Congratulations to the Homecoming 2006 Committee for putting together an outstanding weekend of events and activities for alumni, staff, parents, and friends: Pat DiCosimo ’69; Nat Kennedy ’66; Michael Lemay ’90, ’92; Deborah Lesser ’84; Bobbi McNeil ’94; Joe Persio ’72; Kelly Szelka ’93, M’95; Mark Vining ’82; Wayne Webster ’96; and Professor Ed Weinswig.

A special thank-you to Deborah Lesser for her efforts on behalf of Friday evening’s event, Martinis, Manhattans, and Monte Carlo, as well as Michael Lemay for his wonderful ideal Music for the evening was provided by the talented Latanya Farrell ’97 and her band. The following are the generous friends of the Office of Alumni Relations who donated the many gifts and prizes for the evening:

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Hats off to Nat Kennedy ’66, the man behind the Alumni Musicians Spotlight (and in front of the mike!), as well as the talented lineup of musicians, including Kent Aldrich ’89, Nick Cutroneo ’07, Tony Harrington ’77, Chuck Oakes ’74, Daniel Salazar Jr. M’86, and Anne Marie Williams ’93.

The weekend provided something for everyone. Whether it was a swim in the pool at the Reich Family Pavilion, supervised by Michele Swanson ’92, or perhaps a bratwurst at the Hawktoberfest, alumni, friends, and family enjoyed a beautiful weekend in the fall sun. The caricature artist was kept busy throughout the day Saturday, as were the massage therapists and Mary Kay representative at the Rejuvenation Station.

Pat DiCosimo ’69 hosted the Alumni Artisan Marketplace, where guests could shop to their hearts’ content as talented alumni displayed and sold handcrafted jewelry, pottery, ceramics, photography, and so much more.

CETA, GIPP, and the Health Professions welcomed back alumni with tours, refreshments, and lots of socializing. The Anchor Awards recognized distinguished alumni from all seven schools and colleges of the University. The evening was hosted by the alumni board under the leadership of Alumni Association President Paul Sittard ’85 and Wayne Webster ’96, vice president.

Former classmates and longtime friends gathered at the Hawk’s Nest on Saturday evening to share memories and catch up.

The fun didn’t end there. Delta Gamma alumnae and collegians gathered Sunday morning for a continental breakfast hosted by Tracey Stead ’00. The afternoon continued with the 30th anniversary celebration of the nursing alumni at their reunion luncheon.

We’re already planning for Homecoming 2007, October 19–21, which will be the closing for the University’s 50th anniversary celebration. If you want to be a part of the planning for this exciting weekend, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 860.768.2409 or alumni@hartford.edu.

We’d like to introduce the new copresidents of the Hartford Alumni Chapter, Michele ’92 and Brian ’91 Swanson of Rocky Hill, Conn. If you are interested in getting involved with the Hartford Alumni Chapter, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

Front row (seated) l–r: Angela Henke ’97, M’99, treasurer; Paul A. Sittard ’85, president; Wayne L. Webster ’96, vice president; Robert H. Feld ’69, M’72, past president.

Second row: Daniel Purushotham ’75; Nicole Bocra ’95; Joan Sittard ’83; Mary Kay Lofurno ’89; Jan M. Laraia A’63, ’66; Michele Swanson ’92; Bobbi McNeil ’94; Louise P. Lostocco ’45, Third row; Michael J. Arem ’03; Kandyce Aust, director, alumni relations; Aaron Masthay ’97; associate director, alumni relations; Jerry Emlet ’87; Kevin L. Schaeffer ’79; John Spadaccini A’88, Ethan Cowf A’07; Christopher M. Donovan ’99; Barbara J. Smith ’53; David Kurtz III ’99; Stephen Greenstein A’02, ’03. Not present: Manfred Alder A’48, ’52; Kenneth J. Gwozd ’70, M’76; Scott Kalicky ’76, M’78; Paul D. Marques ’86, Kelly M. McCartney ’93; Daniel G. Pikarski A’92, ’94; O. James Purnell A’69.

2006–07 Alumni Association Board
Champlin is director of the (M, BARNEY) of Storrs, (A&S) of West Hartford, (A, HCW) of Durham, (HAS) of Osprey, Fla., was (HARTT) of Burlington, (A&S, M’71 ENHP) of Canton, Conn., a biology teacher at University High School of Science and Engineering, a University of Hartford–affiliated magnet school, was named Hartford’s Teacher of the Year for 2006. In a teaching career spanning 35 years, this is the second time that Matthews has been so honored. In 1981 she was named Teacher of the Year for her work at Quirk Middle School in Hartford.

