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Jan. 30 7:30p.m. Colloquium: "Giant Steps: How Jazz Informs the Life of One Artist," Sharony Andrews Green. Dewey Lounge, Old Mill. 656-3056

Jan. 31 Noon. Trustees Teleconference: Vermont Agricultural College Board, Montpelier. 656-7898

Feb. 1 11 a.m. Trustees Investment Committee Teleconference. 427A Waterman. 656-7898

Feb. 1 1-5 p.m. Study Abroad Fair, Marsh Dining Hall. 656-4296

Feb. 1 7 p.m. Men's Hockey vs. Union, Gutterson.

Feb. 5 Noon. Talk: "African Americans in the Green Mountains," Elise Guyette, Center for Cultural Pluralism. 656-8833

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David McCullough to Speak at Commencement

Two-time National Book Award winner and public television host David McCullough will address graduates at Commencement 2002 on May 19. McCullough's most recent book, *John Adams* topped *The New York Times* bestsellers list and has been called a "master of the art of narrative history." He received the Pulitzer Prize for his book *Truman*. He also has hosted *Smithsonian World* and *The American Experience* on public television, as well as numerous documentaries.

Also receiving honorary degrees at Commencement will be Theatre Professor Emeritus Edward Feidner, the first chair of the Theatre Department and producer/artistic director of the Champlain Shakespeare Festival from 1961 to 1980; W.C. "Bill" Heinz, former sportswriter for several New York papers, World War II war correspondent and co-author of *MASH*; Jennifer Stanley '68, a trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and director of National Public Radio; and Victor Swenson, executive director of the Vermont Council on the Humanities from its founding in 1974 until his recent retirement.

the view will publish profiles of honorees just prior to Commencement.

Information: [Commencement](#)

Staff Council Seeks New Members

The Staff Council has put out a call for new members. The group recently sent every staff

CE Dean to Retire

After more than a decade leading the Division of Continuing Education, Dean Edward Twardy will retire at the end of August.

Provost John Bramley announced that, beginning Feb. 1, Twardy will work on several assignments in the Provost's Office.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dean for his contributions to the senior leadership of Continuing Education," Bramley said, "and I look forward to working with him on various projects over the next several months."

Bramley also announced that, effective Feb. 1, Cynthia Belliveau and Carol Vallett will assume management of the division. He said that Belliveau, Extension assistant professor, and Vallett, academic programs manager in CE, will work with him and colleagues in their units in planning the structure and operational relationships for the division.

"We remain committed to Continuing Education and its important role in serving non-degree students, providing excellent professional programs and in ensuring that we have the appropriate infrastructure and expertise within the university for distance learning activities," Bramley concluded.

Let the Games Begin

As is fitting for a wintery school in a wintery state, UVM will be well represented when the Olympics begin in nine days in Salt Lake City.

Four athletes competing with the 200-member U.S. team are UVM alumni or have competed here. They are:

- **John LeClair '91:** Former Catamount standout and 2001 inductee into UVM Athletic Hall of Fame is a member of the 2002 U.S. Hockey Team. Also played on the 1998 U.S. Team in Nagano, Japan. One of the top power forwards in the world. One of the highest scoring American players in NHL history. Native of St. Albans, Vt. Currently plays for the Philadelphia Flyers of the National Hockey League.
- **Aaron Miller '93:** Former Catamount All-American is also on the hockey team. His day job is with the NHL's Los Angeles Kings. His father-in-law is UVM Director of Skiing **Chip LaCasse**.
- **Tessa Benoit '00:** The UVM All-American

member an application for Staff Council candidacy. New members will serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2002.

Council President Mary Lafayette says she's learned a lot serving the staff and urges others to apply. "With our new president, Daniel Fogel, starting the same time as you are, you will have the opportunity to start on the ground floor and make a difference for your fellow staff members," she says.

Applications can be found at [Staff Council](#) under Application for Candidacy.

Information: 656-4493, or
staff.council@uvm.edu.

New UVM Web Template to Debut

UVM will unveil a new look for its Web site on Feb. 4. The design will be incorporated into the university's home and top-tier pages and many departmental Web sites.

The change was made to keep up with Web users, who have come to expect sites to evolve both graphically and technologically. The site will be more accessible to those with disabilities and will offer expanded functionality and usability based on current Web technologies.

The UVM design is generated via a template, which departments may use to ensure their pages maintain the look and feel of the university's home and top-tier pages. The template offers departments the flexibility to create their own content and graphics.

