Neag School of Education ranked among nation’s best

BY JANICE PALMER

The Neag School of Education is not only the #1 public graduate school of education in the Northeast and on the East Coast, it is now ranked the 12th best among public universities nationwide and 21st among the 278 public and private graduate schools of education in the U.S., according to the latest review in U.S. News & World Report.

Also significant are the rankings of the Neag School’s core programs which are individually assessed by U.S. News. Four of these rank among the nation’s top 20: elementary education (13); secondary education (17); curriculum and instruction (19); and special education (20).

Other UConn schools ranked in the top 50 include pharmacy (29); social work (42); law (46); and business (52).

In addition to education, graduate programs ranked in the top 50 include the master of public administration program in public finance and budgeting (7); speech pathology (25); audiology (31); primary care medicine (43); master of public administration (49); environmental engineering (50); and history (51).

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Chemistry student receives Goldwater Scholarship

Joseph Fournier, a sophomore majoring in chemistry who also plans to minor in physics and math, has been named a 2008 Goldwater Scholar.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship competition is a highly prestigious, merit-based national scholarship open to sophomores or juniors who aspire to Ph.D.s in the sciences, math, or engineering.

In the 2008 competition, 321 scholarships were awarded from a field of 1,035.

Fournier began his collegiate research career the summer before his freshman year in the lab of chemistry professor Challa Kumar, where he synthesized inorganic microspheres for possible use in medicine delivery. In spring 2007, he joined chemistry professor Robert Bohn’s microwave spectroscopy group to research long-range, non-bonded attractions.

An Eagle Scout, Fournier has been active in community service, having volunteered more than 900 hours during the past five years.

In his application, Fournier writes, “I am motivated by a desire to one day understand the inner workings of atoms and molecules and to apply this knowledge towards finding causes and cures for disease, creating efficient and clean energy sources, and developing new, advanced materials.”

Each year, the University of Connecticut may nominate up to four applicants to compete for Goldwater Scholarships on the national level. This year the Office of National Scholarships and an interdisciplin-
An afternoon with *New Yorker* cartoonists at Konover Auditorium, April 20

**By Suzanne Zuck**

Husband and wife Michael Maslin (SFA ’76) and Liza Donnelly will discuss their careers as cartoonists at *The New Yorker* magazine and their life raising six children, and pets, and publishing books, in a program, “Our Lives and Hard Times.” Their informal conversation, which will also cover the history of cartooning, will be moderated by UConn English professor and author Regina Barreca.

The event, sponsored by University Libraries, will take place on Sunday, April 20 at 2 p.m., in Konover Auditorium at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center. It is free and open to the public.

Michael Maslin has been drawing cartoons for *The New Yorker* since 1979. He is the author of four collections of cartoons, including *Mixed Company*, and, with Donnelly, co-author of *Husbands & Wives and Call Me When You Reach Nirvana.* Liza Donnelly has been a cartoonist at *The New Yorker* since 1977. She has written and illustrated seven children’s books. Her book, *Fanny Ladies: The New Yorker’s Greatest Women Cartoonists and Their Cartoons,* and the recently released *Sex and Sensibility: Ten Women Examine the Lunacy of Love in 200 Cartoons,* will be on sale at the event, as will Barreca’s recent book *Barely Married* and Donnelly’s and Maslin’s book *Married while working at The New Yorker in the 1980s.* They work independently, each with a unique style, offering entertaining and sharp observations on social relationships.

In connection with the event, wood sculptor John Magnan, a noted conceptual sculptural artist whose work has been exhibited at the UConn Libraries, has created a wood issue of *The New Yorker* that incorporates a cartoon image created by Michael Maslin. It will be offered in a silent auction that will end shortly after the public program on April 20.

Further information on the auction may be obtained from Linda Perrone at 860-486-0451 or Linda.perrone@uconn.edu. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Libraries’ exhibit program.

For more information about the event, go to www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/specials/ASC/events/Maslin_Donnelly_event.htm.

For more information about Magnan, go to www.johnmagnan.com.

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Promotion, tenure forum scheduled for April 18

Faculty and administrators are encouraged to attend a forum on promotion, tenure, and reappointment (PTR) on Friday, April 18 from 3 to 5 p.m., in Shippee Dining Hall, 1288 Storrs Road.

The event is sponsored by the Faculty Standards Committee of the University Senate.

The forum will include a session outlining PTR procedures led by Provost Peter J. Nicholls, Vice Provost Suman Singh, and Vice Provost Ronald Taylor.

