a career in the navy in the medical field.


LAIN J. QUINN (HARRIT) of Hartford, Conn., directed the New England Course for girls and adults of the Royal School of Church Music, based at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Conn., and the Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford, Conn. He is pursuing graduate studies as a full scholarship student at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. Chandos Records released his recording of Russian organ music, recorded at Winchester Cathedral in England. The release includes several unpublished works.

TIMOTHY E. ROBINSON (A&S) of Dallas, Pa., is a news producer for “28 News” at WBBR-TV 28 (NBC) in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pa. He produces the 5 p.m. weekday and weekend morning newscasts.

DORI ANN ROGERS (ENHP) of Prospect, Conn., is education coordinator for Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services in Westport, Conn. Her latest article—“Look Mom, I’m in...”
The measure of his success at the Hartford Art School is underscored by his bold and imaginative senior art project—what he refers to as “activist” art. Titled Crimes Against Culture, the project is a powerful ad campaign that brings to dramatic light the systematic destruction of monasteries in Zdravkovic’s homeland.

Though he hopes to remain in the United States for a year or two to gain practical experience, the young Serbian plans to return home eventually and use his design skills to help his country. “Design is a tool for propaganda throughout the world,” he explains. “For the last several years my country has been portrayed very negatively in the media. I would like to use design to help change that.”

Zdravkovic foresees his life’s mission as creating graphics campaigns for social-service and human-rights projects, and he may have his first opportunity to tackle just such a project this summer. Ovation Advertising, where he will intern, has already tapped him to be part of a creative team to design an ad campaign aimed at increasing awareness of the refugees from war-torn Kosovo.

With design as his first love, Zdravkovic has danced his last dance with tennis. But what a dance it has been. A Hawks tennis team superstar, he was named Most Outstanding Player of the America East championships two years in a row. He is a three-time All-America East selection and was the first rookie tennis player to be named America East Scholar-Athlete, an honor he repeated.

His shaky start notwithstanding, Zdravkovic advocates study at an American university—at least, this one—to his fellow Europeans. “The universities are more organized [in the United States] than they are in Europe. The classes here are small. The teachers get to know you personally. They become your friends. This doesn’t happen in Europe. You just have to remember to be open-minded and try everything. Home will always be home, but if you make the most out of where you are, you will really learn a lot.”

Judie Jacobson is an adjunct professor in the University’s School of Communication.

Board of Regents Changes University Spending Policy

The Board of Regents of the University of Hartford has adjusted the spending rate for endowed funds from 5 percent to 4 percent, effective July 1, 2003. The Board of Finance Committee and its Investment Committee review the spending policy every two years or sooner and make recommendations to the full board concerning the spending rate.

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