UConn 2000 audit finds accounting changes effective

By Karen A. Grava

An independent audit of $900 million in UConn 2000 expenditures from 2003 to 2006 documents that structural and systemic processes and procedures implemented by the University in 2005 were highly effective.

The audit, done by UHY LLP, a large national accounting firm with offices in New Haven, shows no “reportable conditions,” Anthony Scilla, a UHY partner told the Joint Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees last week. Reportable conditions involve significant deficiencies in the design or operations of internal controls that might adversely affect the University’s ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management, the report says.

The audit shows that there were problems in 2003 and 2004, but that systematic and structural changes were effective.

The changes were implemented by vice president and chief operating officer Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith and her successor, Barry Feldman, Lorraine Aronson, vice president and chief financial officer, and Bruce DeTora, chief financial officer.

Those changes included separating UConn 2000 accounting from architectural and engineering services and merging it with other accounting functions; adding staff to oversee projects; and implementing other internal controls to address problems noted in the UHY audit of 2003 and 2004.

“The changes created greater transparency, made it possible to access information instantaneously, and ensured that the information would be accurate,” says Kenneth Michael Walker, the University’s director of audit, compliance and ethics.

Scilla said there has been steady progress in improving controls. “The University has a clean bill of health going into ’07,”

The auditors noted that the lull between the first two phases of UConn 2000 and

Feasibility of water recycling being studied

By Richard Veilleux

UConn officials are beginning the process of analyzing and, if feasible, building a microfiltration plant that could help reduce the University’s demand for potable water by 300,000 to 500,000 gallons of water a day.

The process, which has been used successfully in other states, would use non-potable, treated effluent to provide make-up water for the boilers and cooling towers at the Central Utilities Plant. The reclaimed water could potentially be used for irrigation purposes as well.

The Board of Trustees recently authorized $550,000 for engineering and initial construction of a plant, should the study indicate the idea is feasible.

“Before we fully commit to the project, we want the engineers to study the process and tell us what needs to be done, what could be done, and at what cost,” says Thomas Q. Callahan, associate vice president for administration and operations.

Callahan says the plan involves initial processing and diversion of some of the effluent produced by the sewage treatment plant off LeDoyt Road to the cogeneration plant on Glenbrook Road. Currently, the effluent is returned to the Willimantic River, below the North Eagleville dam.

It would allow us to reduce the demand

University’s new football facilities earn silver rating for environmental measures

By Karen A. Grava

The Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman Training Center have been named the first LEED-certified building at the University and the first athletic complex in the nation to earn the “green building” status.

The designation was granted by the U.S. Green Building Council, which noted that the complex meets Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for green buildings. The project was granted a “silver” designation. The U.S. Green Building Council is a Washington, D.C.-based coalition of building industry leaders.

The two facilities, which opened in summer 2006, encompass 165,000 square feet.

The Burton Family Football Complex is the on-campus home for the UConn football program and includes an academic resources center, sports medicine area, coaches’ offices, team meeting rooms, locker rooms, and video editing and production areas.

The Mark R. Shenkman Training Center is used by the football team, other varsity sports, and the University’s recreational program. The nine-story facility features a 120-yard, multipurpose synthetic turf field, and an 18,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art strength and conditioning area.

“There are unique challenges in constructing an athletic facility to meet LEED standards,” says Rich Miller, director of environmental policy. “The Mark R. Shenkman Training Center is a large structure, with considerable open space, and there can be problems making such facilities energy-efficient, with their heating and cooling needs. These challenges inspired some creative ideas from our design professionals.”

One of those features is infrared heat.

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Novelist Naeem Murr to give reading in Konover Auditorium Sept. 26

Notable Book. It won a Lambda Literary Award and was translated into six languages. His latest novel, The Perfect Man, won the 2007 Commonwealth Writers’ Prize for the Best Book of Europe and South Asia, and was long-listed for the 2006 Booker Prize.

Born and raised in the U.K., Murr has lived in the U.S. since his early 20s. He uses his knowledge of both countries to shape his stories. The Boy and The Genius of the Sea are set in London and its environs, while The Perfect Man is primarily set in the imaginary town of Pugah, Mo.

