Dear Fellow Alumni,

As the newly elected president of the University of Hartford Alumni Association, allow me to introduce myself to all of you—the more than 70,000 alumni of the university.

My name is Bob Feld. During my undergraduate days, I was a member of Theta Chi fraternity, managing editor of The Informer, a member of the Hawks baseball team, and I participated in a number of other university activities. In addition, I have been a member of the Alumni Council for the past four years. That experience has, I believe, prepared me to build upon the great work done by my predecessors in this office. It is my goal to give voice to the thoughts and concerns of all alumni, both across the country and around the world.

Let me say from the outset how impressed I have been with the dedication of the entire university community—deans, professors, staff, and regents alike. Their commitment, along with President Walter Harrison’s, has helped the university make great strides in many areas. There is an enormous transformation occurring at the university these days, and the Alumni Council and I encourage you to feel very proud of our alma mater.

For those of you who have not returned to campus recently, I highly recommend a visit. The K–5 University of Hartford Magnet School is beautiful and has established itself as a great learning center in the Hartford area. The Integrated Science, Engineering, and Technology building will be opening for fall 2005. You can check out its progress by clicking “ISET” on the university’s home page at www.hartford.edu. Watch the 90-second video that shows four months of construction, or click on the live Web cam and find out what’s happening today. You’ll also find a wealth of information on the site about lectures, concerts, exhibits, and other campus activities.

In an effort to open the lines of communication, the Office of Alumni Relations has set up an e-mail address for me, alumprez@hartford.edu, so that you can convey your thoughts and ideas to me quickly and conveniently. I’m looking forward to hearing from each of you!

In closing, I want to convey my belief that we as alumni should support the University of Hartford’s Campaign of Commitment. The campaign seeks to expand the university’s physical plant, support faculty teaching and research endeavors, create new educational opportunities for its students, and continue the university’s commitment to the Hartford community. I encourage all of you to do your part to make our university the best that it can be.

Sincerely,

Bob Feld

Bob Feld ’69, ’72 (Barney)
President, Alumni Association
the 77-acre Strawberry Park in Preston, Conn., which has received a five-star Michelin RV rating from Wheeler’s Campground Guide.

1968
ROGER J. LEARDI, JR. (ENG), of New Britain, Conn., after many years in engineering at large corporations, has decided to do something entirely different. He is making ice cream. Leardi and his business, The Creamery, were featured in a New Britain Herald article, “Ice cream maven sets up shop in Plainville.” Leardi invites all alumni to stop by The Creamery at 161 Woodford Avenue in Plainville, Conn., to try some of his gourmet ice cream. Leardi hosted a political ice-cream social at The Creamery for Rep. ELIZABETH BOUKUS ’70 (ENHP) in her bid for reelection to office, which she handily won.

BETTE HANSON SILVER (HARTT) of Northport, N.Y., fulfilled one of her dreams by singing the national anthem before a New York Mets game at Shea Stadium in September 2004. Silver is a former University of Hartford homecoming queen.

1969
ALLEN JAY ADAMS (BARNEY) of Dresden, Maine, was honored by the Cecilia Club in Augusta at its annual scholarship tea in October. For 19 years Adams has focused on preserving and advancing the history of Old Fort Western, for nine years as curator of collections and education, and since 1995, as director and curator of the historic landmark. Old Fort Western, built in 1754, is located on the Kennebec River.

JAMES S. COHEN (A&S, ’71 ENHP) of Ellington, Conn., has been in practice since 1983 as a vocational rehabilitation expert. His expertise is in Social Security matters, determination of employability, and earning capacity under workers’ compensation, personal injury, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and wrongful termination.

1970
ELIZABETH C. BOUKUS (ENHP) of Plainville, Conn., has been reelected to a fifth term as state representative from the Connecticut House 22nd District.

GEORGE M. KURATITS (ENG) of Mountain View, Calif., is facilities coordinator for Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in Menlo Park, Calif., a complex funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and managed by Stanford University as a separate physics department.

1971
GORDON M. COBURN (A&S) of Santa Barbara, Calif., appears in William Sloane Coffin Jr.: A Holy Impatience (Yale University Press, 2004), a biography of the magnetic and outspoken Yale University chaplain, written by Warren Goldstein, chair of the history department at the University of Hartford. Inspired by Coffin’s speech at an anti-Vietnam War rally in New Haven, and risking his father’s anger and the government’s reclassification, Coburn turned in his draft card while a student at the university.

The experience changed the course of his life, as he chose a “different route, a road dictated by conscience, by a sense of ministry,” writes Goldstein. Coburn is now a licensed marriage and family therapist in Santa Barbara.

JOAN C. CURTISS (HARTT) of Glastonbury, Conn., offers instruction in flute, voice, and piano at the Curtiss Music Studio in East Glastonbury. Curtiss is the founder and music director of the Howlin’ Winds Flute Choir of Maine, a group that commissions new music for the flute. She has performed with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, the Hartford Chamber Orchestra, and the Simsbury Light Opera in Connecticut.

SHARON JONES HUXLEY (A&S, ’76 BARNEY) of Bethany, Conn., president of the faculty senate at Post University (formerly Teikyo Post) in Waterbury, Conn., addressed incoming students as the keynote speaker for the school’s convocation at the start of the fall semester. Huxley is a professor of accounting at Post.

DIANE M. STUART (ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., first made the decision to enter a triathlon in 1985 at age 50. Now, at 70, she is planning one last trip to Hawaii to enter the famous Ironman competition. Stuart was highlighted in the “Neighbors” section of West Hartford Life.

1972
EDWARD E. WRIGHT (HARTT) of Rowayton, Conn., who performs on the classical guitar, was joined for the first time by his older son, Ben, in a concert at the Summer Arts Festival, sponsored by the Rowayton Civic Association. Wright teaches guitar at studios in Rowayton and Greenwich. His CDs include The Mirror Rejoices, Cornerstones, and Christmas on Guitar.

1973
RICHARD L. DOBMEIER, JR. (ENG), of Wethersfield, Conn., is celebrating his 24th year as owner of Christensen’s Frame & Art in Wethersfield, Conn.

JAMES G. MISENTI (ENHP) of Portland, Conn., has been appointed director of the Middletown adult education program, a regional program administered by the city’s school board in cooperation with other area boards of education. The program serves approximately 7,000 students per year from Rocky Hill and most of Middlesex County.

DENNIS PINETTE (HAS) of Belfast, Maine, recently displayed his marine paintings at Rockland’s Caleb Beck Gallery. Pinette’s work is in the collections of the Farnsworth and Portland museums; the University of Maine at Machias; and Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby colleges.