Since its inception in 1999, the template design has changed three times. Departments that use the template will find their pages automatically "flipped over" along with the university's top-tier pages.

The template is maintained by the UVM Web Team, which supports departments that use the design. For more information on how your department can use the template, see the Web Team's Web guide at [Web Guide](#) or join the listserv for UVM webmasters, UVMWEBINFO, at [Web Info](#).

is a first-time member of the cross country team. Tessa is from South Pomfret, Vt.

- **Kris Freeman:** Skied for UVM nordic team in 2000, earning All-America status, before leaving school to join the U.S. Ski Team. He is also on the cross country team.

Gordon Woodworth, UVM's sports information director, says that having four athletes on the squad is "about average for us." The four will join the 27 UVM grads who have already competed on Winter Olympics teams in the modern era.

Additionally, three former UVM students – **Jay Hakkinen**, **Rachel Steer** and **Dan Westover** – are also on the US Biathlon team as regulars or alternates.

The connections don't stop there.

Peter Battelle, assistant professor of business, will watch his daughter, **Ann** (a Middlebury grad), compete in her fourth Olympics as a member of the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team. **John Woody Miller** '70, a former UVM tennis player, is also parent of a competitor: His son, **Bode**, is a top alpine skier.

Lisa Champagne, assistant sports information director, will staff press operations for the organizing committee. Five more UVM grads are coaching or staffing the games. And **Patrick Garrity**, a 1990 graduate and editor at the *Burlington Free Press*, is covering the games for the Gannett News Service.

The rest of us, presumably, can watch.

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Critically acclaimed blues interpreter Eric Bibb is playing Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the UVM Recital Hall as part of the Lane Series. (Publicity photo.)

Ecologist, Former EPA Chief Head Environmental Seminars

An ecologist who walked 2,000 miles through the heart of Africa, battling dangers from parasites to poachers, will be the first of three speakers in the University of Vermont's 2002 Environmental Literacy Seminars. All three seminars will be held in the Campus Theatre, Billings, 7-8 p.m.

On Feb. 19, Michael J. Fay, a Conservation Fellow for the National Geographic Society, will tell the story of his remarkable expedition across Africa and reports on the challenges of and progress towards preserving one of the world's last great tracts of wilderness. Fay's 15-month journey led through vast swamps, dense tropical rain forest and over a continental divide, but the rewards included encounters with forest elephants and chimpanzees that had no fear of humans.

"It's a world that looks like what a Stone Age man, coming out of his rock shelter, would have seen – no traces of mankind, just wild nature," says Fay. "It's like being transported back in time 10,000, even a million, years ago."

Former EPA Chief Carol Browner is the second speaker in the series. Browner, an attorney, is now a principal of the Albright Group, an international advisory firm. Her talk, "Public Health and Environmental Protection in the 21st Century," is scheduled for March 25.

The seminars will conclude with Greg Watson, vice president for sustainable development and renewable energy with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. Watson will deliver his talk on April 8.

Double Treat in a Capella

The Cat's Meow and the Potsdam Pointercats will perform Feb. 2 at Ira Allen Chapel at 8 p.m.

The Meow, UVM's all female *a capella* group, rehearses at least two nights a week for several hours each time. Tracy Conner, the Meow's treasurer, says the 12 women have a wide variety of majors – Spanish, pre-med, political science, business, elementary ed., mechanical engineering, psychology and family and consumer ed. – and they are hoping to see some of their professors at the concert.

A bonus at this performance are the Potsdam Pointercats, a male *a capella* group from SUNY Potsdam.

Tickets are \$4 for students, faculty and staff, \$5 for the public.

The Landscape of Loss at the Fleming

The Fleming Museum will host an exhibition, artist's talk and concert-reception for the works of photographer and physician Jeff Gusky on Feb. 3. In the exhibit, "The Landscape of Loss," Gusky sought to capture the essence of the centuries-old Jewish culture destroyed in the Holocaust.

The emergency room doctor from Texas used black-and-white film shot in a bleak winter in Poland. The images include decaying Jewish settlements, desecrated synagogues and cemeteries and death camps. Gusky has amassed 12,000 negatives.

Gusky will speak at 2 p.m. at the museum, and a reception will follow in the Marble Court featuring music by the University Chamber Orchestra. The exhibit will close June 9.

Aussie Expert to Speak on Transforming Conflict

David Moore, co-director of Transformative Justice Australia ([Transformative Justice](http://www.transformativejustice.org.au)), will speak on the application of restorative justice to community conferencing on Feb. 4, 2-3:30 p.m. in Memorial Lounge, Waterman.