William P. McKenna (M, ENHP) of Old Saybrook, Conn., has been appointed headmaster of St. Bernard School in Norwich, Conn. Formerly two schools—St. Bernard High School and St. Bernard Academy—the current facility has been newly reorganized into a single, united administration by the Diocese of Norwich.

Andrew M. Shreeves (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., was promoted as manager of the concert performance credentialing department for the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). He has served as ASCAP’s staff musicologist for 19 years. He is also the hecklephonist for New York’s Metropolitan Opera and frequently performs in the orchestras of Broadway musicals, including Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Spamalot, and The Drowsy Chaperone.

1970
Herbert Ascherman (A&S, M’71 ENHP) of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, opened a photography exhibition last July at the Western Reserve Historical Society. Titled Cleveland, America, the exhibit consists of more than 100 platinum portraits of odd, interesting, and unusual Clevelanders.

1972
Martin H. Berliner (M, BARNEY) of Storrs, Conn., has been hired by the New London (Conn.) City Council as the designated city manager. Berliner recently retired as the town manager of Mansfield, Conn.

1974
Bruce H. Stanger (A&S) of West Hartford, Conn., says he has gone a bit insane, exercising six or seven times a week. He will be riding his bike in the 2007 Israel Ride next May—300 miles through the desert from Jerusalem to Eilat. The trek is a fundraiser for the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and Hazon, as cyclists ride for “peace, partnership, and environmental protection.”

1976
Robert J. Broomall (BARNEY) of Southington, Conn., has joined Argonaut Group, Inc., as senior vice president of business development for the company’s select markets segment. Argonaut is a national underwriter of specialty insurance products in the property and casualty market.


Stewart W. Henderson (HAS) of Belfast, Maine, exhibited his mixed-media works in Rethinking the Enigma, part of the Farnsworth Art Museum’s ongoing Maine in America NOW series that focuses on contemporary artists. Henderson explores geometric constructs overlaid with lively graphic markings and elements of collage.

1977
Mark Jablonowski (A&S, M’85 BARNEY) of Tariffville, Conn., has published Precautionary Risk Management: Dealing with Catastrophic Loss Potentials in Business, the Community, and Society (Palgrave Macmillan, UK, 2006). The author is...
principal and founder of IntuitiveRisk, and senior research analyst/assistant vice president at Conning Research and Consulting in Hartford.

NANCY TUCKER (A&S) of Goshen, Conn., won a Gold Award in Children’s Music from the Parents’ Choice Foundation for her CD, Escape of the Slinky, for children ages 6 and older. The award program recognizes products that help children grow imaginatively, physically, morally, and mentally. Slinky also received the Seal of Excellence award from Creative Child Magazine.

1978
JODI B. KATZMAN (A&S) of New York, N.Y., president of JBK Productions and an independent producer, has been named Empire Who’s Who 2006 Executive and Professional of the Year in the area of event planning and management. Katzman also received the President’s Award from Avon Products, Inc., in 2001 for outstanding contributions to the success of the U.S. business.

1980
LEONARD C. BOYLE (A&S) of East Hartford, Conn., is the assistant district attorney for Connecticut and counsel to the U.S. attorney for Connecticut. He supervises the corporate fraud unit and serves as a special attorney to the attorney general of the United States. He has investigated and prosecuted cases involving public corruption, civil rights, corporate fraud, violent crimes, narcotics trafficking, and law enforcement corruption.

STUART E. ROSENBERG (M, BARNEY) of Bristol, Conn., has been appointed senior vice president/chief operating officer for Bristol Hospital. He previously was the hospital’s vice president for administration and human resources.

1982
JEFFREY M. BECKER (A’71 WARD, WARD) of Easton, Conn., has been accepted into a juried show at the Center for Fine Art Photography in Fort Collins, Colo. You can view his work at www.jeffbeckerphoto.com.

RICHARD J. ROSIAK (A’75 HILLYER, A&S, M’83 BARNEY) of Downey, Calif., has been a family law/real estate attorney practicing in the Greater Los Angeles area for the past 20 years. Friends may reach him at RichardRosiak@yahoo.com or 562.622.6000.

1983
LISA M. HENRY (A&S) of San Francisco, Calif., joined the Baxter Group, a San Francisco public relations firm, as senior vice president. Her clients, including Ghirardelli Chocolate Company, Brita Products Company (Clorox), and Omega Farms, have been featured on the Today show, The View, and CBS This Morning.