1974
DOUGLAS E. WORTHEN (HARTT) of Durham, N.H., piccolo player with the Nashua Symphony Orchestra, has been awarded an individual artist fellowship by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, the first such fellowship awarded to a piccolo player. This recognition is in conjunction with the National Association of Symphonic Musicians, which recently presented the American Walnut Piccolo, the first such instrument produced, to the Nashua Symphony Orchestra for performance use. The instrument is the only one of its kind in the world and is built to the specifications of Worthen, who plays it with the Nashua Symphony and the New Hampshire Opera Group. The instrument is a collaboration between Worthen and the instrument maker John Hermann of North Carolina.

2005 Honorees Announced for Athletics Hall of Fame
The 2005 Alumni Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Saturday, April 30, at The 1877 Club on campus.

The 2005 inductees are


Arthur “Al” Curry ’65 Wrestling (1963–65)

Robert J. Foley ’69 Basketball (1965–68)

Kathy Franklin Women’s Volleyball Coach (1986–98)

Nancy Kramarz Rohman ’93 Women’s Soccer (1989–92)

Pat Sheehan ’92 Men’s Golf (1987–91)


A team recognition award will be presented to the 1992 Women’s Soccer Team. The A. Peter LoMaglio Award will go to Peter Veru ’85, and the Pioneer Award to former coach Annette Fortune (1977–84). The Vincent Brown Coffin Award will be presented to David Schupp ’63.

For more information on the event, please contact Associate Athletics Director Jim Keener at 860.768.5063.
Congratulations!
Best wishes to our alumni and their spouses on recent nuptials

Jeanette Stevens Gregory ’64 and Frank R. Tomlinson
Pamela J. Lees ’84 and James D. Hill
Betsy D. Grossman ’89 and Steven I. Robinson
Elizabeth G. Hiltz and Kevin R. Thomas ’89
Jacqueline A. Conroy and Sean M. O’Donnell ’89, ’92
Karen Marie Terwilliger and Kevin E. Giglio ’93
Amy E. Ekross ’93 and Brad Quigley
Shawna Casey ’94 and Aaron P. DeMeyer
Debra J. Frenchman ’94 and Scott Kissel
Angela L. Cobane ’95 and Keith M. Varriale
Alicia A. Goodson and Robert H. Monnes ’95
Kelly S. Seaman ’96 and Robert J. Cushing ’97
Jodie Lazzak and Joshua S. Glazer ’98
Alexandra Y. Marino ’98 and Lee Scott Hadden
Kristine M. Hewitt ’99 and Jesse N. Arvidson
Seri Miller and Joseph T. Ranno ’99
Julia C. Tither ’99 and George D. Junkins
Elizabeth A. Annunziata and John Wyskiel ’99
Shannon M. Salyards and Sean M. Burton ’00
Leah M. Cerceno ’00 and Apul V. Mosquera ’99
Estee N. Dezertov ’00 and Mark Gurwitz
Carle L. Gilchrist ’00 and 1st Class Petty Officer Joseph Michael
Laurie Marcella ’00, ’03, and Alex N. Buyinski ’00
Victoria A. Smith ’00 and David Johnson
Lorraine H. Trusch ’00 and John Lombard
Erie E. Worcester ’00 and Ronald R. Bausum
Deborah E. Cantor ’01 and Scott A. Goldstein ’00
Jessica Mayernick and Jared L. Fercier ’01
Marlena L. Mal ’01 and Jeffrey M. Minkos
Larysa C. Panchyschny ’01 and Jeremy D. Lutin ’02
Heather Y. Wood ’01 and Daniel M. Baldassi ’00
Amy Beth Luntta and Brian A. Worsham ’01
Lynee L. Zangara ’01 and Ismael P. Espino ’00
Amanda E. Abrams ’02 and Michael R. Staiti
Siobhan K. Lawlor ’02 and Patrick J. Sullivan
Marissa L. Spinale ’02, ’00, and Daniel Katz

And to our alumni parents
Lili and Peter A. Bianchi ’87 (Quincy Freiman)
Hilary Kaplan and Andrew J. Kaplan ’89 (Sarah Jill)
Randi Krouk Leopold ’89, ’91, and Bryan S. Leopold ’88, ’90 (Justin Alexander)
Shahna M. Richman ’89, ’91, and Brent Potter (Li YunDi)
Jodi Cohen Fink ’90 and Gregory Fink (Gavan Adam)
Kathleen Ledbetter Heinemann ’91 and Jonathan Heinemann (Jocelyn Annette)
Marjorie Cohen Linefksy ’91 and Jack Linefksy (Nathanial Aaron)
Robin Miller Braver ’92 and Richard Braver (Russell Myles)
Wendy Falchak ’93 and Matthew B. Sarrett ’95 (Cailley Margaret)
Alice Valle Florez ’93 and Michael J. Florez ’95 (Leanna Nicole)
Lauren Feldman Gavigan ’93 and Brian Gavigan (Michael Samuel)
Tina Costa Macca ’93 and Christopher Macca (Riley Christopher)
Megan Bashford ’94 and Jay Van Aken (Payton Campbell)
Gail Bell Gordon ’95 and Todd E. Gordon ’95 (Lance Benjamin)
Kimberly Ruland ’95 and Nils Norgren (Christopher Benjamin)
Jennifer Rouillard Mercer ’96 and Clint Mercer (Jackson Paul)
Kathryn Brosnan Zwokel ’97 and Jason Zwokel (Koraleena Kathryn)
Danielle Levatino MacKenzie ’98 and Steven MacKenzie (Brady Steven)
Jaime and Douglas C. Robertson ’98 (Kent)

the Arts. The fellowship, presented this year to six New Hampshire artists chosen from a field of 110 applicants, is awarded annually for artistic excellence and professional commitment as judged by peers in each artist’s field.

1975

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

PATRICIA YOSHA (A&S) of Exeter, N.H. (formerly of Bloomfield, Conn.), has been named chair of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women. This state agency has a legislative mandate designed to address issues of discrimination and to enhance opportunities to make positive changes for women in New Hampshire. Yosha was appointed to the commission by former Gov. Jean Shaheen and made chair by former Gov. Craig Benson. She has also served on the Sexual Harassment Task Force, the Legislative Committee, and the Public Relations Committee of the commission.

1976
BARRY D. FRIEDMAN (’73 WARD; A&S, ENG) of Dahlonega, Ga., was elected to a four-year term on the national executive council of Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science honor society. Friedman is coordinator of the Master of Public Administration program at North Georgia College and State University (NGCSU) and professor of political science in NGCSU’s Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

SCOTT J. KALUCKI (BARNEY, ’78 BARNEY) of North Adams, Mass., has been appointed vice president of student affairs at Southern New Hampshire University.