Moore has taught politics and history at the University of Melbourne and Charles Sturt University, where he headed the Justice Studies Program. He founded TJA in 1995.

Information: www.uvm.edu/~socwork

Information: Alan McIntosh, 656-4057.

Tour New Courtyard Library

The new Dana Courtyard Library, which officially opened for business Jan. 2, will celebrate with a grand opening on Feb. 5, 2-3:30 p.m. There will be refreshments, door prizes and tours of the new facility.

The completion of much of the construction in the Given building has eliminated the problems some patrons have had in gaining access to Dana during evening and weekend hours. Now, all Dana Library users from FAHC, UVM and the wider community may enter through the Rowell vestibule during the hours the library is open. See [Dana Hours](#)

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The School of Nursing has received a two-year, \$133,811 grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust to develop, implement and evaluate a statewide leadership training program for Vermont's Freeman Nurse Scholars. Nurses will receive training to provide sustained and meaningful leadership in rural health care. Launched in January 2001, the **Freeman Nurse Scholars** program provides tuition support to Vermont nursing students with strong academic standing who make a verbal commitment to practice in Vermont for at least two years following graduation.

Publications and Presentations

Wolfgang Mieder, chair of the Department of German and Russian, is the author of two recent articles. "It's Not a President's Business to Catch Flies': Proverbial Rhetoric in Inaugural Addresses of American Presidents" appeared in *Southern Folklore* 57 (2001). "Paddle Your Own Canoe': Frederick Douglass's Proverbial Message in His 'Self-Made Man' Speech" appeared in *Midwestern Folklore* 26 (2001). It investigates the use of proverbs by Douglass in his arguments for independence and freedom of all American people.

Dennis Mahoney, professor of German, published "Primeval Formation: Teaching *Wilhelm Meisters Lehrjahre* with the Help of Goethe's 'Urworte. Orphisch'" in *Die Goethezeit: Werke - Werbung Wechselbeziehungen. Eine Festschrift fuer Wilfried Malsch*. The essay is an interpretation of Goethe's famous novel by drawing attention to one of his philosophical poems.

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Alan Wertheimer, McCullough Professor of Political Science, is Visiting Professor of Law at the University of San Diego Law School for the spring semester.

Dwight Matthews, professor of medicine and chemistry has been appointed chair of the Department of Chemistry. A&S Dean Joan Smith said his appointment solidifies "an already strong relationship between the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Medicine."

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The Class of 2004 in the College of Medicine has announced the recipients of its teaching awards. The members of the class chose **pathology** as the "Department of the Year, and **Dr. Nicholas Hardin**, professor of pathology as the "Basic Science Teacher of the Year." The American Medical Students Association Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching went to **Beth Hart** in biochemistry. The American Medical Women's Association Gender Equity Award was given to **Dr. Sharon Mount**, associate professor of pathology. **Dr. Jean Szilva**, lecturer in anatomy and neurobiology, was recognized with honorable mention for this award.

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the obvious relief and satisfaction emanating from Board and Search Chair Bruce Lisman and Interim President Ed Colodny.

Colodny called Fogel "a dynamic intellect, a dynamic leader.... who will be part of our university family for a long time to come."

Lisman, after sending kudos Colodny's way and crediting the teamwork of the interim president and the provost, John Bramley, told the crowd "This is the happiest day I've had since I joined the Board of Trustees."

A beaming Fogel took center stage and told his constituents-to-be, including Burlington Mayor Peter Clavelle and the local media, that his appointment to UVM's presidency "is the greatest thrill of my life." Coming off a round of media interviews – with the Boston Globe and Vermont radio stations – just prior to the 10 a.m. gathering, Fogel took just a few words to express obvious joy and enthusiasm for his new position. There are "wonderful opportunities to advance this university," he said, and pledged his deep devotion to that task.

At his Jan. 25 public forum as a candidate, Fogel conveyed passionate interest in the job and spoke extensively about an opening agenda for UVM. High on his must-do list, he said, would be to:

- Get out and about off and on campus
- Sharpen the Capital Campaign case statement
- Create a leadership team in which the chief financial officer will be "his closest partner and ally in university revenue issues" and the provost his "closest partner in addressing issues of organizational culture."
- Improve the undergraduate experience of a diverse student body
- Put UVM's fiscal house in order.

Fogel described himself as "an indefatigable worker ... passionate, compassionate and at once urgent and patient." Incorporating his father's dictum that "the highest rank in the university is that of professor," he vowed that the president's "native tongue should be the language of the faculty."