Murr’s awards include a Stegner Fellowship, a Lannan Residency Fellowship, and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Dean of Yale law school to give Sackler human rights lecture Oct. 2

Harold Hongju Koh, the dean of Yale Law School, a leading expert on international law and prominent advocate of human and civil rights, will deliver the 13th Raymond and Beverly Sackler Distinguished Lecture in Human Rights on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. in Konover Auditorium. The title of his talk will be “Repairing our Human Rights Reputation.”

Koh, who is also Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law, began teaching at Yale Law School in 1985, and has served since 2004 as dean. From 1998 to 2001, he served as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. Previously, he practiced law at Covington and Burling and at the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice.

Koh has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court and testified before the U.S. Congress more than 20 times. He has been awarded 10 honorary doctorates and two law school medals, and has received many awards.

Koh is the author of eight books, including Transnational Legal Problems (with H. Steiner and D. Vagts), and The National Security Constitution, which won the American Political Science Association’s award as the best book on the American Presidency.

He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford; a former Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford; a member of the Council of the American Law Institute; and a member of the American Philosophical Society. He has held fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the Century Foundation. He sits on the Boards of Overseers of Harvard University and on the boards of directors of the Brookings Institution, Human Rights First, the American Arbitration Association, and the National Democratic Institute.

He has been named one of America’s “45 Leading Public Sector Lawyers under the Age of 45” by American Lawyer magazine, and one of the “100 Most Influential Asian-Americans of the 1990s” by A magazine.

A Korean-American native of Boston, Koh holds a B.A. degree from Harvard College and B.A. and M.A. degrees from Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Peace activist Elda Gandhi to give Asian American Heritage keynote address

Elda Gandhi, a peace activist and former Member of Parliament in South Africa from 1994 to 2004, will deliver the fifth annual Mahavir Ahimsa/Nonviolence keynote address, “The Crises of the 21st Century – Some Gandhian Solutions.” The talk will take place on Thursday, Oct. 4, in the Student Union Theatre, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Peace activist Elda Gandhi to give Asian American Heritage keynote address

Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhi founded the Gandhi Development Trust, developed a 24-hour program against domestic violence, and currently serves as Chancellor of Durban University of Technology.

Service learning topic of forum at Hartford campus

A Service Learning Forum for faculty and staff will take place at the Greater Hartford Campus on Friday, Sept. 21. The event, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be held in the Library Building, Room 404, 1800 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford.

The forum is intended to provide inspiration, models, and practical advice on developing and offering successful service learning courses, in which community engagement fosters significant service learning.

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In addition to interactive ses-
sions, two national leaders on using service learning to support learning in diverse disciplines will speak: John Saltmarsh, director of the New England Resource Center and a professor of higher educa-
tion at the University of Massachu-
setts at Boston, and Tom Deans, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center at UConn.

To attend the forum, please RSVP to 860-570-9058 by Sept. 20.

Energy efficiency, water con-
servation, conserving materials and resources, improving interior environmental quality, and land management are among the areas that must be considered when planning a project.

Miller says there are more than three dozen components in the construction of the Burton Family Football Complex and the Mark R. Shenkman Training Center that promote environmental sustainability, from site selection to building design, selection of materials, energy and water conservation, and indoor environmental quality.

He says the University also earned points for creativity by using 7,000 cubic feet of peat excavated from the site to help restore and create wetlands affected by the cleanup and construction activity at the former UConn landfill site on the north side of campus.

The Burton Family Football Complex and the Mark R. Shenkman Training Center are the first buildings at UConn to be registered for LEED certification since the Green Building Council’s standards were adopted in 2000. However, architects and designers involved in every building project at Storrs, whether new construction or renovations, are required to follow UConn’s environmentally responsible, sustainable design guidelines.

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Chancellor of Durban University, where he was a Mar-
k R. Shenkman Training Center, Dr. Utsa Patnaik, center, heads the Department of Science and Industrial Research, and other dignitaries, during a dedication ceremony for the Roger A. Gelfenbien Commons in the Towers Residence Complex on Aug. 31.