RICHARD E. NEAL (BARNEY) of Springfield, Mass., was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts.
1977
JAMES E. FRAZIER (HARTT) of Minneapolis, Minn., has a forthcoming biography of the composer and organist Maurice Durufle, to be published by the University of Rochester Press in conjunction with the Eastman School of Music. The work is titled Maurice Durufle: His Life and Times, with a “Commentary on the Requiem.” A resident of Minneapolis since 1984, Frazier was a Fullbright Scholar to France in 1975–76. In 1993 he performed the complete organ works of Maurice Durufle in two coaching sessions in Paris with Durufle’s wife, the late Marie-Madeleine Durufle, also a virtuosic organist. Frazier is director of music and organist at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minn.

FRANCIS A. FROBEL (BARNEY) of Coventry, Conn., town manager of Coventry for the past 18 years, was profiled in a recent issue of the Coventry Courier.

DAVID L. KATZ (HARTT; ’84, ’89 HARTT) of Danbury, Conn., the founder and artistic director of Hat City Music Theater, has announced an expansion of the board of directors for his company. To the members from Danbury, the board has added members from Redding, Stamford, Brewster, and Roxbury. The mayor of Danbury has asked Katz to head a task force to plan a performing arts center for Greater Danbury and to find a permanent home for his professional music, theater, and opera company. Katz also conducted a cast of five young professional singing actors, a local chorus of Gingerbread Children, and the newly named Candlewood Chamber Symphony in a fully staged English-language production of Hansel and Gretel.

LINANNE D. LEE (HCW) of Essex, Conn., executive director of the Old Saybrook (Conn.) chamber of commerce, was featured in the Essex Main Street News in an article titled “Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce Gets Energy Boost.”

1978
JANET L. ABEL (ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., was named production manager by Mintz & Hoke. She is responsible for managing, buying, and producing all print materials, advertising, specialty products, direct mail, and trade show displays for clients.

THOMAS J. HERLIHY (ENHP) of Westport, Conn., was reelected as state senator from Connecticut’s 8th Senate District.

DAVID W. REYNOLDS (A&S, ’79 BARNEY) of Torrington, Conn., has been named legislative liaison for the Connecticut Catholic Conference. His job is to promote the agenda of the conference, the public-policy arm of the state’s Catholic bishops at the capitol. Reynolds’s position entails tracking legislative issues of interest, testifying on and researching bills, and discussing the Catholic Church’s views on public policies with legislators.

JAN C. SHAMES (HARTT) of East Haven, Conn., has been named director of the Branford Chorale. Shames, who is a teacher at the Baldwin Middle School in Guilford, is responsible for directing several choral groups. He has also been invited to direct the Southern Connecticut Middle School Chorus and is a former director of the Shoreline Chorale.

1979
DEBRA HEROUX ADAMCZYK (ENHP, ’87 ENHP) of Somers, Conn., has made the transition from principal of Somers Elementary School to principal of the Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School in Mansfield.

ELAINE BAKER D’ANGELO (HARTT) of Plymouth, Mass., who teaches music in the Stoughton Public Schools, is a member of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and the Marion Concert Band.

MARVIN KELLY (BARNEY) of Austin, Texas, executive director of the Austin-based Texas Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association, is promoting a program at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin to attract more African American and Hispanic professionals to the insurance industry. The insurance-based curriculum is designed to start the process of remedying the past lack of diversity programs.

1980
JEFF R. CROITHERS (ENHP) of Winsted, Conn., has been named Counselor of the Year by the Connecticut Community College Counselors Association. Crothers is a career and placement officer at Northwestern Community College in Winsted.

ANNE LILLIS (ENHP) of New Milford, Conn., was honored by New Milford Hospital during Emergency Room Nurses Week. Lillis has worked at New Milford Hospital for 38 years, 25 of which as nursing director in the emergency department.

PAUL R. MAZZACARO (BARNEY) of Windsor, Conn., has been named town manager of Hebron, Conn. Mazzacaro was previously project manager for Wallingford, Conn., and had been city manager in Old Town, Maine.

MARKHAM F. ROLLINS III (BARNEY) of Bedford, N.Y., is co-chairman and CEO of The Rollins Agency, Inc., and head of the

**Corrections**

Racquel Brown ’05 and Alana Hughes ’05 were photographed attending the August 2004 Hartford Scholars reception at The 1877 Club. The Observer regrets that their names were listed incorrectly in the Fall 2004 issue.

The following names should have appeared as indicated in the university’s 2004 Annual and Campaign Report:

- Deborah K. Baker ’03 Arts & Sciences, Provost’s Society
- Rhoda and David T. Chase ’48 (Hon. ’98), Benefactors’ Society
- Patricia A. Cremins, Century Club
- Loren F. Ferguson ’02 Hillyer, ’04 Arts & Sciences; Senior Signatures
- Hon. Barbara Hackman Franklin (Hon. ’94) and Wallace Barnes (Hon. ’88), Founders’ Society
- Carol and Mark A. Gantner ’73 Barney School of Business, Provost’s Society
- Irving Gilston, Regents’ Society
- Phyllis S. ’65 and Leonard E. Greenberg, President’s Society
- Susan Scherer, Deans’ Society—Faculty and Staff
- Dr. Catherine B. and Keith A. Stevenson, Deans’ Society

The Development Office apologizes for the errors that occurred. The University of Hartford is grateful to these donors for their generous support.
Alumni Gather in Connecticut and Florida with President Harrison

Top photo: University regent Nicholas Galluccio ’72 and his wife, Teresa, welcomed more than 50 alumni and friends to a reception at their home in Greenwich, Conn., on Nov. 19. Among those attending were (left to right) Bob Feld ’69, ’72; Chris Donavan ’99; Linda Cavanaugh ’72; Hannah McLennan of the Office of Development; and Jim Cavanaugh ’68, ’80. President Walter Harrison greeted the guests, who were also treated to a performance by the Miami String Quartet, The Hartt School’s quartet-in-residence.

Center photo: More than 50 Florida alumni and their friends joined President Harrison (far right) at a reception hosted by regent Linda Silpe ’65 and her husband, Donald, in Manalapan, Fla., on Jan. 13.

Bottom photo: The Four Seasons Hotel in Miami was the site of a reception hosted by regent Richard J. Cardin ’62. A number of alumni attended, including Steve Macchiarolo ’03 (in white shirt), shown chatting with graduate student regent Ken Kulas ’04 (left) and President Harrison. Accompanying the president at all three receptions was S. Edward Weinswig, professor emeritus of educational foundations.

company’s commercial insurance group. Rollins has responsibility for the company’s 75 largest clients, as well as the training and sales management of the entire commercial lines support staff and sales team.

