1950
LEO VARASCONI (BARNEY) of New Britain, Conn., celebrated 50 years in the investment business in June 2000. Varasconi, senior vice president with Advest, Inc., was featured recently in a New Britain Herald story detailing his career.

1961
JOYCE C. ROSEN (HCW) of Mission Viejo, Calif., after a lifetime in the Hartford area, has moved to “a free-standing home, not assisted living,” in a Mission Viejo senior community. She writes that “one has to be 55 years or older, an easy requirement for me to meet.”

1962
JOHN BRUNO (HARTT, MEd ’68) of Windsor, Conn., retired from his teaching position as band director at East Granby High School in June 2000 after 38 years with the district.

1965
ANNAMARIE LAVIERI (HCW) of Kingston, Wash., has retired after 33 years as a teacher and school librarian. She writes that HCW “with its strong liberal arts component and talented faculty, taught me how to think and prepared me well for further education. I recall being lucky enough to study with the truly gifted Oliver Butterworth [and] having modern dance class with Trudy Kashmann right there in the main lounge of Butterworth Hall.”

1966
JOHN T. DILLON (BARNEY) of Greenwich, Conn., has been appointed to the board of directors of International Paper Company. Dillon has been with the Purchase, N.Y.-based company for over 30 years, including three years as chairman and chief executive officer. Last year, President Bill Clinton named Dillon to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

WILLIAM E. SITTARD (HARTT) of Chicopee, Mass., is an enlisted bandleader with the 94th Army Band, of which he has been a member since 1977. The band, formed in 1947, is composed of 41 soldiers/musicians in six ensembles that perform in public concerts and parades throughout New England, including a July performance at the Manchester (Conn.) Band Shell. Sittard teaches instrumental music in Chicopee.

1968
ROBERT KOZACZKA (ENHP, MEd ’72, 6th Year, ’77) of Somers, Conn., has accepted the position of superintendent of schools for the East Granby (Conn.) school district. Kozaczka has been principal of Middletown (Conn.) High School since 1991 and was previously assistant principal of Granby High School.

1969
DAN RILEY (ENHP) of Vista, Calif., had his first play, Spinelli, produced this fall at the Long Beach Playhouse. In an unprecedented choice as a second project, Riley’s pointed satire was selected for full production for the New Works Festival. The play, a world premier, presents Adam and Eve as plaintiffs who accuse God of entrapment in the Garden of Good and Evil. Represented by attorneys Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, Adam and Eve appear before Judge Barbara Jordan.

MICHAEL F. WIRZ (ENG) of New Freedom, Penn., is vice president of MyParentsCare.org, a nonprofit, nationwide vehicle-monitoring service. The organization is designed to foster responsible driving by teens, reinforce parental authority, and promote better communications between teens and parents. Wirz writes that the program is “currently looking for corporate sponsors to provide grant money to help us gain a presence in every one of the 26,511 high schools in the United States.” For further information, see <www.MyParentsCare.org>.

1970
GWYNETH WALKER (HARTT, MMus, DMA ’77) of Braintree, Vt., has received Vermont’s Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement. She is the composer of a new CD, Scattering Dark and Light, a set of three song cycles and four arias, released recently with ESTRID EKLOF (HARTT ’71, MMus). Eklof has won a faculty competition for a grant from Central Connecticut State University for this project.

1972
ROBERT A. ARZT (A&S) of Rockville, Md., was recently appointed senior vice president and chief operating officer of LUTC, Inc., an independent nonprofit and sales skills training organization for life insurance and other financial providers worldwide. Arzt will assume responsibility for customer service, information systems, and association marketing, and will continue to as vice president of education.

DENNIS PILLION (A&S) of Birmingham, Ala., has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Medical College of Georgia School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Pillion is professor of pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Alabama (UAB) at Birmingham. He is a scientist for the UAB Centers for Cystic Fibrosis Research, Vision Science Research, and Aging, and has received numerous teaching and research awards at UAB, including the 1999 Presidential Teaching Award as the outstanding teacher of the year.

1973
SANTA IMZARRY HERMAN (HCW) of Bolton, Conn., recently received a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction, specializing in bilingual and bicultural studies. She is a bilingual teacher in the Hartford school system.