BRIAN T. MAURER (M, ENHP) of Tariffville, Conn., has been a practicing physician assistant for 27 years. He recently published a book of clinical tales in the art of medicine. Copies of Patients Are a Virtue are available at www.lulu.com/content/362517.

1985
DAVID M. KATZ (A&S) of Hartsdale, N.Y., was appointed director, strategic business development, by InsightExpress, a leading online market research firm.

KRISTIN BACKMANN MUSCHERT (A&S) of South Glastonbury, Conn., is the chief executive officer of HABCO, a Glastonbury company that develops and manufactures maintenance tools for both military and commercial aircraft. Muschert was spotlighted in the April 2006 issue of Rocky Hill Life newspaper: “HABCO Reaching New Heights with Its CEO Kristin Muschert.”

DANIEL SALAZAR (M, HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., performed last September with the Hartford Festival Orchestra in “Guitar under the Stars.” The event was presented by the Connecticut Classical Guitar Society and hosted by Riverfront Recapture. Director of guitar studies at the University of Rhode Island, Salazar also teaches at Hartt’s Community Division and the University of Connecticut. He is a founding member and current artistic director of the Connecticut Classical Guitar Society.

MITCHELL C. SKLAR (A&S) of Voorhees, N.J., has been appointed by Gov. John Corzine to the New Jersey Advisory Committee on Police Standards.

1986
MARC S. BARSON (BARNEY) of Los Angeles, Calif., joined Starz Entertainment Group LLC as vice president of business affairs, production. He is in charge of all business affairs regarding the Starz Original long-form productions, co-productions, documentaries, and television series, in addition to all in-house micro series, interstitials, and promotion.

BRUCE B. EISENSTEIN (BARNEY) of Towson, Md., an attorney in Baltimore, Md., serves in the U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps, and Trial Defense Service as a defense attorney. He was recently promoted to the rank of captain.

ANTHONY J. KING (HARTT) of Stuttgart, Germany, was honored as Best Supporting Actor in a Musical at the 2006 European Tournament of Plays for his portrayal of Officer Lockstock in the European premiere of Urinetown the Musical.

1987
JERRY D. EMLET (BARNEY) of Simsbury, Conn., is the new chief financial officer (CFO) at Goodwin College in East Hartford, Conn. He was the former CFO at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts.

VINCENT S. MICELI (M, BARNEY) of Watertown, Conn., was appointed chief financial officer of Panolam Industries International, headquartered in Shelton, Conn.

BRIAN PSKOWSKI (BARNEY) of Berlin, Conn., was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer of Women’s Health USA in Avon, Conn. Pskowski is also one of the company’s founders.

SAMARA J. WEINSTEIN (A&S) of Arlington, Va., was formerly employed as deputy director of the welfare office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She recently visited the University with her husband, Jeff Goldstein, and daughters, Hannah and Shira.

1988
LESLIE BERMAN BURGER (M, BARNEY) of Princeton Junction, N.J., was inaugurated as the 2006–07 president of the American Library Association, making her the chief elected officer of the world’s oldest and largest library organization,
founded in 1876 and numbering more than 64,000 members. Burger is director of the Princeton Public Library, where she has organized a reading therapy team consisting of a dog and an owner who are registered with the Reading Education Assistance Dogs program. The dog's job is to be a good listener for young readers who might benefit from a nonjudgmental audience.

MINDI R. ENGLART (HAS) of New Haven, Conn., received her master’s degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and her teaching certificate from Yale University in New Haven. She is a creative writing teacher and the author of 12 books of nonfiction for children.

BRAD W. SINGER (BARNEY) of Lakewood, N.J., vice president of EISCO, a supplier of professional-strength cleaning products and services, has formed a sports division. The new branch specializes in products sold to professional sports teams, colleges, and universities across the country. The company's newest line, Clubhouse Kit, cleans up stubborn stains from sports uniforms. More information may be found at the company's Web site, www.clubhousekit.com.

1989
JERRY KELLY (BARNEY). See LOUISE PLATT MILLS ’01.

JEFFREY LITCH (M, BARNEY) of Suresnes, France, was elected president of the Conseil de Surveillance of Caisse d’Artdonys, part of Crédit Mutuel, one of France’s top-five banking institutions. Litch is also France Telecom’s manager of France, was elected president of the Counsel de

1990
MICHAEL ACKMANN (HARTT) of St. Paul, Minn., was appointed managing director, client services, for space150, a digital marketing agency. Ackmann’s purview includes client service operations across space150’s growing portfolio of clients.

