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Freshmen Head to London in Unique Program

Thirteen incoming freshmen are spending their first semester studying at Roehampton University in England this fall as part of UNH's new Freshman Study Abroad initiative. UNH's program is believed to be the first of its kind in Connecticut.

The students, whose majors range from Criminal Justice to Business, will have the opportunity to study abroad before they become immersed in the academic and social life of the University.

"Eighty percent of freshmen say studying abroad should be part of their experi-

ence," says Dennis Nostrand, vice president for Enrollment Management. "But only about 10 to 12 percent follow through. By going overseas for their first semester, the students get a taste of study abroad and are more likely to want to repeat the experience during their college careers."

State Representative Amann, Alumna Coady, Centurion CEO Honored at 84th Commencement

State Representative James A. Amann, who attended UNH, was awarded an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters at the University's commencement on May 26. Roxanne Coady '74, famed for her successful independent bookstore, R.J. Julia Booksellers in Madison, named for her grandmother who perished in the Holocaust, was awarded an honorary



Roxanne Coady '74

doctorate in Humane Letters. Coady has a B.S. in Financial Accounting from UNH. Joseph J. Grano, CEO and chairman of Centurion Holdings LLC, who served as the keynote speaker, was awarded an honorary doctorate in Business Administration. Grano encouraged graduates to prepare for a globalized economy. The University awarded two-hundred-sixty graduate and four-hundred-fifty-five undergraduate degrees.



State Representative James A. Amann, left, is congratulated by UNH President Steven H. Kaplan after being awarded an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters at the University's commencement on May 26



FACULTY PROFILE

A Life of Listening, Learning and Lessons

The academic life of Marty O'Connor, an associate professor of Fire Science, has been a matter of degrees. After losing his way, once he abandoned Fairfield University and his pursuit of the priesthood, he found it again as a firefighter in the New Haven Fire Department.

But he'll tell you that he began to direct his own life story when he earned a bachelor's degree from UNH while working full time as a New Haven firefighter. Then it was a law degree from the University of Connecticut while still full time at the fire department. Not done there, he earned a master of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School.

At 61, he's a popular instructor in the classroom, a beloved friend to many, and a listening ear to all. But just how good a listener is he? Not good enough, he thinks. This semester, "to be a better conversation partner," he says, he's starting work on his doctor of ministry degree at Fordham University.

"If you asked me at the beginning, 'Is this any way to get an education?' I would have said no," he says, "but it's been great for me."

Certainly, he's had a push here and a push there, when he had lost his path. "UNH found me a couple of times in my life," he says. But few who are momentarily misdirected have had the impact O'Connor has had on his environs. As campus minister at UNH, former director of the University's Fire Science program (he stepped down to become New Haven's fire chief in 1995), and coordinator of the University's public safety internships, he is a walking advertisement for education that never ends and a role model for usefulness, no matter what job he's doing at the moment. Of UNH, he says, "This is the only place in the world where I could have the chance to do all the great things that I get to do."

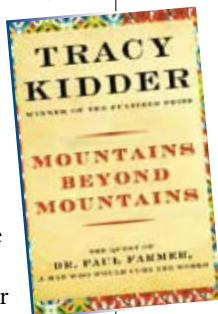
Marty O'Connor



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Bonding Through Books

Universities throughout the nation have embraced 'Common Read' programs, which encourage the reading of a specific book by the entire campus community. The University's Common Read 2007 Committee chose a book by Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author Tracy Kidder for this year's group-reading effort. *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a*



Man Who Would Cure the World, is the tale of a specialist in infectious diseases who founded Partners in Health,

a group of medical practitioners who have helped thousands of residents in Haiti, Peru and other impoverished places throughout the world.

"The 'Common Read' effort

enhances the campus as an intellectually engaged community of learners," says Dean of Students Rebecca Johnson, who coordinated the effort. At the heart of Kidder's book is the Haitian proverb "Beyond mountains there are mountains," meaning once one challenge is overcome, another arises.

More Than Art: Glass Blower Serves a Need

UNH educators who can't find what they're looking for in a test tube know who to call: Dr. Eddie Luzik, an amiable associate professor of Chemistry who works on the side to accommodate special orders. With a blowtorch in one hand and a piece of glass in another, Dr. Luzik has become a coveted

custom purveyor of designer test tubes, the kind that mass manufacturers don't make and glass retailers don't carry.

He does custom modifications to the tubes, along with repairs, for use in UNH's science labs.

Dr. Luzik started on the path to blown glass when he took a non-credit class at Bryn Mawr, his alma mater. "I played with it in junior high, too," he says.