1974
RICHARD M. DiBELLIS (ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., has been appointed principal of the Ruth L. Chaffee School, Newington, Conn., beginning with the 2000–01 school year. DiBellis has been principal of the Hopewell School in Glastonbury and, prior to that, vice principal in Simsbury, where he taught for over 16 years.

1975
ALFRED MADDALENA (ENHP, 6th Year) of Niantic, Conn., was elected supreme counselor, or international president, of the Order of United Commercial Travelers of America at the order’s international convention, held recently in Washington, D.C.
No Time for Restlessness

by Michelle Godin '00

Nancy Tucker’s boundless energy and ambition have made it difficult to pinpoint just exactly what she does. Maybe the question should be what, if anything, doesn’t Nancy Tucker do? Since graduating from the University in 1976 with a dual major in fine arts and biology, Tucker has forged an eclectic career that defies categorization. She is an accomplished singer-songwriter, acoustic guitarist, comedian, actor, children’s performer, prop designer, and one-woman show.

Tucker has written and performed three children’s shows, a one-woman show for adults, custom comedy shows for corporate banquets, and family shows, as well as performing at instrumental venues for a total of some 150 shows a year. Her shows are a potpourri of original material, including funny songs, serious songs, comedy, character sketches, and musical compositions designed for audiences ages 5 to 90.

Tucker’s own love of music began at age five when she watched her idol, Victor Borge, perform on TV. She knew then that she wanted to be a performer. “[Borge] plays with words the way that I do,” she said. During the 1960s, Tucker taught herself to play the guitar by listening to folk music on the radio.

In her 23-year career in the entertainment industry, Tucker has produced numerous recordings, most recently children’s CDs, instrumental CDs, and children’s songs for CD-ROM. In 1996, she received the award for Outstanding Achievement as a Performing Singer-songwriter by the Connecticut Songwriters Association. In 1980, she was named the association’s Connecticut Songwriter of the Year.

Tucker’s wide range of interests led her to the University of Hartford. The University’s diverse selection of programs and its contract major option allowed her to orchestrate a degree in both art and biology. While on campus, she performed several times at the coffeehouse and took part in outdoor performances. In addition to earning her degree in the fields of art and biology, she was motivated by her friends at The Hartt School to continue her musical performances.

Through the late Elisabeth Swain, who was professor of biology and chair of the department, Tucker got her first job teaching at the University. Swain came to all of Tucker’s shows and was the inspiration for many of her songs and acts.

These days, Tucker is leaning more toward writing than performing. She has just completed writing her second one-woman show and is working on a series of stories and memories in which Swain will make an appearance. The Hartt alum is also writing songs for other people to perform.

Tucker continues to steer her career in new and unusual directions. She is currently working on structural changes to a guitar that she intends to patent. She likes to take things apart, see how they work, and get them to work better, she says.

As if this weren’t enough to keep her occupied for several lifetimes, she also has received certification as a veterinary technician and now takes in and cares for needy animals.

One reward of having a range of talents is that Tucker never does any one thing long enough to become restless, according to E. Kyle Minor in a recent feature article on Tucker in The New York Times.

Michelle Godin is a graduate intern in the University’s Office of Communications
tion technology. Tylak was previously regional information officer for RJR Nabisco in southern Europe and northern Africa.

1978
EDWARD D. PARADISE (ENG) of Chapel Hill, N.C., was recently named vice president and general manager of Cisco System’s new service provider, technology and mobile wireless unit, TMBU. He had been with IBM for 15 years prior to his new appointment.

JAMES VANCE (BARNEY, MSPA) of Coventry, Conn., who has served as chief financial officer of the Connecticut Lottery Corp. since 1999, was named acting president in June.

1979
MARK I. BRODIE (A&S) of New York, N.Y., has joined BVE Productions, Inc., of New York as partner and director of production. Brodie has been an Emmy Award–winning news and documentary editor at CBS News for 16 years, most notably with “60 Minutes” and “48 Hours.” BVE Productions is a multimedia communications and production company serving clients globally.