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If you didn't know what he looked like, you could have picked him out easily in the densely packed Billings crowd of faculty, students, staff and trustees waiting to welcome him. Fogel was the one who looked almost beatifically happy, impressive given

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Language may very well be central to this presidency when Fogel, the poet and English professor, takes charge. Younger folk may start spouting new expletives, like "Balderdash!" And all of us will be following Fogel's accomplishments when he's "out on the hustings."

Meanwhile – although he knows the comparison is meant as a compliment – Fogel probably could use a break from these words: "You sound so much like/you remind me so much of ... Lattie Coor."

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"I am very excited about Dan Fogel being the next president. He was my choice, and I believe he is at the perfect spot in his career to assume a presidency. He has a solid background as a faculty member and a rich array of administrative experiences. I liked his honesty; he was saying what he thought, not necessarily what someone might want to hear in all cases. But, since I agree with his comments, I naturally think he is right! I wish him the very best and will give him all the support I can."

Bill Kelly

Interim Director, Office of International Education

"I am pleased at the selection of Professor Fogel as UVM's next president and look forward to working with him in achieving our shared goal of elevating academic excellence on campus. Dr. Fogel's accomplishments as scholar, instructor and academic administrator ensure his commitment to integrating essential fundraising with genuine and lasting improvements in the quality of intellectual life for faculty, students and the Vermont community. His enthusiasm and energy are welcome additions to our campus."

Peter Stavrakis

Associate Professor of Political Science and President of UVM United Academics.

"I think it is absolutely essential that President Fogel starts his tenure in a broad sense. Just like the change in climate he will experience, he should acclimate himself to UVM's environment and fix the things that need fixing. He should not ignore short-term problems in favor of long-range visions."

Doug Little

Loss Prevention Specialist, Risk Management

"I am one of many UVM affiliates who will be anxiously awaiting evidence of Daniel Fogel's personal and professional commitment to cultural diversity. During the past decade many faculty, staff, students and administrators have invested a great deal of time and energy helping to make UVM a more culturally competent institution. In that time I have seen presidents and their administrations either facilitate these efforts or frustrate them. This is an area of strength, vision and leadership I will be watching for in the coming months."

Dorothea Brauer

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Services Coordinator, Diversity and Equity Unit

"I have high hopes that Daniel Fogel will provide the leadership we need as our new president. He has the experience necessary in fundraising, which is crucial as we enter a campaign, including working with state government to locate funding. He also increased student diversity on LSU's campus, an area where UVM can continue to improve. Finally, he outsourced some services at LSU, which is an area that UVM could consider on a case-by-case basis. Maybe he could play his electric guitar at Commencement."

Joe Speidel

Senior Alumni Relations Officer, Development and Alumni Relations

"I believe that the board of trustees made the right decision in choosing Dan Fogel as the new president. I sincerely hope that he has the skills, vision and fortitude to lead this university. At this point I'm cautiously optimistic."

Carmyn Stanko

Electronic Control Specialist, Physical Plant, and UE267 President

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"Staff Council felt privileged to be included in the presidential interviews. We felt all three of the candidates were strong choices given the challenges here at UVM. We look forward to Dan Fogel's arrival on July 1 and with working with him for many years to come."

Mary Lafayette

Administrative Assistant, Controller's Office, and Staff Council President

"I feel comfortable with the choice of Dan Fogel. I have the impression that nothing at UVM will surprise him. LSU has a very active faculty development program and pays close attention to supporting faculty to innovate and experiment with a variety of new teaching technologies. I have confidence that he will support our efforts in this area because he sees that fostering such creativity in the classroom will pay off in our admission and retention of high quality students."

Shirley J. Gedeon

Associate Professor of Economics and Director, Center for Teaching and Learning

"Frankly, Dr. Fogel was my first choice, and I am thrilled that he will be our President. Although the finalists all were exceptional in their own ways, Dr. Fogel seemed to be the best match for UVM because he will challenge us to be the kind of Public Ivy that we know we can be. He was best able to articulate that learning and teaching must be Job 1 for all of us at UVM: students, faculty and staff. Although he has a powerful presence, his tales of playing guitar and collecting sculptures allay any fears that our next President might not connect with all of us on the campus. His wry humor will be welcome in Waterman Building!"

Deborah Hunter

Professor of Education.

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The Internationalists

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By Kevin Foley



Bill Kelly, interim director of the Office of International Education, encourages students to live and study in the developing world.
(Photo: Bill DiLillo)

During each of the three public forums with finalists for the UVM presidency, a white-haired man rose from the audience and asked the candidates to discuss the importance of international education.