Student Summer Research: From Marine Life to Memories

Several UNH students spent their summer researching subjects as diverse as the aquaculture of the organism *Limulus Polyphemus* to U.S. Latin American foreign policy during the Kennedy administration. The students, listed below, worked with faculty mentors to pursue their projects.

- Tim Beckwith '08, Accounting and Criminal Justice. Research: "Hierarchical Cluster Analysis and the Determination of Peer Institutions."

- Duncan Paige '08, Marine Biology. Research: "Aquaculture of *Limulus Polyphemus*."

- Jonathan Ellis '08, Finance and Music. Research: "Going Green."

- Jeremy Baril '07, Biology and Environmental Science. Research: "Detection of Multiple

Dr. Eddie Luzik



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Human Pathogens in Deer Ticks Using Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction and Formalin-Fixation Paraffin Embedding with Immunofluorescence Technique.”

- Elizabeth Atkinson '08, Psychology. Research: “Can We Determine the Functions of Everyday Involuntary Autobiographical Memories?”



- Carrie K. Gomez, Biology. Research: “Nanobiosensor Development for the Detection of *Borrelia Burgdorferi*, the Causative Agent for Lyme Disease.”

- Jenna Veronneau, History and Criminal Justice. Research: “U.S. Latin America Policy During the Kennedy Administration.”

- Lesley McGuffie '08, Marine Biology. Research: “Control of Larval Development Modes in the Polychaete Annelid *Polychaete Cornut*.”

- Timothy Fasano '08, Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. Research: “Green Synthesis of Challenging Amides.”

- McKenzie Bear '08, Chemistry and Biology. Research: “Synthesis and Testing of Vanadium Oxide-Polypyrrole Composites as Gas Sensors.”

- John Hangasky '08, Forensic Science and Chemistry. Research: “Recovery and Infrared Analysis of Nitrate Salt Explosives.”

Academic Couple in Limelight

As alarms continue to go off regarding Chinese food imports, George T. Haley, UNH professor and coordinator of Marketing and International Business programs at the University, was quoted in *USA Today* on the topic as early as May. In a story titled “China’s Budding Food Industry Faces Scrutiny,” Dr. Haley was quoted as saying that the quality of Chinese seafood and cleanliness is not consistently up to U.S. standards.

Usha C. V. Haley, professor of International Business and Director of the Global Business Center at the University, was widely quoted in newspapers that included *The New York Times* and the *Financial Times* on the landmark trade deal reached by the United States and Korea in April that could boost trade by as much as \$20 billion a year.

Fulbright Awarded

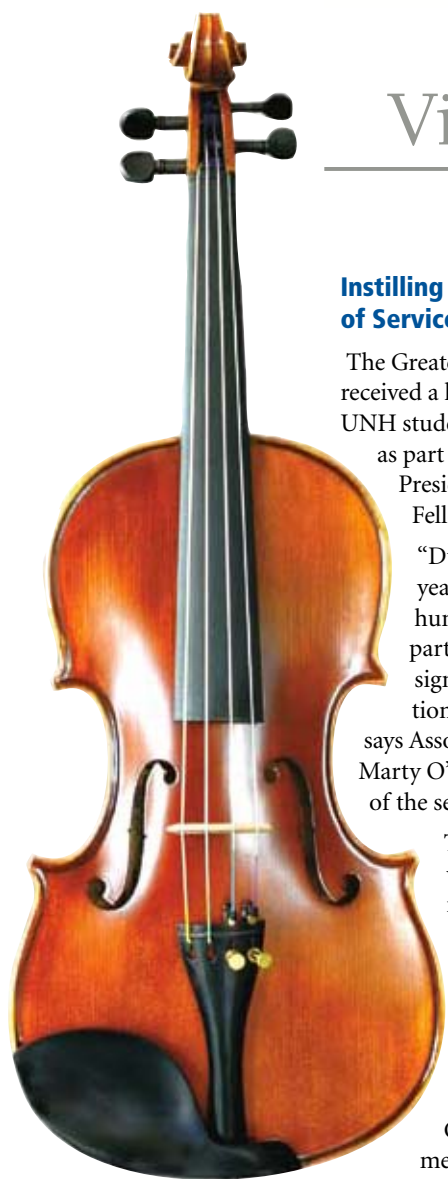
Andrea Hogan, director of International Services, is headed to Germany in October as a Fulbright Scholar to the United States-Germany International Education Administrators Program. Hogan was honored with the designation earlier this year. The program aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the residents of more than one-hundred-and-fifty countries that participate.