DAVID NORD (BARNEY) of Newtown, Conn., was named vice president, controller for United Technologies Corp. (UTC) in October. He reports to David FitzPatrick, the corporation’s chief financial officer. Nord joined UTC in 1996 as assistant controller and has been acting controller since November 1999.

ALI RYERSON (HARTT) of Brookfield, Conn., is continuing the musical partnership with Joe Beck that began in 1996 by playing the flute and Beck on guitar.

1980
CHARLES FRAGO (BARNEY) of Cromwell, Conn., has been named to the board of governors of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) for the 2000–01 activity year. Frago is tax managing director with the Hartford office of KPMG, LLP, and has served the CPA society in a number of positions, including president.

PAULINE HYLA (HARTT) of Haddam, Conn., has been named account supervisor–marketing director of Cronin & Co., Inc., Glastonbury, Conn.

1981
CHRISTOPHER BEGGS (ART) of Bronxville, N.Y., has been appointed national showroom sales manager of Duralee Fabrics of New York, N.Y., an interior design business.

FRANK D’AMBROSIO (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., will star in Barry Manilow’s Copacabana, launched this summer in Pittsburgh and scheduled for a two-week run at the Shubert Performing Arts Center in New Haven, Conn., December 5 through 17. The show is also scheduled to play at The Bushnell in Hartford in May 2001. D’Ambrosio, a frequent performer in the Hartford area, starred on Broadway and toured in The Phantom of the Opera.

JIM GARRETTSON (BARNEY) of Monmouth Junction, N.J., has joined Cidera, described as an “Internet broadcast backbone,” as senior vice president of U.S. sales. Cidera is an international leader in the satellite delivery of broadband content to the edge of the Internet. Garrettson recently served as president of Teleglobe Business Solutions and has had 15 years’ experience in sales management.

1982
NEWTON BUCKNER (BARNEY, MBA) of Unionville, Conn., has been elected secretary of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) for the 2000–01 activity year. Buckner is a principal with the Hartford firm of Whittlesey & Hadley P.C. and has served on a number of the CSCPA’s committees.

KATHLEEN CARTER (BARNEY, MBA) of West Hartford, Conn., has been named assistant principal of Plainville High School. She has had 17 years of business experience with Hartford insurance companies and has been a math teacher in West Hartford.

LAURA SHIFRIN FELDMAN (HARTT) of Pembroke Pines, Fla., sang the national anthem before the April 21 game between the Florida Marlins and the Philadelphia Phillies. Feldman, who was selected by the Marlins after a series of auditions, said that singing the national anthem to a crowd of close to 20,000 was the fulfillment of a dream.

Attention, Boston and New York–Area Alumni

The Boston and New York Alumni chapters are planning career networking events for January and March, respectively. Recent graduates and members of the Class of 2001 will be invited to attend. The chapters are looking for alumni in the following fields: technology, dot.com start-ups, education, health professions, marketing, communications, finance, and accounting. If you have expertise in these fields or any other, please contact Kelly Heaney at <chapters@mail.hartford.edu> for additional information.

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The Miracle of the Myrrh

Marci Alborghetti, a 1982 Arts and Sciences graduate of the University and a nationally published writer, is the author of a new book for children, published just in advance of the Christmas season. The Miracle of the Myrrh extends the story of Simon, the Little Drummer Boy who led the Wise Men to Bethlehem, and creates a new myth about the fate of the gold, frankincense, and myrrh presented to the infant Jesus.

Written in a style suggestive of the oral tradition, the story is illustrated by Hervé Blondon, winner of a gold medal from Society of Illustrators for his work in The New York Times Magazine and illustrator of a number of French and American children’s books.

Alborghetti operates her own writing business in Stonington, Conn., and writes for a variety of journals. When she was a child, her family celebrated Christmas from the first week of December through Three Kings Day, and she wondered what had happened to the gifts brought by the Three Kings. The Miracle of the Myrrh, published by Winslow Press, is her creative answer to the question she posed as a child.

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JOSEPH ZABOROWSKI (A&S) of Meriden, Conn., is now affiliated with Maier Real Estate as a sales associate specializing in residential listings.

