

a Blueprint for the Futu

Just as a teacher needs a syllabus, an entrepreneur a business plan and a builder a blueprint, universities need a guide to move in the right direction. For the University of New Haven, that guide is a detailed plan, a set of 'Strategic Directions.' In just a few years, those directions have taken remarkable shape, in new buildings and ambitious programs, in bold initiatives and expanded opportunities.

The Strategic Directions will continue to unfold, creating a University that is a paragon of intellectual excellence and exploration.



An architectural rendition of the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center

D I R E C T I O N 1 :

Strengthen Core Programs

1. CONNECT GLOBALLY

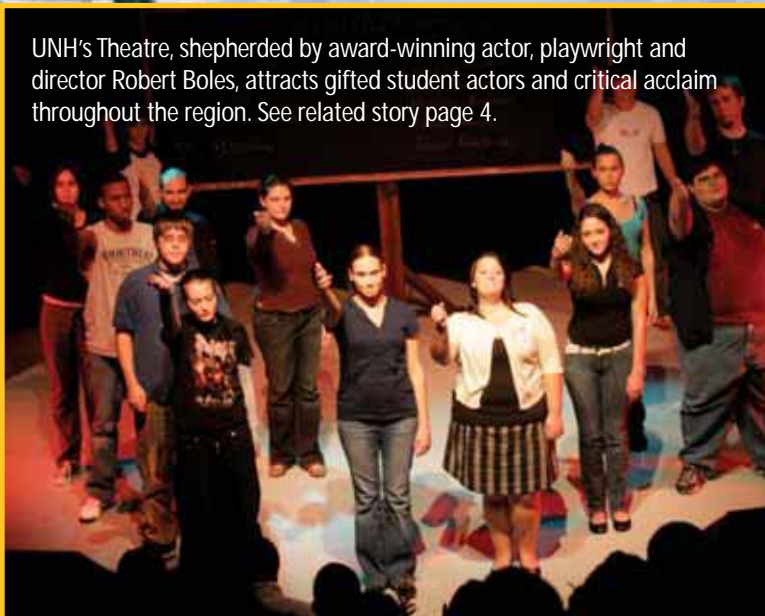
- Study-abroad programs propel the University into one of the top study-abroad providers in the nation. Twelve freshmen christen the ground-breaking Freshman Study Abroad initiative this past September, traveling to Britain's Roehampton University for their first semester of college. Next in line: spring-break study-abroad programs.
- Italy's University of Verona and UNH continue a successful study-abroad collaboration for students and faculty. Two students studied there this past semester, two more will arrive in summer 2008.
- Professor Ben Judd escorts 24 students to China this past summer for an unmatched experiential learning opportunity.
- Fire Science students study in Australia and England; Criminal Justice students study in Ireland and Australia. Forensic Science students will travel to Israel to study in summer 2008.
- UNH students are learning languages like never before: Arabic, Chinese, French, Italian, Russian and Spanish draw crowds to classes.
- Community and campus interest in the University's nascent Theatre program rises exponentially. The Theatre's latest work, "columbinus," draws standing-room-only audiences to Dodds Theatre this fall.



2. TRAIN FOR THE MILLENNIUM

- The University embarks upon a feasibility study to create a law school.
- The Tagliatela College of Engineering's innovative Spiral Curriculum, a multi-disciplinary approach to engineering education, trains the engineer of the future.
- The new University College caters to adult learners requiring programs that include accelerated, part-time, day and evening courses.
- The University College's Center for Corporate Education coordinates cohort graduate programs in the four colleges. It also provides customized corporate training for business and industry.
- Accelerated-degree programs in Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration and Liberal Studies begin.
- The Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences offers a B.S. in International Justice and Security, one of the first programs of its kind in the nation.

UNH's Theatre, shepherded by award-winning actor, playwright and director Robert Boles, attracts gifted student actors and critical acclaim throughout the region. See related story page 4.



D I R E C T I O N 2 :

Lead in Experiential Learning

THE UNIVERSITY:

- Is recognized as the Northeast Center for National Society of Experiential Learning, with larger number of faculty certified in Experiential Education by the Society than any other university in the nation.
- Starts Summer Undergraduate Research Program, funding 11 student-faculty research collaborations this past summer.
- Builds leaders: 40 students participate in Fall Leadership Education Program, 62 in First-Year Student Leader Training program.
- Trains tomorrow's business owners at the on-campus Hazell Nut Café, named for Jeffery Hazell '83 B.S., University alumnus who established Hazell Center for Hospitality Sales and Event Management.
- Sends Dental Hygiene students to Romania, Honduras and South Dakota to work with impoverished children, and to New Orleans to provide services as city rebuilds after Hurricane Katrina.
- Sponsors Small Business Days in New Haven's West River community, engaging residents in local economic initiatives.
- Places 186 students in service opportunities throughout Greater New Haven.
- Elects 14 students as Public Service Fellows, who then work at community and public-service agencies throughout the area.
- Completes a student-run survey and market analysis for West River that identifies potential small businesses and entrepreneurs within the community.



D I R E C T I O N 3 :

Develop the Whole Student



- Faculty and students interact outside classroom through Faculty And Students Together (F.A.S.T.).
- Students who share majors also share living quarters, off-campus trips, and custom advising in Living and Learning Communities (L.L.C.).



- Academic Peer Mentor program begins; peer mentors move into residence halls.
- Common Read program selects one book for entire campus to read, to encourage critical thought and community.
- UNH makes a slam-dunk for school spirit with acceptance into the Northeast-10 Conference: football to return in 2009.
- University develops orientation program for parents of incoming students with disabilities; Disability Resources Office receives gift to buy technology that provides access for students with disabilities.
- Freshman Honors Program begins; elicits tremendous response.
- First-year Music majors learn on-site about careers in their chosen fields.
- In concert with the New Haven Symphony, now housed at UNH, the University showcases classical artists on campus through its Arts@Night program.

D I R E C T I O N 4 :

Invest in Facilities and Technology to Support Growth

- The \$15.5 million David A. Beckerman Recreation Center opens. A glass-enclosed running track, multi-use athletic courts, state-of-the-art exercise machines, student lounges and a juice bar are part of the experience.
- A \$40 million suite-style residence hall equipped with 400 beds is slated to open in fall 2009.



- Architectural designs, above, are complete for the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science, to be built on campus in 2008.
- Smart Classrooms appear throughout campus, with the Samuel S. Bergami, Jr. Learning Center for Finance and Technology simulating a trading-room floor as the showcase.



- UNH teams begin to use new \$1.3 million turf field behind New Hall, left.
- Additions and renovations to Buckman Hall include new laboratories, office suites, classrooms and a new microscope for nanotechnology research.
- New Arson Burn Lab, to enhance Fire Science program, built in Echlin barn.

- University opens extended campus at Saw Mill Road in West Haven to house graduate classrooms and faculty offices.
- UNH renovates second floor of Echlin Hall to further enhance services to graduate and evening students.
- Concept of a University of New Haven Magnet School for Science and Engineering takes shape; federal money allocated for school to accommodate grades six through twelve, beginning in fall 2008 with a sixth-grade class.