1991
CHRISTINE CHABRE (HAS) of Van Buren, Maine, wants her friends from Alex White’s class to know that she is enjoying a wonderful rural life with her husband and two cats. The Chabres’ have submitted their photographs of Maine wildlife and countryside to Echoes magazine. Christine has done some writing and teaches painting at the local community center.

1992
ROBERT M. LANAVER (A&S) of Worcester, Mass., is the owner of RM Landscaping, a landscape construction company in Worcester. He and his wife, Kathleen, are the proud parents of Domenic Michael.

1993
SALVATORE D. CIANFAGLIONE (BARNEY, M’00 BARNEY) of Glastonbury, Conn., has joined TD Banknorth Insurance Agency as an assistant vice president. He is responsible for group employee benefit sales.

1994
ERIK C. DIMARCO (A&S) of Ridgefield, Conn., has been named a partner in the national law firm of Wilson Elser, one of The National Law Journal’s Top 50 law firms. DiMarco practices out of the New York City office and specializes in the area of toxic tort and general liability litigation.

Scott E. Lamlein (HARTT) of Bristol, Conn., released his second solo CD, The Organ at Worship, under the North Forty Road Music Productions label. He is director of music ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church in Worcester, Mass., and artistic director of Wesley’s Music Alive! concert series. Lamlein is also an adjunct faculty member of the Pakachoag Community Music School in Auburn, Mass.

Paul J. Marzilli III (ENG) of Carmichael, Calif., has passed the Professional Engineer exam and is now a licensed professional engineer.
Weddings

Robin J. Roseman ’74 & Lonnie R. Tennyson
Gina V. Bennicasa A’89, ’89, & Joseph Gallart
Julianne Parisi ’90 & David Gunas Jr. ’89
Dana Cutler ’90 & Mark D. Scott
Sonia Mattson & Steven Linteris A’92, ’94
Angela T. Petropoulos ’93 & Christopher Love
Amy S. Choma ’95 & Brian Mason
Leigh M. Ritt ’98 & Scott Farber
Christina D. Piacilla M’00 & Ryan Peller
Carly S. Carson ’01 & Kevin W. Anderson
Cynthia B. Dain ’01 & Michael Paul
Pamela J. Kaiser ’02 & Dean M. Wicke ’02
Allison J. Parker ’02 & Shaun Patton
Jennifer L. Tiroletto ’02 & Derek Schnaars
Kelly Campbell & Benjamin B. Whelan-Morin ’03
Kathryn R. Hurlock ’05 & Sterling Garcia ’05
Rachel A. Krawczyk ’05 & Gene R. Golebiewski

Robin Roseman and Lonnie Tennyson

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Diana Mendoza ’00 (ENHP) and Alex Estrella celebrated their holiday-season wedding on Dec. 21, 2005, in Norwalk, Conn.

Katherine Bartholmes ’02 (Hartt) and Brent Ness ’03 (Hartt) celebrated their July 31, 2005, marriage in Cold Spring, N.J.

Scott Bean ’05 (Hartt) married his high school sweetheart, Kristi Feldmeyer, on May 21, 2006, in their native Buffalo, N.Y. Wedding portraits were shot earlier in New York City.

Births

Lillian Root Bianchi & Peter A. Bianchi ’87 (Aaron Root)
Mindi R. Englart ’88 & Kiva Sutton (Lily Grace)
Susan Petusky Heinz ’94 & Brett Heinz ’90 (Owen)
Amy & Aron J. Davidson ’92 (Jacob Myles)
Kathleen & Robert M. Lanava ’92 (Domenic Michael)
Cara Temkin Molatch ’92 & Christopher Molatch (Alexandra Emily)
Shawn & Andrew C. Tavani ’93 (Ellie Mia)
Kimberly A. Rubel ’95 & Marc S. Rubel ’94 (Rachel Christine)
Jennifer Lee Maqas & Ronald R. Maqas M’95 (Mackenzie Reagan)
Kristin Forljetto Vasel ’95 & Christopher Vasel (Alexander Michael)
Amy LeBel Guenther ’96, M’99, & Joseph P. Guenther ’96, M’99 (Brendan Jacob)
Catherine Hikel Derbyshire ’97 & Brian W. Derbyshire ’97 (Emily Margaret)
Stacey Michaels Hache ’99 & Phillip D. Hache ’97 (Allison Michelle)
Nelba Marquez-Greene ’97 & James S. Greene Jr. ’97 (Ana Grace)
Amy Bernstein Winkler ’97 & Daniel Winkler (Alexa Nicole)
Amy D’Abrosca Caucci ’98 & Gregory Caucci (Gabriela Josephine)
Kelly Moses Axell ’99 & Richard Axell (Kaylee Diane)
Shelley Frolich Tschere ’99 & David J. Tschere ’00 (Grace Elizabeth)
Keri Hardina Magrath ’01 & Sean D. Magrath ’00 (Jack Donald)
Cathryn Fields Bartolotta ’01 & Jonathan Bartolotta (Finnegan James)
Lyndsey Rupert Rosario ’01 & Richard Rosario (Alyssa Marie)