1983
DEBORAH COLAGIURI ANDERSON (HARTT) of Bridgewater, N.J., has been named executive assistant for the New Violin Family Association Inc. The organization promotes the use of the violin octet, created by Carleen Hutchins, consisting of a series of eight instruments of the violin family that are crafted by applying a consistent theory of acoustics for each member. Anderson writes that the violin octet “has provided a balanced family of violin instruments for the first time—a concept that has been desired and attempted for 400 years.” Anderson also works as an independent consultant and is youth music director at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Bridgewater, where she resides with her husband, Vincent, and three daughters.

1984
GEORGE HENRIQUES (WARD) of Shrewsbury, Mass., has joined J. A. Webster, Inc., as chief information officer and will be based in Sterling, Mass. <ghenriques@netzero.net>. Webster is an animal health and pharmaceutical wholesaler with offices in seven states.

1985
ALBAN LALOUM (BARNEY) of Chicago, Ill., has a new position as senior vice president and client executive practice leader for Marsh USA Inc.’s Virginia operations. Laloum has held a similar position for the Marsh Midwest region, based in Chicago, for four years. He was previously with Gras Savoye in Paris, France.

1987
JOSEPH DIAMOND (HARTT) of Liberty, N.Y., has signed an agreement with “Sex and the City” and National Public Radio’s “Morning Edition” for the use of his music. He also has an agreement with License-Music.com under which his debut CD, Not Your Typical New Yorker, will be listed in its catalog. LicenseMusic.com is the leading Web destination for film, TV, advertising, and interactive media professionals looking for a track to fit specific productions and budgets. All 11 songs from the CD, independently released on Diamond’s own Basileus label, will be listed in the catalog.

CHRISTOPHER PERKINS (A&S) of Granby, Conn., edited a sports segment on the University of Connecticut’s Ray Allen, for which WFSB-TV Channel 3, received an award at the New England regional Emmy Awards ceremony in May.

1988
MARILYN BARNES (HARTT, MMus) of Santa Fe, N.M., is director of the Zia Singers, a women’s choir, and performs with the Santa Fe Symphony Chorus and New Mexico Pro Coro. Recently, she performed in a cabaret showcase of George Gershwin’s music presented by Theaterwork Studio of Santa Fe.

JACQUELINE BIRMINGHAM (ENHP) of Suffield, Conn., was named Distinguished Case Manager of the Year by the Case Management Society at its annual meeting in Tampa, Fla. Birmingham has been active in nursing for 40 years, has written eight books and contributed to seven others, and has written numerous articles on health-care issues. She has worked in hospitals as a public health nurse and clinical nurse specialist, and in staff development, discharge planning, and case management.
the bank’s information systems department since 1998. SSB, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bancorp Connecticut Inc., provides business, consumer, and money-management services to the greater Southington and Wallingford region.

DAVID MARKS (BARNEY) of South Salem, N.Y., has been promoted to vice president of Albert B. Ashforth Inc., Management Services in Stamford. He will be responsible for overseeing the higher-level operation of a 15-building portfolio in Westchester County.

1988

JIM KLAUCK (BARNEY) of East Greenwich, R.I., writes that he and his wife, Robin, whom he married in 1998, are expecting their first child in January. This past May he accepted the position of regional vice president of sales for NutraMax, a health and beauty care manufacturer based in Gloucester, Mass.

DAVID C. ROBINSON (BARNEY) of Simsbury, Conn., has rejoined Chubb Executive Risk (CBER) as general counsel. During a recent 10-month absence from the company, Robinson was law clerk to U.S. District Judge Stefan R. Underhill, with whom he had previously practiced law at Day Berry & Howard in Hartford. As general counsel, Robinson will advise senior management, oversee underwriting, and support new-product development, marketing communications, and risk management.

PATRICIA ROSOFF (ART, MAEd) of West Hartford, Conn., who is a painter and art critic, created this year’s poster and announcement card for Miracles 2000, a silent auction and art exhibition held during August and September at the 100 Pearl Gallery in Hartford. Rosoff’s card and poster featured a brilliant color abstraction. Proceeds of Miracles 2000, presented by Paesaggio Gallery and St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, benefit comprehensive breast health services offered by the hospital.