The questioner was Bill Kelly, interim director of the Office of International Education. But his queries weren't about guarding turf—even though his office administers UVM study abroad, and

handles the logistical legwork for students and professors coming to UVM from other countries. Kelly's interest was intensely personal. Thanks to a value-shaping experience teaching in Nigeria, he is a passionate advocate of the transforming power of learning and living in another country.

"I went in totally green. I learned as much as I taught anyone there," Kelly says, remembering his first stint teaching agriculture and industrial arts in West Africa. "I came back hooked on Africa. I've been back nineteen times."

Kelly's personal endorsement of living and working abroad has found receptive ears at UVM, where he has returned after retiring from his 26-year stint at the College of Agriculture and Life Science. Almost 20 percent of UVM students study abroad each year, a participation rate that is among the 20 highest for research institutions.

Students most often leave Burlington for developed countries—Italy, Spain, France, Australia and England are perennial favorites—but Kelly, who has spent years living and working in Africa, encourages them to choose less developed regions.

"Students need to learn how people deal with daily life in developing countries," says Kelly. "They need to know how the U.S. is viewed by the rest of the world."

UVM study abroad

Linda Damon, a study abroad advisor, says that's exactly what's happening. "We're seeing increased interest in Africa, Latin America and Asia, though the majority of UVM students still study abroad in Australia and Western Europe."

In discussing UVM's study abroad programs, Damon emphasizes two points. The first is the sheer diversity of offerings available to students for the price of their UVM tuition. In a typical year, 400-plus undergraduates complete coursework in countries from Argentina to Zimbabwe.

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The second key for Damon is the program's academic mission. Students work closely with faculty advisors to find a foreign program that builds on their stateside interests. The idea is to combine the life experience of living abroad with real academic work. And language usually isn't an issue, even for upper division students in disciplines like environmental science. "Many of our partner institutions teach advanced classes in English," Damon says.

But, of course, there's more to studying abroad – and the study abroad office – than schoolwork.

"We travel vicariously through our students," Damon says. "It's fun to read their e-mails and talk with them about their experiences. "

Study Abroad Fair Set for Feb. 1

For more about studying, working and living in other countries, visit the Study Abroad Fair, which is sponsored by UVM's Office of International Education in conjunction with their counterparts at St. Michael's College. Representatives from more than 50 programs are slated to attend. The event is in Marsh Dining Hall, and runs from 1-5 p.m.

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UVM Applications Surge

Admissions officials say more applications mean more selectivity

By Jeff Wakefield



Admissions counselors Erin Breese (left) and Vicki Wheeler pose with the fruits of a bumper crop of applications. (Photo: Bill DiLillo)

Applications to the University of Vermont have jumped 20 percent, the largest single year increase since 1985, the first year of the Public Ivy era.

The university has received 9,400 applications, the most since 1988, up from 7,800 in 2001. The 2001 figure also represented a substantial increase – the highest in the previous five years. Applications are up from both Vermont and out-of-

state applicants.

"An admissions director would see a 5 percent increase in applications as a terrific sign of progress," said Don Honeman, UVM's director of admissions and financial aid. "Clearly we're on the right track – both in the university's programmatic direction and in the way we're communicating with applicants."

A number of factors may explain the jump in application volume, Honeman said. Chief among them is the consistent emphasis the university has placed on academic quality over the last few years.

"We've worked hard to expand our honors programs, increase merit scholarships and enhance the student experience, especially in the first year," he said. "These messages are getting through to prospective students and their families."

Applicants' reaction to the Sept. 11 tragedy may also be at work, according to Honeman, motivating students to apply to schools outside the major metropolitan areas.

The university also joined the Common Application program last year, which allows students to fill out one application form that is then sent automatically to member colleges and universities. UVM was one of the first four public universities admitted into the program.

"Logic would dictate that the Common Application has been a factor," Honeman said. But other universities who joined the program last year, including the University of Maine, the University of Delaware and the College of William and Mary, did not see application increases. Preliminary analysis of UVM's Common Application pool indicates that the students appeared to be serious applicants, mirroring other applicants in, for instance, the number of visits they made to campus.

Demographic trends are not part of the equation, Honeman added; there was

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no appreciable increase in high school graduates last year.

The university does not see the boom in applications as an opportunity to enroll a class that is significantly larger than average, Honeman said. "We're going to be more selective in whom we admit," he said.

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