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emergency medical technician. He was recently elected president and CEO of the fire department, which provides the town with round-the-clock ambulance, rescue, and firefighting services.

ALAN S. WILSON (BARNEY) of Suffield, Conn., formerly director of development of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, has been appointed director of development for Green Chimneys Children’s Services, a 166-acre residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed and learning-disabled children and young adults in Brewster, N.Y.

1983

MICHELLE McCOY-BOUDREAU (HARTT) of Monson, Mass., has been appointed vice principal of the Southwick-Tolland regional school district.

SARAH W. WINTER (HAS) of Bolton, Conn., is currently working in multimedia using acrylics, oil crayon, and paper on canvas. She recently displayed her work at Vanilla Bean in Pomfret, Conn.

1984

SAADI ABASS BABELY (HAS) of Hartford, Conn., is the subject of Expressions Beyond Time: The Art of Saadi Abbas Babely, a book by Michael Delucia. Babely is a graduate of the College of Fine Arts in Baghdad. He has worked as a set designer for an Iraqi television station, has taught art at the University of Baghdad, and is the former general-secretary of Iraqi arts.

LORIANA DECRESCENZO (HARTT) of North Kingston, R.I., has been appointed executive director of Opera Providence. She will lead the company in its new strategic plans and oversee the artistic season. DeCrescenzo also will direct OPERAUnity education and outreach programming.

CORNELIUS “NEIL” MOYLAN (BARNEY) of Conway, N.H., has been named career and technical director for the vocational center of Kennett High School in Conway. Moylan’s peers had previously selected him to receive New Hampshire’s Administrator of the Year award for excellence in education, career and technical.

SERENALDA R. PLESENT (ENHP) of East Hartford, Conn., has been appointed a teacher of Spanish at East Catholic High School in Manchester, Conn.

ANTHONY J. RONCAOLI (BARNEY) of Suffield, Conn., has joined Windsor Federal Savings as vice president and business development officer.

1985

LINDA VINCENT BIGGS (HARTT) of Branford, Conn., has completed her master’s degree program in music education at Central Connecticut State University. Her research topic was “The Effect of Music on Preschool Children with Regard to Recent Brain Research.” A music teacher in the North Branford school system for the past 10 years, Biggs has served as vice president and president of the New Haven chapter of the Connecticut State Music Teachers Association.


WILLIAM J. MURPHY (A&S) of West Warwick, R.I., was reelected to the Rhode Island State House of Representatives.

1986

LOUEDA A. BLEILER (HARTT) of Odessa, N.Y., has joined the alternative Central New York Charter School for Math and Science as a vocal music teacher. She is the organist at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Catharine, N.Y., and has served as the director of music for the Odessa Baptist Church.

 CRAIG A. GOLDEN (BARNEY) of Winchester, Va., was the subject of an article in the Winchester Star titled “Illness Won’t Keep Player off the Court—Kidney Recipient Excels in Transplant Olympic Games.” Golden, who received a kidney transplant 20 years ago, joined Team Virginia two years ago to compete in the National Kidney Foundation-sponsored Transplant Games. Golden’s team won the bronze medal and in the 2004 Transplant Games, held in Minnesota in July, brought home a gold medal.

BARBARA LUSSIER (HAS) of Putnam, Conn., teaches classes in plein-air painting at the Lyme Art Association, where she paints in the tradition of the Hudson River School and the Lyme Art Colony painters.

KENNETH S. MASON (HAS) of Simsbury, Conn., was appointed to a newly established position, director of marketing, for the Westminster School in Simsbury.

DARIUS MEHRI (HILLYER) of Jersey City, N.J., has written Notes From Under the Hood, a book that combines his experiences as an engineer with those of his journeys to Japan. After receiving his B.S. degree from the University of Rochester, Mehri traveled to Japan under an internship program. He came back to the University of Wisconsin for a master’s degree in mechanical engineering and then returned to Japan to work for Toyota. While in Japan, he kept a journal, out of which his book took shape. Publication is scheduled for fall 2005.

ELLARI M. MIRABEL (HARTT) of Delray Beach, Fla., is the cantor for the High Holy Days at Havurah Shalom in Boynton Beach, Fla. Classmates may reach Mirabel at emirabel@aol.com.

WAYNE B. STRAUSS (BARNEY) of New York, N.Y., has retired as president and CIO of Creative Intelligence, Inc., an artificial-intelligence software company specializing in spoken language and human emotions. Strauss’s 35-year career in information technology has taken him to Texas, Oklahoma, Connecticut, Arizona, California, and finally back to New York, where it all started. He and his wife, Patti, who met as competitors in ballroom dancing, have two daughters and three grandchildren.

1987

ROBERT P. BEECKMAN (BARNEY) of Woodstock, Conn., was recently promoted to commercial loan officer at the Putnam Savings Bank.

HENRY CHURCH (HARTT) of Watertown, Conn., performed classical guitar pieces in a concert to benefit the Women’s Center of Greater Danbury. Church performs with the Waterbury Symphony and is an active guitar and piano teacher in Litchfield County.
Behrens cites examples ranging from Houston Rockets center Dikembe Mutombo, who helped build a hospital in the Congo, to Hartford’s own Vin Baker ’93, currently also with the Houston Rockets, whose Stand Tall Foundation focuses on improving the lives of young people throughout Connecticut. Elton Brand, of the Los Angeles Clippers, opened a reading/learning center in his hometown of Peekskill, N.Y., this past summer, and all-star David Robinson, of the San Antonio Spurs, founded a charter school in his team’s city.

WNBA players also give of their time to help others, as such as the millions of dollars the players and teams have raised in support of breast cancer research and education. Behrens says there’s not enough attention given to their efforts as players and as role models for young girls.

About her days at the University of Hartford, Behrens says she has fond memories.

“The two people who had the most impact on my Hartford experience were Dr. Ed Weinswig and Coach Roger Wickman—they were incredibly supportive, never let me get away with anything, and encouraged me at all times,” she says.

A special education major, Behrens played basketball and tennis, and was president of the Student Government Association. She says it was not just what she learned in the classroom, but outside of it, that helped prepare her for her future career.

“Through athletics and the student association, I had a chance to broaden my circle of friends; expand my relationships with teachers, administrators, and coaches; and challenge myself in different ways,” she said.

Following graduation, Behrens worked at the United Way of New York City as a fundraiser and went on to serve eight years in the administration of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo. In 1995 she was named executive director of New York Cares, a nonprofit organization that mobilizes volunteers to help the city’s neediest residents, and worked there until joining the NBA.