Topics to be addressed during this session include: What are the milestones in the PTR process? How does UConn reappoint, promote, and grant tenure to faculty members? and What is the nature of the PTR review by the department, school or college, or center, and the provost?

Breakout sessions will follow, outlining the PTR process specific to each school or college or center.

These will be led by the dean or the dean’s designee.

There will also be an alternate session on mid-point and final PTR reviews, led by Singh and Taylor.

The forum is intended as an information session to reduce anxiety about PTR and promote understanding of the details of the process and the resources available.

It will be particularly valuable for non-tenured assistant or associate faculty, but is open to any faculty, administrator, or PTR committee member who wants to learn about the tenure and promotion process.

Refreshments will be served.

Reservations are not necessary.

For more information, go to: senate.uconn.edu/FSCminutes/PTRForum/PTRForum.htm

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ary faculty committee nominated three candidates, all of whom were recognized. All three are students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The others are: Sonali Shah, a junior with a double major in molecular and cell biology and nutritional sciences and a minor in chemistry, was named a 2008 Goldwater Honorable Mention. Shah has an extensive research background, including work at the GE labs, where she contributed data for the patent of the company’s DNA amplification kit. After she graduates from UConn in 2009, she plans to enter an M.D./Ph.D. program to research diabetes in hopes of finding clinical applications for new treatments and perhaps even a cure.

Also a 2008 Goldwater Honorable Mention, Michael Abramczyk, is a sophomore with a double major in physics and philosophy. Abramczyk studies lattice quantum chromodynamics (QCD) with physics professor Tom Blum, and plans eventually to obtain his Ph.D. exploring physics on both the macro and microscopic levels.

He was recently awarded a Summer Undergraduate Research Fund grant with Greg Petropoulos for their project, “The Calculation of the Neutron Electric Dipole Moment in QCD.”...
Work hard, follow your dreams, filmmaker Spike Lee tells students

BY CHAP WEXIS

For a street-wise, hip filmmaker, Spike Lee had some very tradi-
tional advice for college students in his recent talk at UConn.

Work hard. Get an education. Find out what you want to do, and do it. Money is not everything.

"It is the young people who are going to have to move this country forward," Lee said. Lee delivered the keynote address at the end of the three-
day conference on the Harlem Renaissance that was organized by the Institute of African American Studies

Lee said that as a younger, he dreamed of being a second base-
man for the New York Mets. But when he realized that filmm-
aking was his forte, he aban-
donned his dream to be a baseball player.

He had to work very hard at filmmaking, he said. That’s the advice he gives students in the filmmaking class he teaches at New York University.

"It’s not going to just happen," he said.

Lee described himself as an unmotivated college student in the 1970s, ending his sophomore year at Morehouse College in Atlanta with a C+ average and “taking up space.” His advisor warned him that he had to declare a major, but he had to declare a major because he had exhausted all of his electives.

He went home to Brooklyn in the summer of 1977, and using a video camera that someone had given to him, filmed what was happening – the New York City blackout, looting, and people ter-
rorized by “the Son of Sam” serial murderers.

The next fall, he declared a communications major. A faculty mentor encouraged him to turn his raw video footage into a story, and the resulting "The Last Hustle in Brooklyn" was his first film.

"That’s when I decided I’d be a filmmaker," he said.

Many of his Morehouse class-
mates, first-generation college

students, instead chose a profession that would guarantee them a job and ensure that their parents’ in-
vestment in college would pay off.

"A lot of these cats chose a pro-
fession which did not bring joy to
their heart," he said. Although he does not blame parents for wanting their children to have more than they did, he said, "If you want to be happy, do what you love.”

Lee said he was lucky, because he was raised in an artistic house-
hold. His grandmother taught art for 50 years in schools in Macon and Atlanta, Ga., but she never taught a white child because of Jim Crow segregation laws.

His grandmother, whose mother had been a slave, went to college; her daughter went to college; and her grandchildren went to college, he said.

"Education – that’s who we are," he said of African Americans. "We know somehow, education would be the tool for freeing us from bondage.”

Lee said peer pressure is an obstacle to success: "We only discuss black and white perspectives on the O.J. Simpson trial and the recent con-
troversy over the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright’s sermons.

In addition, he said, some black women go along with popular rap lyrics that are degrading to women, saying they don’t apply to anyone they know.

"That’s somebody’s mother and somebody’s sister," he said.

Lee’s latest project, to be released next October, is a film about American Negro soldiers who fought in Italy in the U.S.