Top row (l–r): Meri Harary Fleischman ’91 & Wayne Fleischman (Shoshana Tova), Leah & Blake W. Wilcox ’92 (Alexander Grey), Dina Rossi Annino ’93 & Michael Annino (Mia Nicole), Kimberly Sweet & Paul G. Sweet ’93 (Adam Paul)

Middle row (l–r): Sara & Christopher J. Matteson ’95 (Xander Luc with big sister Leia Amie); Megan O’Hara Marlovitz ’96, M’98, & Jason D. Marlovitz ’97 (Ryan Jason with big brother Luke); Amy Goldstein Staub ’96 & Brian Staub (Charles Eugene)

1995

CHRISTOPHER J. DROBAT (WARD) of Silver Spring, Md., was promoted to associate at Levallee/Brensinger Architects in Manchester. His focus continues to be on project management in the Education Design Group. His projects have included the Dartmouth College gymnasium, the Franklin Pierce Law Center, and Stello’s Stadium.

JILL COURVILLE MONGEAU (A&S) of Franklin, Mass., was named to the ERA Real Estate Beyond Excellence Circle. The award ceremony, held in Bermuda, recognizes ERA’s top realtors from around the globe. Mongeau is employed by ERA Key Realty Services in Franklin and may be reached at jillmongeau@erakey.com.

TRAVIS C. PLOEGER (HARTT) of Silver Spring, Md., has left his position as music director for Chicago City Limits in New York City to join SoundExchange, a nonprofit company in the Washington, D.C., area that collects royalties for musicians. Ploeger is also a director with the Washington Improv Theater. He is engaged to Melissa Reichley, a communications director at American University in Washington.

JOSEPHINE MARCELLINO REIS (HCW) of Fairfield, Conn., was named vice president and chief administrative officer for Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County. Previously she was director of business and development for the American Classical Orchestra.

1996

AMY GOLDSMITH STAUB (A&S) of New York, NY., consults for Exec/Comm, a communications skills training and development firm. She earned her master’s degree in industrial relations and human resource management from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2003. Staub and her husband, Brian, are the proud parents of Charles Eugene (see photo, page 27).

1997

JOHN J. ANTHony (A&S) of Norwich, Conn., is director of Innovation Lab at The Hartford Financial Services Group. Launched in 2005, the new facility makes it possible to apply a rigorous scientific approach to finding technologies to solve business problems.

JAMES S. GREENE JR. (HARTT) of Bloomfield, Conn., saxophonist, composer, and bandleader, is the recipient of the prestigious 2005 ASCAP/Ivory Commission, a 2005 Artist Fellowship in Music Composition from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, and a 2004 Chamber Music America creation and presentation grant for jazz composition. His Jimmy Greene Quartet performs regularly at New York jazz venues as well as festivals and clubs throughout the United States. Greene teaches at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and at Hartt, where he serves on the board of trustees.

His wife, NELBA MARQUEZ-GREENE (HARTT), is a clinical therapist at a group home for adolescent girls in Cromwell, Conn.

JASON HOGUE (HAS) of Providence, R.I., is a graphic artist and owner of Highchair Designhaus, a firm that specializes in print and Web design and illustration. He is co-founder of the ArtInRuins.com Web site, which chronicles the history and status of scores of Rhode Island’s historic buildings. His goal is to learn about the old buildings and the lives within them.

PETER V. LONGO (M, BARNEY) of Terryville, Conn., was named deputy director of Connecticut Innovations, a high-technology venture capital firm. Longo manages a $56 million biotechnology facilities fund. He also serves on the boards of directors of several technology companies.

1998

ALICIA E. DIDONATO (HARTT) of Cambridge, Mass., placed third in the 2006 National Flute Association’s (NFA) Young Artist Competition. She was a semifinalist in both the NFA’s 2006 Piccolo Competition and the Myrna Brown Competition for flute. DiDonato is the flutist for Boston Musica Viva, The Birdflight Ensemble, and the Radius Ensemble.