Roger A. Gelfenbien, right, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, with Board of Trustees member Thomas Ritter, during a dedication ceremony for the Roger A. Gelfenbien Commons in the Towers Residence Complex on Aug. 31. Photo by Daniel Butler.
More than $59 million raised last year to support University

Scholarships, faculty, programs benefit from philanthropy

BY JOHN SPONAKER

The University of Connecticut Foundation Inc. received more than $59 million in philanthropic support during fiscal year 2007 to benefit the University’s faculty, students, and programs.

The University’s annual fundraising campaign, which included more than $4.6 million, which is a 17 percent increase over the past fiscal year. The campaign, which is designed to solicit and administer private gifts and grants that enhance the University’s mission, announced that:

• The total amount raised during FY07 was $59.8 million, which included $4.6 million in new gifts and commitments, $3.4 million in revocable and deferred planned gifts, and $6.8 million in pledge payments.
• Of the funds raised, $2 million was designated for faculty support, $8.3 million for scholarships, $23.9 million for academic programs, and $4.9 million for capital improvements.
• Support for UConn athletics totaled $20.7 million.
• Approximately $13 million of the total was designated to support activities at the UConn Health Center in Farmington.
• The Foundation’s annual fund, which is largely driven by direct mail solicitation, online donations, and a student-run phonathon, generated a record $4.6 million, which is a 17 percent increase over last year and double the amount raised in 2003.
• The number of donor households totaled 33,041, and giving from two critical groups — alumni and parents — increased by 52 percent collectively.
• Nearly 29 percent of the overall amount raised came from alumni. According to U.S. News World Report data, UConn ranks in the top 13 percent among national public universities for alumni giving.
• As of June 30, 2007, the University’s endowment stood at $336 million, a $37 million, or 12 percent, increase over 2006. Endowment gains have outpaced relevant industry benchmarks for the past two-, three-, five-, and 10-year periods. The endowment has grown $139 million, or 70.6 percent, over the past five years. In 1996, the endowment was $60 million.
• “As we prepare for a major capital campaign next year, we are seeing both the need for increased private support for UConn and the remarkable ways in which the support of our alumni and friends is already transforming the University,” says John Martin, president of the UConn Foundation. “Private giving is a catalyst for UConn to meet its potential.”
• Several major gifts in the past year helped expand academic opportunities, revitalize the state’s natural history museum, and enhance Connecticut’s health care services. The Connecticut State Museum of Natural History benefited from a transformational $1 million current and deferred private gift by Julia Budney. Maurice Farber, professor emeritus of psychology, donated $2 million to support scholarships and fellowships in his former department. A major new commitment from Foundation board member Alan Bennett, ’69, will build upon his ongoing support for political science faculty and allow for the first endowed honors professorship at UConn.

The University undertook a re-assessment of campus safety for pedestrians and motorists shortly after Carlee Wines, a UConn freshman from New Jersey, was struck and killed while crossing the road in the early hours of Jan. 20. The University has been working with EarthTech, an engineering consulting firm, to assist in identifying needed improvements and determining how we make them.

In addition, a sidewalk was recently constructed from the buildings at College Square (just past the Police Department) to Hunting Lodge Road. North Eagleville is a state-owned road.

During the spring, the University commissioned EarthTech to examine the remaining 58 crosswalks on campus to determine whether they need improvements. The study has been completed and has been submitted to the Board of Regents for Higher Education. It will soon be presented to the Parking Committee, the Capital Projects Planning Advisory Committee, and the Department of Residential Life for comment. The report’s findings include:

• Crosswalks are generally located too low on the posts; several of the crosswalks are missing handicap signs.
• There is no sidewalk on a section of Route 195 and on Alumni Drive; traffic speed is a concern on Route 195 and on Gilbert Road.
• Bradley says the engineers have been asked to prioritize the improvements and complete cost estimates, so an upgrade plan can be developed.

Provost’s research awards for 2008 announced

Recipient of the Provost’s Scholarship Development Awards for calendar year 2008 were announced recently.