1989

JOLIE ROCHE BROWN (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., has won the Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competition for the Northeast District and will be performing at Carnegie Hall in December. Brown sings with the Connecticut Opera and Bella Voce, a Hartford-based ensemble of African-American singers. She is a primary-level teacher at the Montessori Magnet School in Hartford and holds an M.A. in early childhood education from Loyola University.

DONNA FRUSTERE (ART, MAEd) of Avon, Conn., exhibited her art recently at The Bushnell and participated in a number of shows, including Connecticut Women Artists and Canton Artists’ Guild. She is a workshop facilitator for art education in Wallingford and teaches photography and printmaking at the Kingwood Oxford upper school.

ANDREW J. GOLDBERG (A&S) of New York, N.Y., well-known as VH1 veteran and on-air personality A. J. Hammer, was signed on by Centerseat.com to host promotional and music programming for the entertainment and information megasite, beginning last April. Centerseat’s programming is displayed on jumbo screens in the Mills Mills and seen by over 162 million people per year. Hammer will be the on-air talent and will host select music programs. “As my career has taken me from radio to cable to network TV, the Internet is the next logical step,” he said, “and the perfect complement to my continuing work in broadcasting.”

SHARON REILLY (HCW) of Windsor, Conn., has published in two periodicals recently. Her article about midwives appeared in The Door Opener, Connecticut’s holistic health magazine, and her book review of Michael Odent’s The Scientification of Love was printed in CPM News, a national quarterly. Reilly expects two articles about birth to be published in the near future.

1990

FREDERIC JOUSSETT DROUHIN (BARNEY, MBA ’91) of Beaune, France, visited Hartford while conducting wine tastings in the eastern United States for Maison Drouhin, of which he is general manager. Drouhin has overall responsibility for viticulture, winemaking, commerce, general management, and finance for the company and its subsidiaries. Drouhin was a dinner guest of Charles Canedy, associate professor of marketing, with whom he had studied product innovation and development at the University. Seven Maison Drouhin wines were served. Drouhin and his wife, Claude, have two children, Romane, born in 1998, and Gabriel, born in 1999. Drouhin may be contacted at <driuhin@calva.net>.

KAREN PELLINO PAQUETTE (HARTT, MMus ’92) of Suffern, N.Y., is a tenured fourth-grade teacher, and her husband, Russ, is vice president of Sentinel Real Estate Corp., headquartered in New York City.

DAVID YEAGLEY (HARTT, Cert.) of Oklahoma City, Okla., holds a D.M.A. in piano and composition from the University of Arizona and master’s degrees from Yale University and Emory University. Last November, he completed a lecture tour in Iran, speaking at the University of Tehran and the University of Mashad (or Ferdowsi University) on the subjects of American literature, society, and politics. At the Third Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies in May in Washington, D.C., Yeagley, who is published regularly in Persian Heritage magazine, presented a paper titled “Zoroaster and the Jews.” He may be contacted at <badeagle2000@yahoo.com>.

1991

JANET M. WEST (BARNEY) of Glastonbury, Conn., has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) board of governors. West is a manager of accounting policy and controls with Aetna U.S. Healthcare in Middletown and has served the CSCPA as a member and chair of a number of committees.

Attention, Moms and Dads

Are you tired of receiving your son’s or daughter’s Observer? Contact the Alumni Office at 1-888-UH-ALUMS with your alum’s new address, and we will send a copy to the correct address.
Congratulations

Best wishes to our alumni and their spouses on recent nuptials
Elise Matsushima and James A. Foschia ’84
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Jody Sherer ’91 and Steven Fortgang ’89 (Evan Zachary)
Lisa Sokolowski ’91 and Donnie Sokolowski (Camryn Rachel)
Lori Cohen ’92 and Michael Arda (Alyssa Marie)
Gwen and Jeffrey Crystal ’92 (Hailey Crystal)
Laura Socci ’92 and David Fern (Timothy Philip)
Michelle and Charles Ward ’92 (Marissa Joy)
Rivkah Eidex ’00 (Aharon Tzvi)

1992
GORDON JONES (HARTT) of Bristol, Conn., has been named to the cast of a Southbury production of *Hooray for Hollywood*. Jones, a tenor and guitar player, has toured extensively in Europe and performs regularly throughout the New York–New Jersey area.