MICHAEL P. MACZKO (A&S) of Raleigh, N.C., is a disc jockey at WDCG, a Top 40 radio station in Raleigh. Promoted to midday DJ, he is also music director and assistant program director of the station.

HOPE WALTON MEELY (ENHP) of Phoenixville, Pa., earned her master’s degree in health science with a concentration in clinical research administration from George Washington University. Employed by Johnson & Johnson, she runs clinical research trials.

DOUGLAS C. ROBERTSON (A&S), formerly of Falls Church, Va., and his family have moved to Omaha, Neb., to start the West Omaha Baptist Church. Robertson was formerly a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. He may be reached through www.westomahabaptistchurch.org.

JOSEPH T. WILLET (M, BARNEY) of Baltimore, Md., is a manager at Clifton Gunderson LLP, a certified public accounting and consulting firm in Baltimore.

1999

ANDREW MILLS (BARNEY). See LOUISE Platt MILLS ‘01.

DANIELE MONTAGANO HUGHES (A’97 HILLYER, A&S) of Chula Vista, Calif., received her MFA degree in creative writing from Antioch University in Los Angeles, Calif. She and her husband, Christopher, are awaiting the birth of their first child in February.

Lynn Schneider ’87 (HAS), Dolphin (oil on canvas, 36” x 46”), 2005. Schneider’s distinctive work was chosen for inclusion in the 34th Annual Gracie Square Art Show, an outdoor exhibition held in New York City, Oct. 7–8, 2006. The New York artist also exhibited an oil titled Hartford in the Hartford Art School Alumni Small Works Exhibition, which ran at the University’s Joseloff Gallery through Jan. 14, 2007. A full catalog of Schneider’s work and wit is on view at www.lynntheartist.com.

LYNNE M. RAMER (ENHP) of Farmington, Conn., was named director of New Britain General Hospital’s Ambulatory Surgery and Endoscopy units. She is pursuing her master’s degree in nursing at the University of Hartford.

CYNTHIA L. WOODS (M, HARTT; AD’00 HARTT) of Cambridge, Mass., has been appointed music director of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra. The community group of adult amateur musicians performs concerts in the Cambridge area. Woods leads four public performances as well as outreach concerts throughout Greater Boston.

2000

SEAN M. BURTON (HARTT) of Lincoln, Neb., is in his first season as conductor of Bel Canto, the most advanced ensemble within the Nebraska Children’s Chorus’s seven-choir professional training program. Bel Canto performs concerts with the Omaha Symphony Orchestra and Omaha Area Youth Orchestra, plus a summer 2007 European tour. Burton is a doctoral student in choral conducting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

BRADLEY J. CHENEY (A&S) of Jersey City, N.J., who is self-employed, counts the CBS television network and The Late Show with David Letterman among his main clients. Cheney handles the technical maintenance of his clients’ high-definition facilities and networked video storage systems. He is also involved in on-site technical management for remote broadcasts, including those for Major League Soccer, Lacrosse, and Baseball, as well as college football and various entertainment shows.
SHANNON J. COTE (HAS) of Auburn, Maine, exhibited her paintings at the Beeaker Gallery at St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine. Cote has also exhibited in Hartford, Conn., and at Nothing but the Blues Café in Lewiston, Maine; Turner Center for the Arts in Turner, Maine; and Stadler Gallery in Kingfield, Maine.

BARBARA F. HARTIGAN (D, ENHP) of Canton, Conn., has been appointed assistant principal of Avon Middle School.

JANINA S. JOHNKOSKI (C, ENHP) of South Windsor, Conn., is the new principal of Woodside Intermediate School in Cromwell, Conn. She previously was principal at Nathan Hale Elementary School in Meriden, Conn.

KELLY WALTERS KENNEDEY (M, BARNEY) of West Hartford, Conn., was elected to the board of directors of the West Hartford Rotary Club for the 2006-07 program year.

HANEEF N. NELSON (HARTT) of West Springfield, Mass., was the featured artist in the September performance of the TD Banknorth 2006 Jazz Jam Series at the Community Music School of Springfield.

CHRISTINA PLACILLA RYAN (M, HARTT) of Winston Salem, N.C., was a summer faculty member of North Carolina School for the Arts, where she taught viola and chamber music at the Summer Intensive Chamber Music program. Ryan is currently a faculty member at Winston-Salem State University.

ANTHONY V. SCARFO (A&S) of Windsor Locks, Conn., received his Juris Doctor from the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law in May 2006.