The Provost’s Scholarship Development Awards program, previously known as the Provost’s Research Fellowships, offers eligible faculty an opportunity for release time from teaching for one semester to engage in a long-term research project. This competitive program is designed to support and promote long-term research projects that cannot be funded via other, more traditional avenues. The recipients for 2008 are:

Zeljko Boskovic, Professor, Linguistics
“Non Phrase or Determiner Phrase,” Spring 2008

Michael P. Lynch, Associate Professor, Philosophy
“Truth as One and Many,” Spring 2008

Thomas Recchio, Associate Professor, English

Altila Waller, Professor, History
“Sexual Politics in Andrew Jackson’s Washington,” Spring 2008
Engineering professor monitors safety of Connecticut bridges


Benton Museum hosts exhibition of works by Auguste Rodin


Sherry Fisher

A kiss is just a kiss — unless you are looking at Auguste Rodin's celebrated sculpture. "The Kiss" is one of 66 of the artist's bronzes in the exhibition Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession, Sculpture from the Iris and B Gerald Cantor Foundation at the William Benton Museum of Art. The show runs through Dec. 16.

The exhibition includes sculptures ranging from monumental to small scale models, works on paper, photographs, and other documents. Wall murals and panels explain Rodin's life and the process of sculpture, and provide other information. A video produced by the Cantor Foundation describes the process of creation of the artworks.

"Rodin was the greatest sculptor of his time," says Steven Kern, director of the Benton museum. "We're excited to have his work here."

The exhibit was organized and made possible by the Iris and B Gerald Cantor Foundation. Admission is $5.

"The exhibition is not just for those in art and art history — it's also for people in the humanities and sciences," Kern says. "I think this exhibit opens up a conversation, not only about artistic inspiration, but about bronze, metals, and casting. We can talk about both the technical and the aesthetic side of Rodin's work."

David Woods, dean of the School of Fine Arts, says the exhibit "opens new perspectives of art for students, faculty, and members of the community. It raises the artistic standards of the Benton Museum to even higher levels." Rodin was born in 1840 and died in 1917. Like many artists, he struggled for recognition throughout his early career.

"He prevailed over negative criticism and persevered until his work finally reached acceptance," Kern says.

Sculture became a large-scale enterprise during the later part of the 19th century. An expanding middle class, growing cities, and the Industrial Revolution created a strong demand for multiple casts of popular sculpture. Both the avant-garde and the bourgeoisie admired Rodin and demanded his art.

"His work entered into popular culture in his own time," Kern says. "The market for his sculpture was huge, and he met the demands by casting reductions and enlargements of his work."

Rodin believed that being true to nature was the source of beauty. He refused to idealize his models. Instead, he emphasized every contour of the human body. He was one of the first artists to maintain that a part of a figure, such as a hand or torso, could stand alone as a complete work of art. He found inspiration and new creative energy in the power and formal beauty he saw in fragments.

During the time in which Rodin created his sculptural masterpieces, the visual arts in France were varied, innovative, and revolutionary. As a complement to the sculptures by Rodin, the Benton's curator selected 15 works from the Benton's permanent collection by artists of the same period. These include works by Theodore Ribot, Alphonse Legros, and Camille Pissarro. Rodin's Contemporaries is on exhibit in the Benton's balcony gallery.

Some of the works in the main exhibition were cast during Rodin's lifetime, while others were cast after he died, according to his explicit wishes and instructions to the French government, responsible for the administration of his estate.

The history of each sculpture is described on labels and further explained in other text and the video, says Kern, noting that there has been some controversy regarding the authenticity and originality of the sculptures.

"These issues are fodder for discussion," Kern says. "The exhibition offers an opportunity to understand the historical and continued casting of Rodin's bronzes reflecting the artist's instructions and embracing his wishes in accordance with French and international law."

There will be noontime gallery talks on Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Expert on parasitic diseases named to international panel

By Kristina Goodough

Dr. T.V. Rajan, a professor of immunology at the Health Center, has been invited by the World Health Organization to serve a four-year term on its expert advisory panel on parasitic diseases. Rajan is an expert on the biology of human lymphatic filariasis, a parasitic disease that causes elephantiasis, a grotesque thickening and hardening of the skin. It is one of the leading causes of permanent and long-term disability in the world.