Behrens currently lives in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., with her husband, Gerry O’Reilly, and says she still makes it back to campus once or twice a year to cheer on the Hawks. She’s involved in the university’s Home Field Advantage athletics campaign, a $10 million fundraising campaign to support construction of new athletic facilities on campus.

“I think it’s something that all alumni who participated in athletics, even intramurals, should do,” she says. “Everyone knows that our facilities need to be upgraded, and I hope people will support the campaign to do that.”

Behrens says she’s grateful for the $25,000 from the basketball fundraiser and the visibility that appearing on The Apprentice brought to the NBA. But she has no plans to leave her day job.

Oh, by the way, Kelly got the job with Trump.
tion as director of enrichment activities for the classical magnet school in Hartford. Frustere is a founding and exhibiting member of The Printmakers Network of Southern New England and exhibited recently at The Brickbottom Gallery in Sommersville, Mass. She will exhibit this year at the Mercy Gallery at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn.

RANDALL A. SHOOP (BARNEY) of Rocky Hill, Conn., has been promoted to vice president and treasurer of Northeast Utilities.

GIOVANNI L. ZAUNER (BARNEY) of Bollengo, Italy, writes that after graduation he was employed at Becton, Dickinson, and Company, first as a sales representative in Italy and later in other positions at the company. Today, Zauner is general manager of a high-tech medical company, Sorin LifeWatch, in Italy. He reports that his University of Hartford education gave him a competitive advantage in his profession, and he hopes that his children will follow in his footsteps at the University of Hartford.

1990

MICHAEL T. EMMETT (ENHP) of East Hampton, Conn., has been named principal of West Middle School, Hartford.

ANNE GANEM DeMICHAEL (HARTT) of Torrington, Conn., was recently featured in a Hartford Courant article. While watching the GMAC Futures golf classic at Blue Fox Run Golf Course in Avon, she was spotted by Courant columnist Owen Canfield, who recognized her from her singing of “The Star-Spangled Banner” at UH basketball games and Hartford Whalers games. DeMichael teaches chorus and music at Fisher Middle School in Terryville, Conn., and sings at venues throughout the state.

JOSE F. SILVERIO (ENG) of Danbury, Conn., joined IBM as a logical designer for an advanced I/O processor project in 1990. In 1996 he joined an advanced I/O connectivity hardware verification team and in the same year received an IBM team award for his work on the S/390 G3 fast internal bus design. He is currently a senior engineer and received an IBM invention achievement award for his work on the STI switch chip for the z990 eServer. He has also received IBM outstanding technical achievement awards for his design verification work on the STI-to-PCI bridge chip for the S.390 G4 (1999), Multiprise 3000 (2000), and z900 eServer (2001) projects.

1991

LISA HOUSE DiBACCIO (A&S) of Avon, Conn., co-owner of Williams and House, a strategic marketing firm, has worked pro bono for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization for the past three years.

DEBIAK (ENHP) of Mount Kisco, N.Y., has been appointed cardiovascular service line executive at Danbury (Conn.) Hospital. Daglio will provide administrative leadership and support for the development of programs addressing heart disease. His focus is on implementing the certificate of need recently granted to Danbury Hospital by the Connecticut Office of Health Care Access. This certification enables the hospital to establish a program in western Connecticut for angioplasty and open-heart surgery.

MICHAEL W. DEBIAK (ENG) of Jackson, N.J., has been pursuing photography as a career since graduation. Debiak has a Web site, www.brieyeschrome.com, and he has established himself as a fine-art photographer with local galleries in New Jersey. He currently has permanent displays in two antique and fine-art galleries. He has begun selling his work at juried art shows throughout the New York area. Debiak has also been promoted to associate principle of DMJM+HARRIS, part of a consortium of companies known as AECOM, which is one of the largest architecture/engineering firms in the United States.

SUSAN J. DWYER (HAS) of East Greenwich, R.I., has been written up in the Block Island Times. The article, “A Wall Is Her Canvas,” portrays Dwyer as an artist specializing in murals. Her work enlivens the walls of venues in Texas, Florida, and Vermont, but her summer home has always been Block Island. Dwyer’s latest contribution to Block Island’s “walls of fame” is a mural featured in the dining room of Payne’s Harbor View Inn. You can check out her Web site at www.paintedcolonial.com.

KATHLEEN LEDBETTER HEINEMANN (A&S) of Whitehouse Station, N.J., appear on Discovery Health Channel’s Make Room for Baby. The reality TV series involves making over a room in the prospective parents’ home as the baby’s nursery and filming the birth. Heinemann would like to know if anyone saw JARROD MOSES ’91 (BARNEY) on The Apprentice.

1992

FALILOU DIOKHANE (BARNEY) of Dakar, Senegal, is employed at Colgate Palmolive in Senegal as a supply chain manager.

LISA A. NEWTON (ENHP, ’94 ENHP) of East Haddam, Conn., has been named director of education at the William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, Conn., a position that includes overseeing in-house education of nurses and community education events.

THEODORE F. ROGERS (A&S) of Bristol, Conn., recently passed the National Registry exams to become a certified paramedic. Rogers completed a year of study, including more than 500 hours in the clinical setting. He responds to calls with Windsor Ambulance in Windsor, Conn., and is a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross in Farmington, Conn. Rogers also freelances in television as a graphic operator.

1993

KRISTA A. BILLARD (HAS) of Amston, Conn., has joined the Carsons Company/GMAC Realty in Marlborough, Conn.

ELLEN B. BULLINGER (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., performed back-to-back nights with the Ocean City Pops Orchestra at the Ocean City Music Pier. Bullinger performs in many New York City hotspots with The Smooth Spot Jazz Trio, which has also performed in Switzerland and at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia. She appeared in the comedy Lend Me a Tenor at the Women’s Project Theater in New York.

ANNE M. MARCHETTI (BARNEY) of Shelton, Conn., has been appointed practice leader, governance and risk management, in the Chicago, Ill., office of Parson Consulting, a leading financial management consulting firm, and national practice leader for Parson’s Sarbanes-Oxley compliance initiatives. Marchetti has more than 15 years of finance and accounting experience in private industry and public accounting.

1994

PETER T. CHURCH (A&S, ’96 A&S) of West Simsbury, Conn., has joined IPD in the position of director, human resources, for the product management and distribution client groups of IPD at The Hartford Financial Services Group.

SHAWNA CASEY DeMEYER (A&S) of Monterey, Calif., is a speech instructor at Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif.
A nationally recognized expert in human sexuality was honored at the university’s 43rd Annual Alumni Awards ceremony on Feb. 5, along with the founding director of the Museum of American Political Life. In addition, the university presented a posthumous degree to the family of the late Barbara Klemmer, who served as director of alumni relations until her death last June.

