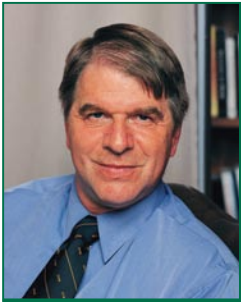


Inside Vermont



We are immensely grateful for your commitment to the University and to the values it represents.

It hardly seems possible that Rachel and I have just completed our fourth year with this wonderful University of the Green Mountains and the people who make it such a special place. Even more astonishing is the rapid ascent of our University during that time.

There are abundant physical signs of the progress we have made — the Dudley H. Davis Center rising impressively along Main Street, the new University Heights Residential Learning Complex, the Carrigan Wing of the Marsh Life Sciences building, and the revitalization of academic and living spaces from the Trinity Campus to the Central Campus to the Athletic Campus to Redstone.

Beyond these physical improvements, and far more important, I believe, are those that are programmatic and systemic. Among these I especially note the creation of the Honors College, the expansion of service-learning programs, faculty approval in principle of a Writing-in-the-Disciplines program, and strides taken in support of our effort to become recognized as THE environmental university.

In athletics, we have succeeded in creating winning athletic programs that have built school spirit on campus and enthusiasm and recognition for the University throughout Vermont and beyond — think hockey, think skiing, think basketball. At the same time, we have upheld UVM's longstanding commitment to the academic success of student-athletes, as witness the award this past year of the America East Academic Cup.

Our success has not gone unnoticed. Applications for admission to our undergraduate programs are at record levels this year, with a sharp increase in academic credentials among the entering class. Is it

any wonder that this year we were named a *Newsweek/Kaplan* "Hot School"?

Credit for all of this goes, of course, to the faculty, staff, students, and trustees and to the alumni, parents, and friends of the University of Vermont. We are immensely grateful for your commitment to the University and to the values it represents.

One tangible measure of that commitment has been your support for the vitally important Campaign for the University of Vermont, which now stands at more than \$229 million, or some 92 percent of our \$250 million goal with one year remaining in our timeline. The Campaign is in a very real sense the fuel that drives our hopes and plans for UVM's future, and I am grateful for your help in building and sustaining the tremendous momentum we have built together through that effort.

As we move ahead, I know we will continue to be proud of our University and appreciative of the picture we have painted together — a broad canvas vivid with many bold and clear signs that the ambitious but achievable strategy we have embraced has paid high dividends in turning our collective vision of intellectual vitality, academic excellence, and competitive performance into a new reality.

Rachel and I both feel deeply blessed to be part of this wonderful University, and both of us are profoundly grateful for your continued warmth, encouragement, affection, and support.

Daniel Mark Fogel
President

Commencement 2006

Some 2,300 new graduates of the University of Vermont received their diplomas at the University's 202nd Commencement on May 21. The ceremony had been scheduled to take place on the historic campus Green, but was moved indoors to the Multipurpose Facility at Patrick Gymnasium after an ominous forecast and days of ongoing rain.

After trustees, student leaders, and Vermont Governor James H. Douglas offered their reflections and best wishes to the graduates, UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel's remarks celebrated memorable University and Vermont moments ranging from the day in high school the new graduates first opened their acceptance envelopes to T.J. Sorrentine's game-winning three in the opening round of the 2005 NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Fogel gave special recognition to members of Students Take Action Now Darfur, whose work against the Sudanese genocide included the recently approved divestment of University funds from Sudan; to the 14 ROTC graduates accepting commissions in the U.S. Army; and, especially, to retiring Senator James Jeffords and outgoing UVM Senior Vice President and Provost John Bramley.

Lauding Jeffords' leadership in environmental and conservation issues, as well as his staunch support of the University and overall "conscience and courage," Fogel expressed pleasure that the three-term U.S. senator will embark upon an ambassadorial role for the University after he leaves office, contributing to the College of Education and Social Services' National Institute on Leadership, Disability and Students Placed at Risk. Beginning in 2007, Jeffords will also work with students and faculty as a James Marsh Professor-at-Large.

Fogel thanked Bramley, who is returning to the Department of Animal Science faculty, for being a crucial partner over the past four years. He described Bramley as a distinguished scientist and able academic administrator with a ready wit.