The Observer wishes to share in the excitement of your life changes and celebrations. We look forward to receiving those important announcements in writing from you after they have happened. We list only weddings and births, not engagements or pregnancies.

WENDY LEMKE (A&S) of Westfield, N.J., was one of five individuals honored at the annual meeting of the Chemical Industry Council of New Jersey. She received this year’s Communications Committee Merit Award for outstanding contributions and service to the organization. Lemke works in public affairs for Infineum, formerly Exxon Chemical Company, a joint venture of ExxonMobil and Shell. Classmates may contact her at <wendylemke@yahoo.com>.

LISA LYONS (A&S) of San Francisco, Calif., has accepted a position as assistant director of the Koret/Hebrew Free Loan Teen Fellowship Program. Lyons has been involved with a local Jewish federation and looks forward to working in the nonprofit world. She encourages classmates to email her at <ldlyons@aol.com>.

SHARON MEYERS (HARTT) of Los Angeles, Calif., and her husband, Nate Rotmensz, honeymooned in London and Amsterdam during May. She writes that she is "pursuing an acting career, and Nate is a writer and producer.”

SIDNEY MURRAY (A&S) of North Dartmouth, Mass., has received his Juris Doctor from Southern New England School of law in North Dartmouth and was recognized for his service as president of the Black Law Students for two years.

VISHNU “VISH” NARAYNE (A&S) of East Hartford, Conn., joined Vin Baker Enterprises last summer, where he is "wearing a lot of hats," he commented. "Security plays a part, but I also work with sponsors. I plug a lot of holes." Although knee injuries devastated Vish’s college basketball career at the University, he and Vin became and remain close friends. “Before, the moons weren't really aligned and now they are,” Naraine said. “I guess you could say I’m a professional hat wearer. First and foremost right now, my obligation is to Vin Baker.” Baker, ’93, four-time NBA All-Star, was a member of the U.S. men’s Olympic basketball team in the Sydney, Australia, games this summer.

LINDA ZAMPINI TOMAIUOLO (ENHP, MS) of Glastonbury, Conn., formerly of Portland, was recognized as the Homes Teacher of the Year 2000 at the annual New Britain, Conn. Board of Education Recognition Night in May. Tomaiulo is a second-grade teacher in New Britain.

1994
JEANNE IOVINO (ENHP) of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., welcomed a number of University alumni to her wedding in August to SETH JACOBS, ’94. Attending were LAUREN LESHER TUCHMAN ’93 and MICHAEL TUCHMAN ’92, DANA MELTZER ’93, KELLY SZELKA ’93, ERICA MILLER CLARK ’93 and GREG CLARK ’95, LISA BIBEAU ’94, PETER EPSTEIN ’94, GARY MORSE ’94, GAYLE VERNE BLOCK ’95 and JOSH BLOCK ’95, SUSAN PASTER ’95, ALISHA RAPPAPORT ’95, and KRISTEN SCHNEIDER ’96.

ANDREA RIDLON (A&S) and STEPHEN JARMIE (A&S) of Rumford, R.I., welcomed the following alumni to their June wedding: LEIGH MEDEIROS ’94, JENNI FERNEY ’94, and AARON VITONE ’94. Ridlon is intake coordinator at St. Mary’s Home for Children, an outpatient facility for children who are victims of sexual abuse or who are offenders. Jarmie is technical director of Channel 10, NBC News, in Rhode Island.
1995
DAVID CORDANI (BARNEY, MBA) of East Hartford, Conn., who currently serves as CIGNA HealthCarer's southeast geographic market leader, has been named vice president of corporate accounting and planning. Cordani is a certified public accountant and has worked at CIGNA since 1991.

JOSEPH TIMM (BARNEY) of Harwinton, Conn., has been promoted to vice president of sales for Alife USA. Before joining Artificial Life, Inc., Timm was regional manager for I-sales for Alife USA. Before joining Artificial Conn., has been promoted to vice president of a consulting firm as a certified public accountant. She is a paranormal psychologist and professional music director, and in other area churches.