Dr. Barbara Bartlik ’77 was presented with the Distinguished Alumna Award. Bartlik earned a B.S. from the university in both biology and chemistry, summa cum laude, and went on to become a widely recognized authority on women’s health issues.

While pursuing an M.D. at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, Bartlik became interested in studying human sexuality. She is an assistant professor of psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College and an assistant attending psychiatrist at New York Presbyterian Hospital, where she teaches in the departments of psychiatry and obstetrics and gynecology. She is also a consultant at the Iris Cantor Women’s Health Center.

Professor Emeritus Edmund Sullivan, founding director and curator of the university’s Museum of American Political Life, received a Special Recognition Award. Sullivan, a former elementary and secondary school teacher and administrator, joined the university in 1968 to teach in what is now the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions. He also served as executor and archivist for the prestigious J. Doyle DeWitt collection, which was willed to the university in 1972 by the former president and chairman of Travelers Insurance Companies. Sullivan helped establish the Museum of American Political Life to display that collection, and he became its founding director and curator in 1985. The collection, now housed in the archives of Mortensen Library, is considered one of the most comprehensive and distinguished of its kind.

The awards ceremony included a poignant tribute to the late Barbara Klemmer, director of alumni relations from 1996 until her death in June 2004, at the age of 39. Klemmer was known for her deep dedication to the university and her warm and vivacious personality. At the time of her death, Klemmer was close to completing a Master of Science in Organizational Behavior, which was awarded posthumously at the ceremony. It was presented to her husband, Craig Nelson ’04, and her parents, Irene and John Klemmer of Easton, Pa.
to his duties as executive officer for the Farmington police department, Rio serves as commander of the North Central Municipal Emergency Services Team. He is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, and the FBI National Academy Associates.

BRENT D. ROBERTSON (HAS) of New Granby, Conn., started his own business, the Physique Bear Company in Shelburne, Vt. He also writes music reviews for the Vermont Teddy Bear Company in Shelburne, Vt., is the contact center supervisor at the Vermont Teddy Bear Company in Shelburne, Vt. He also writes music reviews for Glimesh.com.
In Memoriam

Esther Meyers Berins ’40
Raymond S. Johnson ’49, ’54
July 23, 2004
Ruby Iacobucci Mattingly ’50
September 10, 2004
Walter M. Ferris ’51
August 26, 2004
Lawrence J. Sespaniak ’51, ’54
August 25, 2004
Robert A. Stuart ’53
October 11, 2004
Lillian Halper Greene ’54
August 7, 2004
Emilio Piccini ’54
October 22, 2004
Chester S. Gromala ’55
July 30, 2004
Moses Paparian ’56
October 15, 2004
Burton L. Ross ’57
July 6, 2004
Jack L. Weinberg ’58, ’60
September 25, 2004
Florence D. MacNish ’61
July 1, 2004
Hazel Lunn Towsend ’61
October 19, 2003
Allan W. Booth ’63
June 21, 2004
Caroline V. Morosini ’63
October 1, 2004
Russell W. Elliott ’64
October 24, 2004
Dennis W. Balsewicz ’66
August 18, 2004
David P. Faberg ’66
July 3, 2004
Augustine C. Killiany ’66
September 22, 2004

Theodore L. Chamberlin, Jr. ’67
July 19, 2004
Mary Gundali Devine ’68
July 3, 2004
Richard D. Hines ’68
August 15, 2004
Mildred Beardsele Schlappee ’68
September 7, 2004
Arthur C. Thompson ’68
August 20, 2004
Thomas M. Dodd ’69
July 31, 2004
Thomas L. Calo ’71
August 6, 2004
William D. Tassias ’71
July 2, 2004
Paul G. Thibodeau ’71
August 18, 2004
Michael J. LaRosa ’72
August 28, 2004
Helen M. Sullivan ’72
July 16, 2004
Frederick L. Anthony ’76
August 30, 2004
Modesto D. Rey ’76
September 2, 2004
Anthony W. Chevaire ’77
June 22, 2004
Bruce D. Wondt ’77, ’81
July 6, 2004
Maryrose J. O’Sullivan ’79
September 26, 2004
Nancy Becker Geraghty ’80
September 30, 2004
C. Barry Lundin ’83
August 8, 2004
Scott M. Feldman ’83
May 25, 2004
Leslie M. Geeter ’98
September 11, 2004

Orchestra and assistant conductor for the American Symphony Orchestra in New York City, he also acts as a facilitator for Conversazione e Caffe, a program initiated by Mercer County (N.J.) CIAO (Community of Italian American Organizations). The Borders bookstore at Nassau Park shopping center, where Raucci is facilitator, is one of two locations in New Jersey player while at the university, Field is a volunteer coach for the Long Island Mudcats, a Farmingdale-based, youth baseball team for high school juniors and seniors. He says the fact that he’s managed to stay in baseball his entire life, even though it didn’t work out for him as a player, makes him very proud.

PAUL R. MONTAGUE (ENHP) of Bandera, Texas, was awarded the degree of doctor of optometry during the 88th Commencement of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Elkins Park.

VINOD PALAL (ENG) of Orangeburg, N.Y., is the new information technology director at Playgirl.com, supervising a staff of 20.

ROBERT I. SHAPIRO (A&S) of Ridgefield, N.J., made a career decision after graduation and formed his own rock band, venturing into the uncharted world of new wave and alternative rock. After four years in the business, he has gained a following in the New York City music scene, playing at such underground clubs as CBGB on the Bowery and the Mercury Lounge in the East Village. He was first-place winner in Billboard magazine’s 12th annual international song-writing contest, in the alternative rock category, for “Rosetta Stone.” Shapiro performs under the name of Rob Ingersoll. His band is called No Lindsay.

NICHOLAS A. SMITH (BARNEY) of Wenonah, N.J., has earned his Fellowship in the Society of Actuaries (FSA) with CIGNA Corporation for the past five years, Smith currently works for CIGNA Group Insurance in Philadelphia, Pa. He resides in New Jersey with his wife, JEANETTE HAUG SMITH ’01 (A&S), and daughter, Olivia Grace.

2001

JUSTIN T. FOLEY (HARTT) of Weatogue, Conn., is drummer for the Westfield, Mass.-based band, Killswitch Engage, termed “extreme metal” by music critics. The group has produced three records and two videos and has two movie soundtrack credits. With multiple MTV2 appearances, Killswitch has been reviewed in Rolling Stone and the United Kingdom’s Metal Hammer magazines.