Army’s 9th Division Infantry in World War II. Known as the Buffalo Soldiers, they were the first black forces to fight against the Nazis in Europe.

“I wanted to show how patriotic we’ve been for this country, despite everything that’s gone on,” he said.

Lee called for more public dialog about race. "We only discuss black and white perspectives on the O.J. Simpson trial and the recent controversy over the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright’s sermons."

UConn stem cell researchers receive state funding for work

BY DAVID BAILMAN

Nine UConn faculty members, representing disciplines including neuroscience, immunology, genet-
ics, and molecular medicine, have been awarded $3.3 million in state funding for human embryonic stem cell research.

Seven of the grants were awarded to scientists based at the Health Center, and two to researchers at the Center for Regenerative Bi-
ology in Storrs.

The awards were among a total of 22 grants totaling nearly $10 million in the second round of

funding announced April 1 by the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee (SCRAC), a 13-member committee in charge of developing the state’s stem cell grants-in-aid program.

"We are very pleased with the results," said Dr. Marc Lalande, chair of the Department of Genet-
ics and Developmental Biology, associate dean for research planning and coordination at the Health Center, and director of the Univer-
sity's Stem Cell Institute. "We hope the research to be funded using these taxpayer monies will bring honor to the state of Connecticut.”

The funding program, approved by the legislature and Gov. M. Jodi Rell in 2005, set aside $100 million for Connecticut-based embry-
onic and adult stem cell research through 2015.

In 2006, the com-
mittee awarded $20 million in the first round of competitive funds for stem cell training and research programs at UConn and other Connecticut universities.

For this second round, the com-
mittee received 87 preliminary requests seeking nearly $45 million for research projects. Proposals were submitted by Yale University, the University of Hartford, and several small biotech firms based in the state, as well as UConn.

The applications were peer reviewed by a separate group of scientists, which ranked each prop-
osal for the state stem cell panel with respect to the ethical and scientific merit.

The state panel awarded four types of grants:

• seed grants of $100,000 per year for two years to support early phases of research that is not ready for larger scale funding;

• established investigator grants of up to $250,000 per year for scientists with a track record of independent research and grant support;

• group project grants of up to $2 million over four years to sup-
port coordinated research among several investigators aimed at specific goals that are beyond the scope of a single laboratory;

• and core facility awards, intended to establish or maintain centers with the equipment and personnel necessary to operate a core lab that will be made accessible to the state stem cell research community.

UConn seed grant recipients:

Mark Carter, Center for Regen-
erative Biology, Storrs

Laijun Lai, Immunology, Health Center

Cytokine-induced production of transplantable hematopoietic stem cells from human embryonic stem cells, $200,000

Dharmaminder Choudhary, Surgery, Health Center

Differentiation of human embryonic stem cell lines to neural crest derived trabecular meshwork like cells, $200,000

Kent Moret, Neuroscience, Health Center

Directed differentiation of embryonic stem cells into cochlear precursors for transplants as treat-
ment of deafness, $450,000

Daniel Rosenberg, Molecular Medicine, Health Center

Targeting lineage committed stem cells to damaged intestinal mucosa, $450,000

Xuejun Li, Neuroscience, Health Center

Modeling motor neuron degener-
in spinal muscular atrophy using human embryonic stem cells, $450,000

UConn group grant recipient:

Theodore Rasmussen, Center for Regenerative Biology in Storrs

Prodrug and Phase I clinical trials in patient-matched pluripotent cells for improved cutaneous repair, $634,880

UConn core grant recipient:

Hector Aguilera, Immunology, Health Center

In addition, a core grant was awarded to Evergreen, a biotechno-
logy company started in lab space provided by UConn’s Technology Incubation Program.

The new grants bring UConn’s total of state stem cell funding to $14.4 million.

“These are leading neuroscien-
tists and cell and developmental biologists who bring fresh per-
pectives and backgrounds to the field and will help determine the potential of embryonic stem cell therapy for understanding and treating cancers and many other diseases and for developing cell-
based therapies,” said Lalande.

"The University is in an ideal posi-
tion to advance this cutting-edge research.”
University Scholars create projects beyond typical plan of study

By SHERY FISHER

The University recently recognized 14 faculty members for their contributions in the area of research with potential for product development and commercialization, during the sixth annual President’s patron awards dinner at the Alumni Center.

The dinner, co-hosted by Presi- dent Michael J. Hogan and the Office of Technology Commercial- ization, recognizes an inventor, or team of inventors, for discoveries that have resulted in issued U.S. patents. In 2007, the University of Connecticut received 26 patents based on the work of faculty researchers.