While studying the disease, Rajan was puzzled why mice used in his research could rid themselves of the filariasis-causing parasite and avoid long-term illness, while millions of people in certain areas of the world suffered chronically from the disease. His hypothesis was that children born to women infected by the parasite during pregnancy were more likely to get the disease later in life.

"Instead of developing protective antibodies to the illness, the child’s immune system does not recognize the mosquito-born parasite as a threat, and tolerates its presence," says Rajan. "This means the mother’s infectious status could help determine whether the children are more susceptible to the disease.

The World Health Organization estimates that about one billion people in 80 countries are at risk of filariasis, which occurs most frequently in India and Africa.

"This is a high point of my career," says Rajan. "I come from India, where about 50 percent of the cases occur. My grandmother had the disease. I worked on this disease in the hopes that I could play a role in global eradication efforts. Now I believe I will have the opportunity to do that."

Rajan is one of six members on the expert advisory panel on parasitic diseases. Two are from Asia, two from Africa, one from Europe, and one – Rajan – from the United States.

"I didn’t solicit this," he says, "it just happened."

As a member of the panel, Rajan will be involved in policymaking related to the allocation of resources to eliminate the disease.

"Because of the work done in my laboratory over the past two decades, we now have the potential to predict whether a child one or two years old is likely to become infected," he says. "This information means we don’t have to treat everyone. We can provide prophylactic measures just to those most at risk. The target population for those at risk of this disease is a billion people. With a fairly simple blood test, we can reduce that billion to a few million. That saves a lot of money for very poor countries."

Rajan joined the Health Center in 1988. He received his medical degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and his Ph.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University in New York City.

Communication sciences prof studies interactions in cyberspace

By Karen Singer

In the online world, as in the offline world, first impressions set the stage for social interaction, according to UConn researchers.

Recent projects by Kristine Nowak and Christian Rauch found avatars — images representing one another by typing text messages using an Instant Messaging software. Avatar images included two male and two female human-like characters, a blonde girl with pigtails and a ketchup bottle with a face.

Participants in both studies rated the anthropomorphic (human-like) avatars as more trustworthy when they have distinct male or female characteristics. Androgynous avatars — those with ambiguous or feminine avatars — perceived as more humanlike and less credible than distinctly male or female avatars.

"What we found was androgynous avatars are perceived as less anthropomorphic (human-like) than distinctly male or female avatars, and the perception of the avatar’s credibility is driving the perception of the person’s credibility," says Nowak, who has been studying avatars since she was a graduate student. She has been teaching at UConn since 2000, and currently supervises the Human-Computer Interaction Lab in the communication sciences department, where her research concentrates on how people use computer media, and how avatars affect the person perception processes.

The most recent study, Nowak says, "has implications for how people use the Internet and avatars," especially at a time when avatars are proliferating on social networking and e-commerce websites.

Avatars range from simple images used for text messaging to highly imaginative and sophisticated digital creations in Second Life, a virtual world with five million individuals and more than 7,000 businesses.

Nowak notes that businesses are increasingly using avatars for virtual meetings, and some companies are even conducting job interviews with them.

"Though press coverage of the UConn study tended to focus on the avatar angle, Nowak says, the results of her research are contributing to an understanding of how people communicate both online and offline.

"Discovering that communication processes do not substantially change in cyberspace isn’t shocking," she says, "because people follow the same rules and processes for getting to know people on and offline."

In initial interactions, she adds, "We want to reduce uncertainty about how the other person is going to behave. The desire to reduce uncertainty is central to most interpersonal interactions."

Because reducing uncertainty appears to be more difficult when interacting with androgynous rather than clearly male or female-looking virtual images, Nowak advises people to craft their avatars carefully.

"Spend at least as much time thinking about your online image and the avatar you select to represent you as do when you present yourself to the offline world, such as when you decide what clothes you’re going to wear for the day," she says. "Think about the message you’re sending with the avatar you’re choosing, and consider how that might influence what others perceive."