LARYSA PANCHYSHYN LUTIN (ENHP) of Kerhonkson, N.Y., received the degree of doctor of chiropractic from New York Chiropractic College, Seneca Falls, N.Y. Her practice, Aligned Family Chiropractic, is in New Paltz, N.Y.

LUMMIE L. SPANN, JR. (HARTT), of Bloomfield, Conn., a saxophonist, played in a jazz series at the VFW Hall in East Hartford, Conn. Spann has collaborated with Hartt faculty member Nat Reeves, ERIC MCPHERSON ’95 (HARTT), and JIMMY GREENE ’97 (HARTT).

2002

MIGUEL A. CAMPINHO (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., performed in the All That & Jazz series at South Church, New Britain, Conn. He placed third in the Connecticut State Music Teachers Association’s Young Artist Piano Competition.

MICHAEL J. CHUDECKI (BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., a member of Farmington Woods Country Club in Farmington, Conn., made his first hole-in-one on the fourth hole during a club tournament in October. Two weeks later, he made another hole-in-one on the eighth hole during the Turkey Shoot tournament. Chudecki writes, “Not having to putt—priceless.”

TRACEY L. HEALY (ENHP) of Greenwich, Conn., has joined the staff of the Open Door Family Medical Centers as a pediatric nurse practitioner in the Port Chester, N.Y., office. The mission of the Open Door Family Medical Centers is to provide quality health care and human services at affordable prices to the community, particularly the economically disadvantaged.
ELISHEVA HELLER (HARTT) of Jerusalem, Israel, has made aliya, the Hebrew term for Jewish immigration to Israel.

MATTHEW R. MARGOLIS (WARD) of Beverly, Mass., is founder and editor of Blogs for Bush, an online resource (www.blogsforbush.com) that united bloggers—the self-publishing diarists/commentators of Web logs—who supported the president’s reelection. Margolis received press credentials for the Republican National Convention and was mentioned on C-SPAN by Ken Mehlmam, Bush-Cheney campaign manager.

CHERYL L. TYLER (ENHP) of Portland, Conn., was named the 2004 recipient of the School of Nursing Endowment Fund for Excellence Scholarship at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing. The award is given to a student who demonstrates academic success and potential for future academic and professional accomplishments, with priority given to graduate students.

2003

BONNIE D. AMAN (ENHP) of South Windsor, Conn., is the newest addition to the guidance staff at Cheshire High School, in Cheshire, Conn.

BENJAMIN C. GOLDENOVICK (HARTT) of Lexington, Mass., performs in three separate jazz/funk projects as well as other ensembles. He plays mostly woodwinds and appeared at The Jackie McLean Jazz Institute series in East Hartford, Conn.

GRETCHEN FOSTER MOSCA (ENHP) of Goshen, Conn., was named principal of Housatonic Valley Regional High School by the Connecticut Region 1 Board of Education.

JESSICA L. ROSINSKI (HARTT) of Allston, Mass., interviewed John Wren, professor of flute at Hartt, for the National Flute Association’s fall edition of the Flutist Quarterly. Rosinski is pursuing her master of music in flute at the New England Conservatory and is teaching at the Winchester Community Music School.

STEPHEN M. SCARLATO (HARTT) of Ellington, Conn., has been named organist at Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford, Conn.

ROB MOSCA (A&S) of New Britain, Conn., has matriculated into the University of Connecticut’s School of Medicine, class of 2009. Glen works as an emergency medical technician for American Medical Response and volunteers as associate director at the West End Community Center in Hartford. He plays the clarinet in Hartt’s Capitol Winds ensemble and sings baritone in the Farmington Valley Chorale.

JEREMY J. BRIMHALL (HARTT) of sweet Grass, Mont., auditioned for and won a position in the Orquesta Sinfonica del Estado de Mexico in Toluca, Mexico. As assistant principal flute, Brimhall will tour France and China with the orchestra in the spring.

LISANN D. CAMPBELL (BARNEY) of West Haven, Conn., was honored by Yankee Magazine Community Partners. Campbell worked as a marketing development intern and became secretary at Lojeri Productions in 2002. She was named to the board of directors to assist with the company’s internship program.

STEPHEN J. CLINK (HARTT) of Pittsburgh, Pa., was named music director at the Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts in Torrington, Conn. In addition to overseeing Nutmeg’s 300-student music division, Clink is charged with starting a new fiddle class and jazz improvisation initiatives, including a piano instruction program with Connecticut Junior Republic, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping troubled youths, located in Litchfield, Conn.

ANNE R. GIDDINGS (ENHP) of Cheshire, Conn., has been appointed assistant superintendent of schools in Ansonia, Conn.

MICHELLE M. GRAVELINE (ENHP) of Southington, Conn., completed her doctoral program in educational leadership at the university. Graveline teaches mathematics at Hall High School in West Hartford, Conn.

MELANIE B. GUERIN (HARTT) of Sutton, Mass., directed the musical Cabaret at the Warner Theater, Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass. When not involved in summer theater, Guerom is employed as a music teacher in the East Hartford public school system.

ALISON M. KAMENETSKY (’02 HILLER, ENHP) of Parsippany, N.J., is a second-grade teacher at the Whitney E. Houston Academy of Creative and Performing Arts in East Orange, N.J.

HOLTA LONDO (A&S) of Hartford, Conn., received a citation and a Hartford medal of success from Mayor Eddie A. Perez. Londo was cited for being a role model by pursuing higher education, completing her degree, and remaining in Hartford to work.

ALLYSON M. MCDONALD (HAS) of Hingham, Mass., has joined the graphic design department of Tiffinfair Williams & Company in Quincy, Mass. The company is a full-service, integrated marketing communications firm with specializations in public relations, advertising, event planning, and Web design.

GLANDINA MORRIS (BARNEY) of Middletown, Conn., has joined the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds as a communications associate.

SHAWN M. MURPHY (A&S) of Maplewood, N.J., was hired as an account coordinator at the MWW Group, a public-relations firm in East Rutherford, N.J.

EBONY T. WRIGHT (’02 HILLER, ENHP) of Brooklyn, N.Y., was featured in the ninth annual Lift Every Voice and Sing gospel festival and fair in Hartford, Conn. Wright, who lost her mother in the 9/11 tragedy, was featured in the 9/11 memorial.

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University Founder, Life Regent Dies at 87

Atwood Collins II, life regent and one of the University of Hartford’s most significant founders, died Nov. 17 at age 87.

The university would not be where it is today were it not for Collins. He was instrumental in finding and purchasing the site for the present-day campus, in arranging the initial financing, and in drafting the bylaws for the university and other critical legal documents.