“Growing research is a key ele- ment in moving this University into the top tier,” said Hogan. “To do so, we need to build on the suc- cess that we’ve already established. Our award recipients today are the manifestation of that success.”

The 26 patents issued to UConn in 2007 bring to 267 the total number of patents the University has received, said Mike Newborg, executive director of the Center for Science and Technology Commer- cialization, the University’s patent and licensing office, which also works to move more inventions into the marketplace.

Of that total, more than half -- 152 patents -- have been issued since the year 2000, he says. “Having patents is fine, but we need them so we can license them,” Newborg added. “Of these 26 pat- ents, 19 have already been licensed to nine different companies, and of these nine companies, four are UConn or UConn R&D start-ups and two of those are located at business incubators operated by the UConn Technology Incuba- tion Program.”

Newborg also noted that since fiscal year 2003, UConn’s licensing efforts have earned the University $5.5 million in gross licensing revenue, of which $1.6 million was distributed to the inventors and another $3.1 million was returned to the schools and colleges to sup- port additional research.

The faculty inventors who at- tended the awards dinner were: Jon Goldberg, a materials scien- tist in the School of Dental Medi- cine; Goldberg was recognized for developing an opaque polymer that can replace metal wires used in braces. The technology aris- ing from his discovery has been licensed to a UConn R&D Corp. company, NewBisPolymer.

Michael Pákal, a professor of pharmaceutical sciences and an expert in the freeze drying process, was recognized for leading a team that discovered a way to make a specialized cotting component used to treat bleeding disorders.

Faculty members feted for discoveries resulting in patents

He says field work was exciting. “It’s a great way to get to know a city and feel that you part of it. You get to know people from different walks of life, and see how they deal with the same problem. It was a unique learning experi- ence.”

Pendry’s, Saha, and Ferketic are among 11 University Scholars who will present their research during panel sessions on Friday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, in the Student Union Ballroom.

Pendry will also perform La Serva Padrona on April 26 at 3 p.m. in von der Mehden Recital Hall.
Butterfly atlas provides data, details about Connecticut species

BY CHAD WEISS

With a month to go before trees leaf out, it may seem early to look for butterflies in Connecticut. But on a warm day, you might see Nymphalis antiope, or Mourning Cloak, spread in yellow-bordered maroon wings in the sun. The Mourning Cloak is often the first butterfly seen each year in the state, according to the Connecticut Butterfly Atlas, a colorful 376-page reference to Connecticut’s 117 known butterfly species. Jane O’Donnell, biology collection manager in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, chaired the project and edited the atlas. Co-authors were David Wagner, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and Lawrence Gall of Yale University’s Peabody Museum of Natural History.

The book, published last summer by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), provides a baseline of information about the distribution of Connecticut’s butterfly population. “A lot of our endangered, threatened, and special concern species are butterflies,” says O’Donnell. The book’s handy size (5 inches by 9 inches), clear descriptions, and colorful accompanying photos of butterflies in all stages of development have made it an identification tool for lepidopterists.

Even though Connecticut is a small state, “there’s a lot of ground to cover,” says O’Donnell.

Partnership with Egyptian university focuses on women in development

BY KAREN SINGER

UConn faculty members working on a project to enhance educational and economic opportunities for women in Egypt have laid the groundwork for the creation of a women’s center at an Egyptian university.

The project, which recently returned from a trip to Menoufia University, which partnered with UConn for the project. The initiative was funded by a two-year grant awarded to UConn in 2005 by the U.S. State Department to develop a program of faculty exchanges and training focused on women in development.

In March, Elizabeth Mahan, associate executive director of the Office of International Affairs, Kathryn Lhal, an anthropologist and assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies and the School of Social Work, and Nancy Bull, associate dean of outreach and public service in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, conducted the third of three workshops at the university, which is about 44 miles north of Cairo. Mahan, and Boris Bravo-Ureta, a professor of agricultural and resource economics and executive director of the University of Connecticut Interna-

tional Affairs, were co-principal investigators. Other UConn participants were associate extension educator Joseph Bonelli and Teresa McDowell, former director of the marriage and family therapy master’s and doctoral programs.

Mahan says the main purpose of the project was to “address a quite significant gender gap in Egypt … by building capacity at Menoufia University to incorporate a focus on women in the curriculum.”