Nowak says she finds it strange, however, that people think they can get to know someone much better when they can see them face-to-face rather than interacting online.

"Judgments of others in face-to-face interactions are made in an instant, with little cognitive thought," she says. "People are rarely consciously determining the factors they use in perceiving others, or in detecting deception, but we are very confident in our accuracy and ability to get to know others. When meeting someone face-to-face, such as at a bar, a person may feel confident enough to give another person a phone number after a 15-minute discussion."

"On the other hand," she adds, "we may meet someone online, chat with them for six months, analyzing the text of these messages and think very carefully about who this person is, but still have very little confidence and high uncertainty when we finally meet them face-to-face."

Nowak and her colleagues are seeking additional funding to continue their research.

"We next want to use avatars in different ways," she says. "We want to animate them and put them in different contexts."

"We also need to put them in an online learning context or market setting and look at how the avatar credibility ratings change."

The Health Center’s Dr. T.V. Rajan will serve on a policy-making panel.

Kristine Nowak, assistant professor of communication sciences. Above are some of the avatars — images with human features — used in her research.
The following grants were received through the UConn Health Center's Office of Grants and Contracts in May 2007. The list represents new awards as well as continuations. The list of grants is supplied to the Advance by the Office of Grants and Contracts.

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Academics
Monday, 9/17 – Examination for course credit by examination.

Libraries
Homer Babbidge Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 a.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 a.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dodd Center. Reading Room hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Barnard Library. Hours: Monday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Torrington Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Stamford Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Waterbury Campus Library. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

University ITS
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Help Desk: Call 860-486-1637. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ph.D. Defenses
Tuesday, 9/18 – Immunology. Heat Shock Protein 60 is indispensable for Recognition of Multiple Pathogens Associated Molecular Patterns, by Yi Yang (adv.: Li), 1 p.m., Room EI013, Academic Research Building.

Wednesday, 9/19 – Nutritional Sciences. Influence of HfI on the Onset of Lactation among Orange County Mammals, by Gloria Ethel Otoo (adv.: Perez-Escamilla), 11 a.m., Room 209, Jones Building.

Friday, 9/21 – Physics. Effects of Strong Interactions in Ultracold Rydberg Gases, by Jovca Stanovick (adv.: Carette), 3:30 a.m.

University 1TS
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Help Desk: Call 860-486-3537. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Water Recycling
for potable water withdrawn from the University’s groundwater wells and would be particularly beneficial during prolonged dry conditions, Callahan says. Callahan says microfiltration is routinely used in several areas of the country, notably Florida and Arizona. It is also used on some golf courses in Connecticut.

If the analysis indicates the project is feasible, he says, the University will likely require the support of state regulatory authorities before construction could begin. But, he added, with determination, cooperation, and some luck, the project could be operational in two to three years.

Performing Arts
Saturday, 9/15 – Winnie the Pooh. Tickets $15 and $13. p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts.

Sunday, 9/16 – Music at the Benton. A performance of French Songs by soprano Constance Rack and pianist Myung Lee. Admission free for general public, $5 for Benton members. 1 p.m. Sunday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Benedictum Museum of Art. Monday, 9/17 – The Jazz Showcase. Admission $7; students and children free with 8 p.m. von der Mehden Room.

Sports
Wednesday, 9/19 – Men’s Tennis vs. Sacred Heart. 3 p.m. Tennis Courts. Benton Museum of Art. Wednesday, 9/19 – Field Hockey vs. Harvard. 7 p.m. Sherman Family Campus Complex.

Saturday, 9/22 – Field Hockey vs. UMass. 1 p.m., Sherman Family Campus Complex.

Film
Tuesday, 9/18 – Human Rights Film. Goodbye Hungry (2003), 6 p.m., Koerner Auditorium.

Potpourri
Monday, 9/17 – Free HIV/AIDS Anonymous Rapid Testing. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Room 209, Clas Building. Monday, 9/17 – Long River Reading. Bring a poem, short prose piece, or music to share at the open mic. Enjoy coffee, tea, snacks with other members of the UConn creative writing community. 7 p.m., Room 217, CLAS Building.