2001

CARLY S. CARSON (ENHP) of Boston, Mass., received her Doctor of Dental Medicine from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in May 2006. She plans to become an associate in private practice.

MARY ROSE DYMOND (M, HARTT) of Shelton, Conn., was named assistant principal at Glenville School in Cos Cob, Conn.

LAURA GARRITSON (HARTT, M’03 HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., who is Musician-in-Residence at Quinnipiac University, performed in concert last spring at the Whitney Center in Hamden, Conn. Winner of numerous competitions and appearing in venues worldwide, Garritson, in collaboration with Yale University, has finished a recording project on the Naxos label of the complete works of Charles Ives.

BRYANT J. McCONKIE (M, BARNEY) of Salt Lake City, Utah, joined the law firm of Strong & Hanni in the family practice law group. The group offers legal services and counsel in a variety of areas, including divorce, custody, visitation, property and asset division, and guardianships.

LOUISE PLATT MILLS (BARNEY) and husband ANDREW MILLS ’99 (BARNEY) of Hertfordshire, England, attended the final day of the British Open Championship and cheered on Hartford alumnus JERRY KELLY ’89 (BARNEY). Kelly was the only golfer to clap to the crowd as he came up the 18th fairway.

LUMMIE L. SPANN JR. (HARTT) of Bloomfield, Conn., appeared at The Russell restaurant in Hartford, Conn. Spann and Electric Collective were recording material for an upcoming album. Spann is a 2006 graduate of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts’ Betty Carter Jazz Ahead program.
IRENE H. ZYTKA (D, ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., has been appointed principal of Bloomfield (Conn.) High School. She previously was assistant principal at Conard High School in West Hartford.

2003

JAIME GOLD (AS) of Montville, N.J., received a master’s degree from Rutgers University School of Social Work.

PATRICIA P. PHELAN (C, ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., was named principal of Oliver Elsworth Elementary School in Windsor, Conn. She was formerly principal of McDonough Elementary School in Hartford.

JAY M. SATTLER (M, BARNEY) of Glastonbury, Conn., has been elected to serve a three-year term on the board of governors of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accounts. He is a partner in the firm of Blum, Shapiro & Company PC, in West Hartford.

2004

CARLOS BOLTES (GPD, HARTT) and SCOTT A. HILL (M’02 HARTT), both of Bloomfield, Conn., perform as the Alturas Duo, one of the honorees at the 7th Annual Hispanic Excellence in Music Awards, presented by the Hispanic Professional Network in September 2006. Charangoist/violist Boltes and guitarist Hill are faculty members in the HARTT Community Division.

APRIL D. CHOINERE (AS) of Holyoke, Mass., earned her Master of Social Work in May 2006 from Springfield (Mass.) College School of Social Work. She is a clinical coordinator for the MENTOR network in Springfield.

RYAN A. CRAFA (BARNEY) of Wethersfield, Conn., is an assistant project manager at Diversified Project Management. One of New England’s premier owner’s representatives, the company offers services in the areas of pre-construction, project management, construction-administration, FF&E (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) coordination, and move planning.

KARL A. HUDSON (HARTT) of Hopedale, Mass., along with former HARTT students RAYMOND JOHNSON, OLIVER MERRILL, and ANTHONY NASTO ‘07, form the barbershop quartet Men in Black. The group took top honors at the 2005 International Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Competition. Recent performances have included the Northshoremen’s 58th Annual Show at Salem High School in Salem, Mass., and the Enfield (Conn.) Public Library.

ALEXANDRA M. NEMER (AS) of New York, N.Y., received her Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University this past May.

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SCOTT BEAN (HARTT) West Hartford, Conn., made his professional debut last summer with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Artpark’s Mainstage in Lewiston, N.Y. Bean was featured in an all-American program, conducting Michael Torke’s 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games commission, Javelin. Currently completing his master’s in orchestral conducting at HARTT, Bean is assistant conductor for the Hartt Symphony Orchestra as well as a resident director of the Honor Residential College on campus. His new bride, Kristi (see photo, page 27), a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, was his high school sweetheart.

MELISSA BRETON (M, ENHP) of South Glastonbury, Conn., is employed by the Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut.

STACEY E. DYER (HAS) of Norwich, Conn., has been named art director and graphic designer at McLaughlin, DelVecchio & Casey, Inc., in New Haven, Conn. The company is a full-service marketing, advertising, and public-relations firm. Dyer’s responsibilities include visual branding and logo revitalization, page layout and design, PowerPoint presentations and template design, Web conceptualization, and strategic design based on extensive client research.