The first workshop, on women’s rights and development, was held in November 2006. It explored the interrelationships between women’s rights and human rights, and the interdependency between social, economic, cultural, political, and civil rights and gender equality and justice. During a second workshop in March 2007 on entrepreneurship, participants came up with a concept for producing and marketing frozen vegetables.

The third workshop examined ways for women to strengthen their families and communities through collaborative action.

Libal says many of the workshop components were contributed in Arabic by Menoufia University personnel and their contacts in local communities. Bull and McDowell also helped facilitate discussion and dialogue, contributing to positive interactions between Menoufia faculty and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). This helped further another project goal: to improve and expand the relationship between the university and NGOs, which play a pivotal role in development.

There have been other tangible results. An NGO participant in last year’s entrepreneurship workshop started a new venture, with women in his village making bandhagi. Other NGOs initiated micro-loan programs for budding businesswomen. During the grant period, several Menoufia University faculty have visited UConn, including two assistant lecturers who are earning master’s degrees in international studies. Shyama Ata is studying women’s role in economic development; Riham Moustafa is focusing on women, entrepreneurship, and development.

UConn also has benefited from the project. Libal and Mahan, for example, prepared a special course to teach about women and development. And the interdisciplinary approach has given UConn participants a chance to interact with faculty members from other departments.

Recently, the president of Menoufia University, Abbas Ali El-Hefnawy, announced his support for a new women’s center on campus, which eventually may house a women in development master’s degree program.

The UConn group intends to seek additional funding to continue the collaboration with their Egyptian counterparts. "We’d like to make the new women’s center a vital and active component of Menoufia University that connects to the community," Bull says, "and work to help strengthen ties between communities and universities in Egypt."
Gear up now for Calhoun bike ride fund-raiser in June

BY MAUREEN McGUIRE

The Health Center is gearing up for its second annual CIENA Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride. The biking event, to benefit the Health Center’s Carolee and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and Coaches vs. Cancer, a program of the American Cancer Society, will be held on June 8 in Simsbury.

The Calhoun Challenge Ride includes courses of 10, 25, and 50 miles, each of which covers a mix of flat and hilly terrain. The event will be led again this year by Jim Calhoun, who completed the 50-mile course during the inaugural ride in 2007.

“This is a great event that allows participants to challenge themselves on the biking course and challenge themselves to raise funds for a very worthwhile cause,” says Joyce Fritz, a longtime Health Center employee and captain of one of the two Health Center teams, the Fritz Free Riders. Fritz participated in last year’s event and raised $700.

“I’ve always felt a need to help people. Riding in this event is a way all of us can pitch in and make the world a better place,” says Fritz, who will train for the June event by logging an average of 50 miles per week on her bike, including riding to and from work once the weather eases up. In the meantime, she is walking regularly, going to the gym, and taking yoga classes.

“Now is the time to take your bike to the shop for a tune-up,” Fritz adds, noting that local bike shops get very busy once the spring weather arrives. “Riders want to be ready to start training as soon as possible,” she says.

Also in training now is Barbara Treadwell, a medical assistant in the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and captain of another Health Center team, the Treadwell Trekkers. Treadwell also participated in the 50-mile course. She says she was motivated to ride because she sees every day how compassionately, skilled care can transform the lives of people with cancer. What she didn’t anticipate, however, was how the event would transform her life.

“You really jump-started my fitness routine,” says Treadwell, who has lost more than 40 pounds since the first ride. The Health Center has set a goal of attracting a total of 300 people to ride with the two teams.

“You don’t have to be a Health Center employee to ride with one of our teams,” says Karen Tomasko, associate director of development, University of Connecticut Foundation Inc. “In fact, we encourage people to ask their friends, family, and neighbors to ride with us.”

Tomasco says the time to start talking to friends and family about this event is now: “You want to give people time to think about this plan and accordingly. People need to factor in time to prepare for the race, as well as time to collect pledges,” she says, noting that all riders are expected to raise at least $200 in pledges and support.

Dr. Carolyn Runowicz, director of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, says, “We’d like to see the entire community participate in some fashion.

“There are several ways people can support this event,” Runowicz adds. “While we’d love to see as many people ride with us as possible, people can also make donations or pledges for our riders.”

To learn more about the Calhoun Challenge Ride, visit the web site calhounride.uchc.edu, where you can join the Treadwell Trekkers or the Fritz Free Riders.

Environmental safety head Frank Labato dies

BY SHERIFF FISHER

Frank Labato, director of Environmental Health and Safety, died March 27 after a long illness. He was 56.