Grassroots intellectual Gustavo Esteva, author of more than 30 books and a personal and intellectual inspiration for UVM's new, successful study abroad program in Oaxaca, Mexico, received an honorary degree and gave the commencement address.

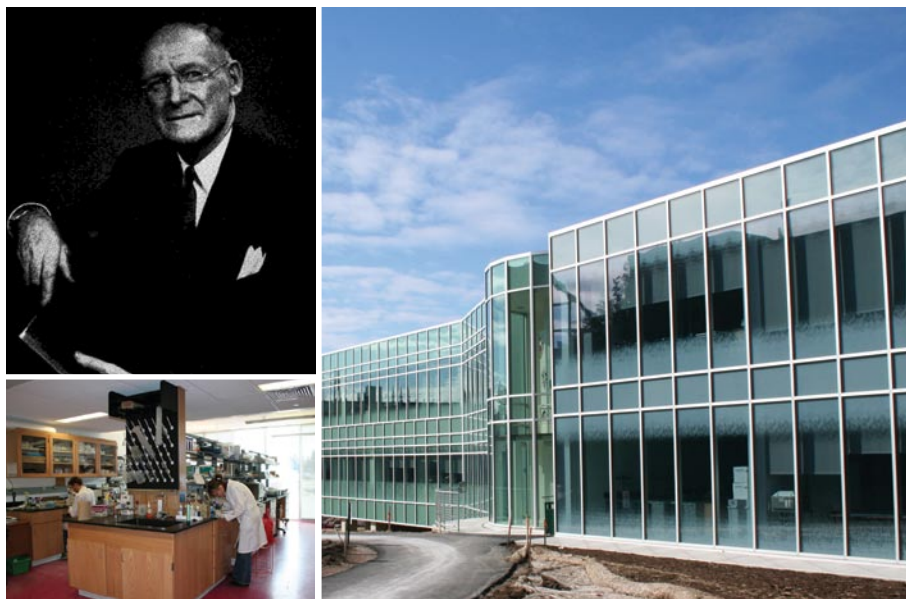
Esteva vigorously critiqued the "bubble" of formal education, discussing the powerful lessons he has learned from his friends and neighbors, the peasants and campesinos of Mexico's poorest state. He urged the graduates to hope, and to open themselves up to



surprise, to improvisation, to people different than themselves — not, he said, through tolerance, but rather through hospitality.

In addition to Esteva, Fogel awarded honorary degrees to four other leaders in their fields: Graham Stiles Newell, a teacher of history and Latin in St. Johnsbury, known as a "walking encyclopedia" of town, state, and world history; Elizabeth Cushman Titus Putnam, a leader in conservation and youth development and founder of the Student Conservation Association; Barbara W. Snelling, former Vermont lieutenant governor and founder and president of the institutional advancement consulting firm, Snelling, Kolb & Kuhnle, Inc.; and Hubert "Hub" W. Vogelmann, professor emeritus of botany, a pioneer of research on acid rain, founder of UVM's Field Naturalist Program, and a principal force behind the creation of Vermont's Act 250.

Degrees were conferred on an estimated 1,807 undergraduates, 418 graduate students (including 61 doctorates), 96 medical students, and 47 international students. Members of the Class of 2006 came from 40 states and 17 countries. Almost 1,000 of them were from Vermont. The class included 146 ALANA (Asian American, Latino/a, Asian, African American, and Native American) students.



requirements of food scientists, better facilitating UVM faculty's research and outreach work on food safety and production issues.

The Joseph E. Carrigan Wing is the first phase of a long-range plan to house faculty of the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences within the same building. A majority of the department's faculty and staff are now housed in the Carrigan Wing, and the remaining faculty and staff will move from Terrill Hall into the Marsh Life Sciences building once space is made available in academic year 2008–2009.

Speaking on behalf of the Carrigan family was Sister Elizabeth

Carrigan Wing Dedicated

The dedication of the new Joseph E. Carrigan Wing of the Marsh Life Sciences Building on April 28 was an opportunity to celebrate the life and career of a man who served UVM and Vermont agriculture for more than four decades, including fifteen years as dean of the College of Agriculture.