Born in Hartford, Collins earned his B.A. and law degrees at Yale University. He entered the foreign service in the post of vice consul for Costa Rica until World War II called him to a tour of duty in the U.S. army. His military career culminated with Army Intelligence in Germany, where he interrogated high-ranking Nazi officials for the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials.

Collins was political and liaison officer for the U.S. delegation to the 1945 Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, Calif., where the charter for the United Nations was signed. He also served on the committee that formed the International Court of Justice.

Following his return to Hartford to resume his practice of law, Collins soon found himself on the board of trustees of Hillyer College. In the early 1950s, Hillyer was packed with World War II veterans eager to study under the GI Bill. Collins persuaded Hillyer President Alan S. Wilson that the college needed a campus. He located 150 acres of farmland on the West Hartford–Hartford line and negotiated the purchase. In 1957, Hillyer joined with the Hartford Art School and the Hartt College of Music to form the University of Hartford.

“Every time I walk across the campus I see the fruits of Atwood’s vision and his skill,” said University President Walter Harrison on Nov. 30 at a memorial service at Hartford’s Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

“In the mid-1950s, when Atwood was among those people creating the university, he could not have foreseen how important all that acreage would be,” Harrison said. “Originally planned as a school for Hartford-area residents, the university has become a largely residential institution, with students from over 40 states and 60 different countries, to make up a university of 7,200 students. When you consider our two magnet schools and the Community Division of The Hartt School, over 10,000 people study at the university each week. That would not have been possible without the land that Atwood made available.”

Collins drafted the legislation that Gov. Abraham Ribicoff signed in 1957 incorporating the three schools as the University of Hartford. He also wrote the bylaws for the new institution.

Throughout his years as a regent and subsequent life regent, his keen interest in the university never waned. In recent years, when Collins and his wife, Rosemary, moved to the Duncaster Retirement Community in Bloomfield, President Harrison visited frequently, consulting the regent on a wide range of matters affecting the university.

“He would always downplay what advice he could offer,” Harrison recalled, “and then offer wonderfully valuable advice.”

To commemorate Collins’s life and his long record of service to the university, Harrison announced that the university has named the central seminar in its undergraduate pre-law program in his honor. The Atwood Collins Seminar will bring distinguished lawyers and jurists to the campus to talk with students about careers in the law. “Generations of current and future students will learn through this program of Atwood’s dedication to both the law and the university,” Harrison said.

Collins is survived by his wife of 42 years, Rosemary Worth Collins; his son, Atwood Collins III of Baltimore and Fishers Island, N.Y.; daughters Rosemary Starr Osborne and Natalie Hirshorn, both of Chestnut Hill, Pa.; and seven grandchildren. Contributions may be made to the university’s Atwood Collins II Memorial Fund.

Christopher N. Horton, professor emeritus of experimental studio at the Hartford Art School, died of leukemia on Jan. 1 at the age of 68.

Horton, who retired in 1999 after 30 years of teaching, was known for his dedication to students. In 1997 he received the university’s Roy E. Larsen Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In nominating him for the Larsen Award, colleagues praised Horton for his innovative courses and his extensive work in planning and organizing the All-University Curriculum and developing both the undergraduate and graduate curricula of the Hartford Art School.

Horton’s wife of 39 years, Sherryl “Sherry” Worthley Horton, is the former director of the university’s Center for Reading and Writing and was an instructor in the Department of Rhetoric, Language, and Culture.

Together, the Hortons founded and directed the Cummington (Mass.) Community of the Arts from 1968 to 1972. Interested in the social and cultural interaction of art and its context, Horton...
frequently was invited to lecture, serve as visiting artist, take part in panel discussions, and publish in a variety of forums. In 1990 he received a grant from the University of Rhode Island to create a 30-by-5-foot mural consisting of topological maps showing the effect of rising temperatures on coastal sea levels.

Horton’s art—a diverse collection of abstract and realist drawing, painting, and sculpture—has been exhibited throughout New England and beyond. His sculpture titled *Calculus* is located in the courtyard of the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington.

A graduate of Amherst College, Horton received a master’s degree in painting from Wesleyan University and did postgraduate study at the Tyler School of Art in Rome. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea and had previously taught in Suffield, Conn., schools and at Wesleyan University before joining the University of Hartford faculty in 1968.

In addition to his wife, Horton is survived by son Joshua and daughter-in-law Alison of Hyde Park, N.Y.; son Tobiah of Syracuse, N.Y.; brother Timothy, sister-in-law Margaret, and niece Elizabeth of Martinsville, N.J.; nephew Brendan and family of Silver Spring, Md.; and Worthley family members.

A public celebration of Horton’s life and work will be held at the Hartford Art School on June 26, 2005. Donations may be made to the Chris Horton Scholarship Fund, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford CT 06117.

**Carl F. Alsing**, former dean of engineering at the university, died on Dec. 21, 2004, at the age of 98.

Holder of 19 patents, Alsing organized the university’s first electrical engineering department. He was named a professor in 1964 and administrator of the engineering department in 1970. He became the College of Engineering’s second dean in 1971. Upon retirement, he was named professor emeritus of electrical engineering.

Before joining the university, Alsing had worked for 25 years as a research engineer for Westinghouse Corporation in East Springfield, Mass., and taught at American International College and Wilbraham-Monson Academy.

Active in civic and education affairs, Alsing was a founding member of the Telescope Makers Club, now the Stars Club, of Springfield, Mass. He participated in grinding the mirror now mounted on the telescope at the Springfield Science Museum planetarium. He was a mentor and tutor for math and science students and was a member of the Somers Library board.

He built and operated his own ham radio, talking from his basement station to people all over the world. He was an avid traveler and photographer and often presented slide shows of his travels and his nature photography to community groups.

Alsing earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Alsing, of Somers, Conn.; his children, Nancy Stewart of Santa Maria, Calif.; Marjorie Trimble and her husband, James, of Wilbraham, Mass.; and Carl J. Alsing and his wife, Lenore, of Santa Cruz, Calif.; and stepdaughter Susan Simon and her husband, Richard, of Locust Valley, N.Y.; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial serviced was held on Jan. 8, 2005, at the Somers Congregational United Church of Christ. Donations in Alsing’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, Connecticut Chapter, 96 Oak St., Hartford, CT 06106.

**Millard H. Pryor, Jr.; Peter J. Harvey ’72, ’80** News arrived just as *The Observer* was going to press of the deaths of regent Millard H. Pryor, Jr., on March 1, and Hartt alumnus and former HCW faculty member Peter J. Harvey ’72, ’80, on March 6.

Their obituaries will appear in the next issue of *The Observer*. 