Labato, who lived in Vernon, joined the University in 1988, and worked to build a strong, organized, and centralized environmental office. He headed the chemical, biological, radiation, and occupational safety sections at the University – critically important areas that affect student, faculty, and staff safety, and the functioning of labs and many other areas at the University.

“Frank did an extraordinary job in centralizing health and safety aspects for the benefit of the entire University community,” says Stefan Wawrzyniecki, chemical health and safety manager. “He will be missed by everyone whose lives he touched.’’

Well known and respected in his field, Labato led UConn through a time of increased federal and state regulation. He was known for his thoughtful and thorough approach to complex issues.

Robert Hudd, associate vice president of public and environmental safety, says, “It has been an honor for me to work with Frank, not only because he was so professional and knowledgeable, but also because he was a wonderful person.”

Terri Dominguez, occupational health and safety manager, says Labato’s “caring, respecting, and great sense of humor made him a wonderful person to work for. He was a great boss and dear friend.”

Business manager Janet Minor says Labato made the workplace a “home away from home. He will be missed.”

Labato received a bachelor’s degree from St. Anselm College in New Hampshire, and a master’s degree from St. Anselm College and the Institute of Environmental Safety and Physical Education.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Rita, and their children Laura, Maria, and Kevin.

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Although the U.S. News rankings serve as only one of several barometers used by the School of Education to assess its reputation and quality of its programs, Richard Schwab, dean of the Neag School, describes the findings as “very encouraging.”

“We look at those ranked ahead of us, like Harvard, Michigan State, and Ohio State, and see that we’re in very good company,” he says.

Each year, U.S. News gathers opinion data from program directors, senior faculty, school superintendents, and deans to rank professional school programs. Statistical indicators supplied by each school are used to measure the quality of a school’s faculty, research, and students.

“Our mission is to prepare highly qualified teachers who are capable of meeting the diverse needs of their students,” Schwab says. “To have four of our key programs ranked among the country’s top 20 is something we can be extremely proud of.”

The Neag School’s overall ranking (21) has climbed since 2003 when it was ranked #50. Last year, it was positioned at #31.

Schwab credits the school’s rise to the contributions made by his faculty and administration to help the school become more effective and efficient, and to the support it has received on several fronts.

“We’ve been able to heavily invest in the recruitment of top faculty and students, in improving the quality of our programs, increasing scholarship funds, and installing some of the best education technology available,” Schwab says. “These advancements and more were made possible by the $21 million gift from UConn alumn Ray Neag, and by the support we’ve received from the University and the State of Connecticut.”

The state matched the 1999 Neag gift with $3.4 million. Schwab believes a key factor helping to build the Neag School’s reputation is its work with public schools in Connecticut and around the country.

“Our faculty members are working in partnership with classroom teachers to conduct research, consult, and share information about best practices,” he says.

Partnerships within the University are vital as well, Schwab says. Through the School’s involvement in the Teachers for a New Era program, led by the Carnegie Corp. of New York, the Neag School is working closely with other schools and colleges on campus to improve teaching professionals.

In addition to the new rankings, the School’s doctoral program in kinesiology is ranked #1 in the nation by the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

The U.S. News World Report rankings were published in the March 31 issue of its weekly magazine, and its America’s Best Graduate Schools guidebook is available at most bookstores and online.
Stamford Campus hosts high school conference on globalization

Kathleen Dechant, professor-in-residence of management, leads a discussion about globalization during a conference for high school students at the Stamford Campus on March 26.

Eighty-five high school students spent a day at the Stamford cam-

pus recently learning about the pros and cons of globalization.

The March 26 conference, “Glo-

balization: A Double-Sided Coin” pro-

vided students from five Connecticut high schools with the opportu-

nity to gain new insights and insights into the complex issues of glo-

balization.

The UConn Early College Experience (ECE) is a concurrent enrollment partnership that allows motivated students to take UConn courses at their high schools.

The UConn Early College Program is designed to provide high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses and earn college credits while still enrolled in high school.

The conference was organized by the Office of Research and the Office of Global Affairs, in partnership with the Department of Global Affairs.

The conference was held on the UConn Stamford Campus and featured presentations by faculty members, alumni, and guest speakers from various organizations.

The event was open to high school students and faculty members from around the state.

The conference included panel discussions on topics such as sustainable development, international trade, and global health.

The event was sponsored by the UConn Global Affairs Office, the Department of Global Affairs, and the Office of Research.

The conference was a great opportunity for students to learn about the complex issues of globalization and to network with faculty members and alumni from around the world.

By Tom Campetella