Tuesday, 9/18 – Publication Party. Wally Lamb, I’ll Fly Away: Further Testimonies from the Women of York Prison. 6:30 p.m., UConn Co-op.

Wednesday, 9/19 – Yiddish Tish Discussion. Noon–5 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/19 – Welcome Reception for Dean Anne Bavier. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Babbidge Library.

Wednesday, 9/19 – Women’s Self Defense Workshop. 5:30 p.m., Schroeder Reading Room, Stamford Campus.

Wednesday, 9/19 – Free HIV/AIDS Anonymous Rapid Testing. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Room 403, Student Union.

Wednesday, 9/19 – Publication Party. Leigh Steinberg’s The Green Line. 6:30 p.m., UConn Co-op.

Saturday, 9/21 – Natural History Museum Workshop. Connecticut Herpetological Society’s Introduction to the reptiles and amphibians of Connecticut. Adults and children ages 6 and older. Advance registration required. $5 for non-members of the UConn Natural History Society, $25 for Benton members. 10 a.m., Connecticut State Museum of Natural History & Archaeology.

Monday, 9/24 – Publication Party. James T. protocols at the World Cup with the Footballers, fans, and Freaks. 6:30 p.m., UConn Co-op.

Accounting changes
21st Century UConn allowed time to correct past problems.

“We were aware that there were problems through 2004,” says Walker. “The question was whether there was sufficient progress made, beginning with 2005. “It’s clear from these audits that a lot of positive changes have been effectively implemented,” he adds, “and the University is now better able to account for how our taxpayers’ money is being spent.”


The reports were characterized as “unqualified,” Scillia said, which in accounting terms means there are no significant issues.

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Youth Health Service Corps making positive impact across U.S.

Leaders of some 400 student organizations on campus will be better equipped to handle their jobs, thanks to a new training program.

The Student Organization Leaders Intentional Development program was developed by the Department of Student Activities to ensure that leaders of student groups are prepared to lead their organizations successfully and use all the resources available at the University.

Attendance at workshops, which run about 90 minutes, is mandatory for chief organization officers, secretaries, and chief financial officers. Attendance at an event planning workshop is mandatory for groups that host events.

Organizations that complete the program are eligible for services including access to facilities, organizational and financial advice, and may apply for funding from the student government.

“We’re trying to make sure everyone is trained and can succeed,” says Christine Wilson, director of student activities. “The organizations are already doing well, but we want to help them run them more effectively. The program provides a consistent foundation for all organizations to get started, and maximizes their success during the year.”

Short-term and long-term learning assessments have been established to evaluate what students gain from their workshop experiences.

“Students can graduate being good leaders, but if we train them, they’ll be even better ones,” Wilson says. “We also believe that what students learn in the workshops will prepare them for leadership roles in the future.”

Workshops for chief organization officers offer information on risk management, strategies for managing the transition of officers; suggestions for developing and leading effective groups; and strategies for recruiting and retaining members. Secretaries learn how to develop agendas, maintain records, and correspond effectively. Financial officers focus on financial planning, contacts, reimbursements, equipment inventories, and fundraising. Those who plan events learn about publicity, fundraising, budgeting, catering, and arranging for speakers and entertainment.

Samantha Sherwood, president of the Honors Council, was a participant in “How to Lead an Organization.” She says she enjoyed learning about her personal leadership style: “I found some of the exercises to identify your individual leadership personality interesting and insightful. We learned how to use those qualities to benefit our organization.”

Sherwood adds, “Before this program, the burden was on individual organizations. If you didn’t have strong communication from year to year, it was difficult at the beginning of the year. I’m glad they’ve organized this program.”

Guzman says student organizations will now have the guidance they need. “I think it’s an exceptional program.”

Jane Duffy, a graduate assistant in career services, presents workshops and is involved in assessing the program. “We want to help students realize that the skills they acquire are transferable,” she says. “Whether it’s taking effective minutes, balancing a budget, or organizing an event and following through, the skills will be useful as they venture out into the workplace. The University is presenting a special opportunity for students that will make their organizations stronger and their leaders and members more confident. It’s one more way UConn is on the cutting edge.”