Boynton Beach, Fla., where her husband is pastor of the Westside Baptist Church in North Palm Beach, Fla., is singing with the Palm Beach Opera and participates in the Opera’s workshop program. Ashley sings regularly with the Westside Baptist Church in Boynton Beach, Fla., where her husband is music director, and in other area churches.

1998
ASBJORN FINSNES (BARNEY) of New York, N.Y., is director of business development for Maritime Direct, a comprehensive online information site and future e-commerce marketplace for the maritime shipping industry. Before joining Maritime Direct, Finsnes was managing partner of Agences Maritimes Pomme, headquartered in Marseilles, France.

DAVID GOLDBERG (BARNEY) recently of Dallas, Tex., has been accepted into the 2000–01 Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, designed to enhance foreign language education in Japan. Goldberg has been assigned to teach English conversation in junior high and select elementary schools in Miyagi Prefecture, Shiogama, a small coastal city on the main island of Honshu. His decision to leave Streetball Partners International was a difficult one because he was scheduled to become an events manager. “However,” he writes, “I have always had a desire to live and work internationally,” and “I feel that this is the ideal time to go.”

CRI ANN MARINO (ENHP, 6th Year Cert.) of Glastonbury, Conn., has been named principal of Griswold Middle School in Rocky Hill, Conn. Marino, a native of Rocky Hill, has been serving as assistant principal.

SHARON REIS (A&S, MA) of Alexandria, Va., was selected as one of the “15 to Watch” by the publication PR News this year.

CRAIG STEVENSON (ENHP) of East Hartford, Conn., has been named manager of economic development services for the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), a private, nonprofit corporation. Stevenson, chairman of the East Hartford Economic Development Commission, will be responsible for developing a municipal partnership program and linking local economic development organizations to CERC’s business services.

1999
CHARLES DEMUYNCK (HARTT, DMA) of Toronto, Ont., has recently become visiting assistant professor and director of orchestra activities at the University of Evansville, Ind. In addition, Demuynck has been serving as assistant principal.

MICHAEL GABIGA (ENG) of San Antonio, Tex., has completed aviation preflight indoctrination (API) and primary naval flight officer (NFO) training. Gabiga is an ensign stationed at Randolph Airforce Base, where, he writes, “I am currently six months away from earning my wings as a panel navigator.”

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MARY GAETA (ENHP) of Floral Park, N.Y., recently started a new job at the New England Center for Children, working with children who have intensive special needs. Previously, she was a preschool teacher in Belmont, Mass. Gaeta plans to begin studying for her master’s degree in intensive special needs this fall.

FRANK KNIPPENBERG (BARNEY) of East Sandwich, Mass., has announced the start-up of his advertising company, FHK Marketing. The company will offer innovative programs and low unit costs to Cape Cod businesses, with concentration on food and beverage establishments.

KRISTIN KOBLECT (ENHP, MSN) of Vernon, Conn., has joined Windham Community Memorial Hospital as clinical educator, surgical services. In addition to direct patient care, Koblect’s responsibilities include staff orientation, continuing education for current staff, and development of family and patient informational materials on surgical services.

STEPHEN KRASNER (A&S) of Rockville, Md., was accepted into the Peace Corps in September and writes that he will be leaving on Feb. 20, 2001, for 27 months in Ecuador. Among Krasner’s projected activities are improvement of farm management, agricultural marketing, soil and water conservation, and agroforestry. He may be contacted at <sakrasner@aol.com>.

IRENEUSZ LACKI (HARTT) of Port Chester, N.Y., is employed by the business affairs department of Zomba Recording Corporation, where his responsibilities include mechanical licenses and copyright credits.

MARTIN K. STINE (BARNEY, MST) of Enfield, Conn., has been appointed division controller, business unit, for Hyson Products, a division of Associated Spring, Barnes Group, Inc. In this position, Stine will be responsible for all financial activities of the business unit’s U.S. operations. He joined Associated Spring in 1995 as financial analyst and since 1999 has been manager of shared resources.