Professor’s Expertise Sought by Media

Journalists called upon the expertise of UNH Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. James Monahan while reporting on three slayings that occurred during a home invasion in Cheshire on July 23 garnering national media attention. Dr. Monahan was interviewed on WFSB Channel 3 in Rocky Hill on July 25, and was quoted in a front-page article in the *New Haven Register* on July 28 regarding the killers’ possible motives and the dangers of home burglaries.



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Instilling a Sense of Service

The Greater New Haven area received a helping hand from UNH students this summer as part of its ongoing President's Public Service Fellowship program.

"During the past nine years, more than one hundred students have participated and made significant contributions to non-profits," says Associate Professor Marty O'Connor, a member of the selection committee.

Those students who participated included:

- Daniel Adams '08 Criminal Justice, Downtown Special Services District and West Haven Chamber of Commerce
- James Beaubrun '09 Criminal Justice/Accounting, Christian Community Action
- Marquis Bell '08 Music Industry, New Haven Symphony
- Elizabeth Burdier '08 Legal Studies-Public Affairs, AIDS Project New Haven
- Keri Comerowski '08 Graphic Design, LEAP
- Dana English '08 Forensic Science, The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven

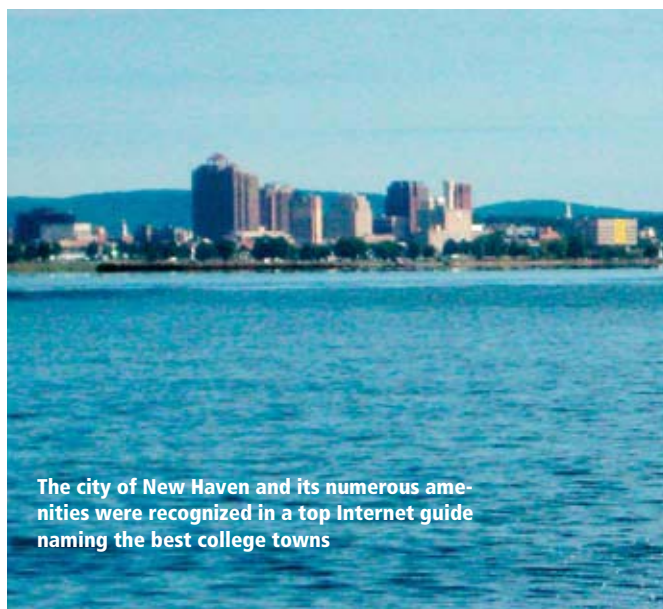
- Megan English '08 Forensic Science, Life Haven
- Kim Fallon '08 Criminal Justice-Investigative Services, West Haven Mayor's Office
- Amy Genther '08 Criminal Justice-Investigative Services, West Haven Community Center
- Andrew Kirkeby '08 Finance, West Haven Chamber of Commerce
- Brett Kooharian '08 Criminal Justice-Investigative Services, New Haven Chamber of Commerce
- Stacy Kot '08 Criminal Justice-Investigative Services, New Haven Chief Administrator's Office
- Shea Loy '08 Forensic Science, New Haven Convention & Visitors Bureau

New Haven Named Top College Town

UNH overlooks the city of New Haven, and although it has always had an interesting view, it was made more compelling this year when *ePodunk*, the inimitable Internet guide to travel information, named New Haven as one of its top forty college towns nationally in its *ePodunk* college town index.

"In our view, great college towns have a spark that comes not only from young blood, but from jazz clubs, literary events, bookstores and cafés," the scribes from *ePodunk* wrote. "They are intellectual, cultural hubs, balancing tradition with new business growth. Often, they mix urban amenities and small-town charm."

Learn more about Marquis Bell's public service internship at the New Haven Symphony. See page 16.



The city of New Haven and its numerous amenities were recognized in a top Internet guide naming the best college towns

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A Coup at the Hazell Nut Café

In just its first quarter of operation, the student-run Hazell Nut Café in Maxcy Hall served up a profit from its sale of Starbucks coffee, espresso, soda, pastries and the delectable ice cream Mini-Melts that sold solidly once the weather warmed. Students from Assistant Professor Dr. Jim Murdy's service-management class ran the café, which opened in March and is named for alumnus Jeffery Hazell '83 B.S., Hotel/Restaurant Management.

Recreation Center Rises

The David A. Beckerman Recreation Center is nearing completion, its glass-walled facade a gleaming testament to the University's growth. The Center, scheduled to open in December, will feature state-of-the-art exercise equipment, a running track, basketball and racquetball courts, a multi-sport court, lounges, a big-screen TV, exercise rooms, locker rooms, and more. "It's convenient to the residence halls, which is important in attracting students to the Center," says William Leete, special assistant to President Steven H. Kaplan. "You won't be able to walk very far on this campus without coming upon the Rec Center."