REED A. EMMONS (UNIVERSITY STUDIES) of Hebron, Conn., has been accepted into the Peace Corps. Emmons has departed for Kenya in eastern Africa to become an information communication technology volunteer. His work there includes the alleviation of poverty in Kenyan communities through the development of small and group-owned enterprises.

BRENDEN M. HEALY (M, BARNEY) of Colchester, Conn., was appointed chair of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants, State Taxation Committee. The committee is responsible for leading the society’s efforts to keep members apprised of Connecticut tax law, regulation, and judicial developments.

WILLIAM C. JACKSON (HARTT) and SEATH M. KRENTCIL (HAS) are currently living as Zen Buddhist monks at a pagoda in Frankfurt, Germany. They hope to go on to teach Buddhism and, as their newly acquired German visas say, become “bringers of peace.” They recently returned from a 17-day pilgrimage of sacred sites in Tibet.
Above: Washington Connections
Washington, D.C.—area alumni got together on Oct. 19, 2006, to pass around some fun and their business cards at an Alumni Chapter Business Networking event, held at Positano Ristorante Italiano in Bethesda, Md. Smiling for the camera are (l–r) Jason Bardi ’95, AnnMarie Castrigno ’94, Douglass Bielmeier ’03, Lorne Epstein ’89, Velma LaPoint ’72, Margot Early ’97 (UofH staff), Bernie Thomas ’97, Ray Kimmelblatt (UofH staff), Earl Wright ’73, Meghan Avella ’00, Nicole Bocra ’95, Judy Silverman Levy ’87, Ira Schwartz ’73, Janine Tucker (wife of Ira Schwartz), and Peter Sugar ’97.

Right:
Faculty, staff, alumni, and students gathered on campus for a barbecue preceding the first home men’s soccer game of the season. Attendees included (l–r) Sam Skinner, director of international admission; Susan Coleman, professor of economics/finance/insurance at the Barney School; and friends.

LOUISE MELANSON (A, A&S) of Bloomfield, Conn., competed in the Volvo Challenge for Best Buddies, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with mental retardation. Melanson rode her bicycle some 95 miles in the competition. Some of the money raised in the Volvo Challenge goes to support the Best Buddies program at the University of Hartford.

NEIL S. PADE (M, BARNEY) of Newington, Conn., was named the new town planner of Vernon, Conn. Pade was the former economic development director for the town.

RICHARD A. THAYER III (A&S) of Preston, Conn., and his family-owned company, Thayer’s Marine & RV in Norwich, Conn., were featured in The Day newspaper (New London, Conn., June 20, 2006). The article was titled “When the Business Is in Your Blood: Keeping It in the Family.”

CAROLYN M. TRANTALIS (ENHP) of Colchester, Conn., was named the new nursing director at Windham Hospital in Willimantic, Conn. Carolyn previously was manager of the emergency department at Hartford Hospital. Windham Hospital is an acute-care facility that provides a wide range of health and community services to 19 towns in northeastern Connecticut.

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SARAH J. FICCA (HAS) of New Haven, Conn., is an associate producer of Able Lives, a Connecticut Public Television 10-part series about people with disabilities. Ficca was assistant producer of Vista, a national PBS pilot on the Latino American experience. She also participates in the Graduates to Leaders Workshop in Communications for Italian Americans in New York City.

TIFFANY N. SLOAN (A’04 ENHP) of East Brunswick, N.J., is pursuing her master’s degree in school psychology at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J.

LAUREN M. ZACCARO (CETA) of Colchester, Conn., was a participant in the 2006 National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Mohegan Sun MS Bike Tour. Zaccaro, recipient of the University’s 2006 Belle K. Ribicoff Prize for academic excellence and strong leadership qualities, was diagnosed with MS during her senior year at the University. She and her bike team, Team Arjums, raised $10,000 riding the 150-mile Mohegan Sun route.

Friends for Life
No need for these ENHP alumnae to part company after graduation. Kayla Denny ’06 (left), Kelly Maziarz ’06 (center), and Bonnie Averill ’06 (right) are all employed as radiologic technologists at Hartford Hospital.

The University of Hartford will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its charter in February 2007. Observer issues published during 2007 will carry articles and photographs showcasing the University’s history.

We know that many of you have cherished memories of your time here on campus, and we hope you’ll share them with us. Write to us at observer@hartford.edu. Selected submissions will appear in the spring and summer issues.

Take a Walk Down Memory Lane