CHARLES A. TEALE (BARNEY, MPA) has been named chief of the Hartford (Conn.) Fire Department. A native of Hartford, Teale rose through the ranks and recently served as acting chief. According to The Hartford Courant, Teale is a “hometown hero” whom city and community officials know and trust to bring “stability and pride to the department.”

RIVKAH EIDEX (A&S, PsyD) of Atlanta, Ga., works in a private practice of psychologists.

STACI LABREQUE (ENHP) of Bristol, Conn., has her first full-time job at Arrow Drug in New Britain as a pharmacy technician.

NICHOLAS OLIVER (A&S) of East Providence, R.I., is employed by the American Heart Association as Rhode Island director of advocacy.

**Correction**
The Harold C. Schonberg quotation in the Fall 2000 Observer alumni profile, describing Paul Bisaccia ’78 as “the greatest living Chopinist,” was actually referring to Artur Rubinstein. The Observer regrets the error and thanks Paul for being gracious (and honest) enough to let us know!

Bob Manning ’70 presented a slide lecture on Stonehenge in November at the Hartford Art School. A painter and printmaker, Manning has made the Neolithic monuments of Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Brittany the focus of his art and study. Now retired and living in Vermont, he was chairman of the fine arts department at Manchester (Conn.) Community College for 25 years. The lecture was in conjunction with Manning’s two-person exhibition, with Michael Cipriano, at 100 Pearl Gallery in Hartford. Director and curator of 100 Pearl Gallery is Janice La Motta ’78. La Motta is also co-owner of Paesaggio Gallery in West Hartford.

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SEAN BURTON (HARTT) of Easton, Conn., is director of choral and orchestral activities at Weston High School in Fairfield County, Conn., where his responsibilities include directing five choirs and the orchestra and teaching music theory classes. He is also music director and conductor of the Concordia Chorale, the resident community choir of the Connecticut Conservatory of the Arts in New Milford, Conn.
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2001 AWARDS

The Awards Committee of the Alumni Association seeks nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus/a Award and the Distinguished Service Award to be given in 2001.

**Distinguished Alumnus/a Award**
This award is presented to an alumnus/a who has demonstrated excellence in his or her professional endeavors, as well as in personal and civic involvement. Achievements in these areas, which bring pride to the University, are the primary consideration.

**Distinguished Service Award Description**
The award for Distinguished Service is presented to an alumnus/a who has provided exemplary service to the University community, usually for an extended period of time. Community service and professional accomplishments are considered. University of Hartford faculty and staff members who are alumni are also eligible.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3, 2000
Fall Commencement, Lincoln Theater and Konover Campus Center; presentation of an Alumni Association Award; graduate reception

Saturday, January 6, 2001
Alumni Council Meeting
If you are interested in becoming a member of the Alumni Council, please contact the Alumni Office.

Wednesday, January 10, 2001
Making Connections, Boston Alumni, Union Club, Boston, Mass.

Sunday, January 14, 2001
Greater New York Chapter alumni event at the UofH women’s basketball game vs. Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y.

Saturday, January 20, 2001
Greater Boston Alumni Chapter event at the UofH men’s basketball game vs. Northeastern, Boston, Mass.

Sunday, January 21, 2001
Greater Hartford Alumni Chapter and the UofH Sports Center present Alumni Health and Fitness Day. Use the Sports Center facilities for the day and see a women’s basketball game vs. Boston University. Registration required.

Saturday, January 27, 2001
Greater Hartford Alumni Chapter and the UofH Sports Center present Alumni Health and Fitness Day. Use the Sports Center facilities for the day and see a men’s basketball game vs. Vermont. Registration required.

Friday, February 9, 2001
Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter event at the men’s basketball game vs. Drexel

Saturday, February 10, 2001
Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter event at the Riverfront Arts Center, Wilmington, Del.; Fabergé Egg Exhibition. Tickets at a special alumni rate.

Sunday, February 11, 2001
Greater New York Alumni Chapter event at the UofH men’s basketball game at Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y.

Saturday, February 17, 2001
Greater Boston Alumni Chapter event at the UofH women’s basketball game vs. Northeastern, Boston, Mass.

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