The Carrigan Wing was built to house faculty, staff, and laboratories of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science formerly located in the Carrigan Dairy Science Building, which was deconstructed last winter to make way for the new Dudley H. Davis Center. Lab space in the Carrigan Wing has been designed to meet the special

Candon, former president of Trinity College and a niece of Joseph Carrigan's. "They loved UVM," she said of her uncle Joe and aunt Charlotte. "I am certain they are looking down upon us today with gratitude for keeping his memory alive."

Also recognized during the dedication were Bill '48 and Sylvia Hill '49, who have a teaching laboratory named after them in the Carrigan Wing in appreciation of their scholarship support for Nutrition and Food Sciences students, and Bob '43 and Lee Bickford '41, whose names are on the Carrigan Wing conference room in recognition of their substantial charitable support of the University and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences..

The Media and the Public Trust



Howard Dean and Howard Fineman, members of the panel discussing heroes and the media.

The second in an annual series of public events celebrating the life of the late Charlie Ross featured a panel discussion of prominent figures in the public eye. "The Media and the Public Trust: The Making and Breaking of Political Heroes" took place Tuesday, April 25, at 4 p.m. in the Ira Allen Chapel.

Moderating was Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Research.

Panelists included

Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, whose run for president in the 2004 national election stands as a signal event in modern presidential campaigns for its innovative use of the Internet in grassroots organizing, and for the role of mainstream media in shaping public perceptions of a candidate's messages and style;

Howard Fineman, chief political correspondent for Newsweek magazine and contributor of political commentary for national television and radio programs including *Hardball* with Chris Matthews, *The Today Show*, *Dateline NBC*, and *Imus in the Morning*;

Ron Kaufman, for the past 25 years an advisor to Republican presidents, governors, members of Congress, and appointed officials beginning in 1978 with the presidential campaign of George H. W. Bush and later as national political director of the Republican National Committee during the presidency of Ronald Reagan;

Dotty Lynch, former senior political editor of CBS News and currently fellow at the JFK School of Government at Harvard and a consultant to CBS News;

Howard Wolfson, a former communications director for senators Hilary Clinton and Charles Schumer and currently a partner at The Glover Park Group, communications consultants.

The annual celebration of the life of Charlie Ross is made possible by two of his former students, **Scott Baldwin '76** and **Bill Wachtel '76**, who were inspired by the example of his devotion to public service.

The discussion will be broadcast in full on Vermont Public Television in the fall.

NCAA Certification Process Underway

UVM has recently submitted a self-study of its athletics programs as a part of the certification process carried out by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The self-study was prepared through the work of three subcommittees and overseen by a steering committee. The self-study report is available for review at the steering committee website, www.uvm.edu/~ncaacert/. Comments and questions from the University community are encouraged by e-mail to NCAAcertification@uvm.edu.

The purpose of athletics certification is to ensure integrity in NCAA member institutions' athletics programs and to assist institutions in improving their athletics departments. NCAA legislation mandating athletics certification was adopted in 1993.

The self-study includes a review of these primary components: governance and commitment to rules compliance; academic integrity; equity and student-athlete welfare.

A designation of certified means that an institution operates its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership.

The self-study is being reviewed by the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification, and the University will host a visit by peer reviewers next fall before a final certification decision is rendered.

UVM Equestrian Team Competes at Nationals

Alexandra Joyce, first-year member of the University of Vermont equestrian team, placed first in the intermediate equitation over fences competition at the 2006 Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's national tournament held May 4 through May 7 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Junior **Sara Muntyan** also scored points for her team with a second-place finish in novice equitation on the flat. Their combined efforts accumulated the twelve points that secured the team's 5th place finish out of 18 competing teams.

"We have such a good team," says **Elisabeth Miller**, co-captain and UVM junior. "We were the only club sport there — everyone else has varsity programs. We were sort of like the underdogs. It was a really great experience."

UVM's equestrian team, coached by **Madeleine Austin** of the Imajica equestrian center, sent seven riders to the competition this year.

Regional champions for seven years in a row, the equestrian team advanced to the national tournament by finishing second in their zone after Muntyan won a tie-breaking ride-off against Wheaton College on April 8.