A Masada fort in Israel

Science and Theory Question Ancient Story

In a study published in June in the journal *Near Eastern Archaeology* that received widespread coverage including from the Associated Press, Joe Zias, an Israeli anthropologist, and Azriel Gorski, an associate professor of Forensic Science at UNH, questioned the accuracy of the ancient story of the Masada, in which Jewish zealots killed themselves and their families rather than succumb to the approaching Romans in 73 A.D. Previous anthropologists determined that three bodies found at the Masada site in Israel were those of the zealots.

By using forensic science and a passage from the Bible, the two theorized that the remains may be Roman. Their research determined that the hair of one victim had been cut from her head while she was still alive. A passage in Deuteronomy says that foreign women who Jews captured in battle must have their hair cut off. The Masada story has come under increasing attack, as Jewish authorities have sought to distance themselves from zealotry, and scholars have questioned its scientific accuracy.

Dean Announces Transition

Dr. Tom Johnson, founding dean of the UNH School of Public Safety and Professional Studies, which was recently renamed The Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, announced in July that he will step down as dean at the finish of the 2007–2008 academic year. Dr. Johnson will remain at the University as director of the National Security Program.



A Watercolor Wonderland

Art instructor Orna Weinroth collected her students' work from an intensive watercolor class she offered in the spring, and showcased it at the Seton Gallery in Dodds Hall from July 5 through August 10. The exhibit, bright with color and movement, featured works by Ali DiSpazio '08 Tourism and Hospitality Management, Alicia Roy '08 Graphic Design, Dr. James Monahan, associate professor of Criminal Justice, Zanidia Forde '08 Psychology, Scott Foss '09 Fire Science, Adriane Abbagnao '09 Criminal Justice-Juvenile & Family Justice, and Sondra White. "The students made a journey from learning how to hold a brush to being able to reproduce a Turner or a Homer on their own," Weinroth says.





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WNHU: Best College Station in State

The New Haven Advocate named WNHU 88.7 FM, the University's all-volunteer radio station, the state's best college radio station. This is the second year the station has won this recognition. The newspaper lauded the station for providing "a wide spectrum of music to seem like several radio stations in one." The station recently revamped its studios, and installed a new transmitter, among other improvements.

Camp Caters to Aspiring Women Engineers

Encouragement from her high-school chemistry teacher and the winning of a "Golden Test Tube Award" led UNH Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Dr. Nancy Savage down her career path. This summer, Dr. Savage shared that interest, awakening ten-to-fifteen-year-old students from throughout the state to the rewards of engineering through the University's new Engineering and Science Summer Institute for Young Women, an overnight camp that ran from July 29 through August 2.

"Science and engineering disciplines need women, with their



experiences, interests and ideas, to help bring about future discoveries and innovations," Dr. Savage says.

UNH student Robyn McMicken '07, '09 M.S. Forensic Science, works with ten-year-old Catie Jennetta, a sixth grader at Har-Bur School in Burlington, during this summer's engineering camp for girls at the University





Summer Program Teaches the Teachers

High school teachers from states as far as Kentucky and Indiana went back to school at UNH this summer to master a pre-engineering curriculum they will teach at their own high schools. University faculty and master teachers — high school teachers who have attended the summer program and taught the classes in their respective high schools — teach the courses.

“Our goal is that these teachers will go back in September and get their students so enthused about engineering that they will want to enter the field,” says Professor Ali Golbazi. Golbazi directs Project Lead the Way, a national program that forms partnerships between public schools, higher-education institutions and the private sector. “It’s all in the name of enticing students into the engineering field.”

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Historic Find Garners International Press

The New York Times, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Los Angeles Times* and Russia’s *Pravda* are just a few of the media outlets that covered the ground-breaking research of Dr. Al Harper and Associate Professor Tim Palmbach. The men uncovered that an Incan head wound suffered in a long-fought Incan rebellion against the Spanish, was caused by a gunshot. That would make the corpse they were studying the Western Hemisphere’s first gunshot victim. Their discovery was part of the PBS/ Nova special, “The Great Inca Rebellion,” shown this past summer.



A Winner Behind the Scenes

Roger Arnold, a faculty member in the Visual and Performing Arts Department, was part of a team that produced and engineered the song, *Have Hope*, which won a Genie Award (the Canadian equivalent of the American Oscar) this year.



Popular Canadian singer Jennifer Kreisberg, who wrote and sang the song for the 2006 Canadian film *Unnatural and Accidental*, accepted the Genie at this year’s 2007 awards event. The film, adapted from the stage play, *The Unnatural and Accidental Women*, focuses on the suspicious deaths from acute alcohol poisoning of ten destitute Canadian women.

Teaching Elementary Forensics

UNH Professor Dr. Howard Harris, a forensics chemistry expert, mesmerized high school teachers from several states in July when he showed them how to determine whether a soil sample from a suspect’s shoe or automobile matches a control sample from a crime scene.

Dr. Harris’ demonstration was part of a one-week training course, “Forensic Science for Educators,” offered by The Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at UNH. Teachers also learned about drug analysis, forensic toxicology, arson and explosives.

A Fraternal Anniversary

Anniversaries signify longevity, and this year Delta Sigma Alpha was flush with congratulations as it celebrated twenty-five years at UNH.

Society members planted a tree in May just outside the back door of Maxcy Hall to commemorate the occasion, and presented University officials with a certificate of appreciation. “We wanted to do something to say thank you to the University for its support over the past twenty-five years,” says Thurmon Whitley, who has been faculty advisor to the Society since its inception on campus.

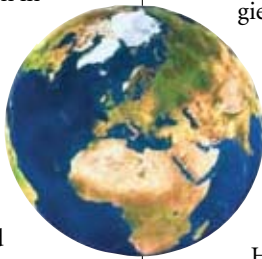
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A Renaissance in Global Security

Criminal Justice Professor Dr. James Monahan believes that the world needs a more innovative approach in its efforts to fight global terrorism. His solution: Fashion agents into Renaissance men and women. This summer, Monahan recruited first-year students for a new International Global Justice and Security concentration he developed at UNH.



"We're going to teach these students about arson, U.S. foreign policy, and what to do when a car bomb explodes," he says. "In the meantime, we'll steep them in foreign languages, including Arabic and Russian, and culture, and produce some of the best federal security agents in the country."

Dental Hygiene Excels at Testing, Goes Global

Students in UNH's Dental Hygiene program left for Honduras this summer on a goodwill mission to provide dental care to the impoverished, as dental-hygiene students from UNH were returning from another goodwill mission in Romania, where they worked in an orphanage to provide dental services. Details on these trips will be provided in the winter issue of this magazine.

To mark just how high the

quality of the student hygienists are in the Dental Hygiene Department, Program Director Sandra Palumbo reported that every last one of the University's 2007 Dental Hygiene graduates, who included twenty-two A.S. degree recipients and two B.S. degree recipients, passed the rigorous National Board Dental Hygiene examination and the Northeast Regional Clinical Board examination on their first try.

Magnet School Concept Moves Forward

At a press conference on May 12, state legislators and leaders in education and engineering overwhelmingly backed University President Steven H. Kaplan's announcement that UNH would pursue construction of a fifty-nine-million-dollar science and engineering magnet school for grades six through twelve. "It is clear that in order to keep this region competitive, there needs to be a concerted and collaborative effort to prepare students for global competition," Kaplan told those attending the press conference at Bartels Hall, the Campus Center. The school, set to open in the fall of 2008 in a temporary location, will grow one grade per year, beginning with grade six. It will serve more than six hundred area students.

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A Landmark is Achieved

After at least six years of work by several faculty committees, the entry and departure of five provosts, and the participation of at least four lawyers, the new Faculty Handbook and Constitution were overwhelmingly approved earlier this year by the faculty, administration and board of governors.

"While the beginning of this involved project dates back to the turn of the millennium, the arrival of Provost David Dauwalder certainly jump-started and expedited the process of negotiation and ratification," says Carl Barratt, a Mechanical Engineering professor and Chair of the Faculty Senate. "Yes, there were moments of drama, and some inevitable deal breakers, but throughout—certainly over the last year—the deliberations and discussions were always collegial, and perhaps even enjoyable! I am proud to have played a part with so many dedicated and caring faculty in this truly memorable achievement that will help the University move to a new level."

A landmark eighty percent of the general faculty voted on the new governance documents (with seventy-two percent voting in favor) that codify the rights and responsibilities of faculty and sets the ground rules for how faculty, administration, and the board interact to most effectively manage the University and serve its students.

The Battle to Ban Legal Jargon

The American Bar Association this year published *The Modern Rules of Style*, (\$29.95) a writing handbook for lawyers, by Paul Marx, professor emeritus of English at UNH. It is available by request at bookstores or online at www.ababooks.org.

