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Feb. 16, noon.
Lecture: Tim Wise, anti-racism author and activist, will speak on "Beyond Diversity: Challenging Racism in an Age of Backlash." Ira Allen Chapel. Information: 656-8818 .

Feb. 16, 12:30 p.m.
Seminar: President Daniel Mark Fogel will speak on "The University in a Sustainable and Desirable Future" as part of the Rubenstein School of Natural Resources Spring Seminar Series. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Building. Information: 656-2675.

Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.
Reception: Opening of "Francisco Goya: Los Caprichos" and "The Inferno of Dante" by Michael Mazur. Fleming Museum. Information: [Fleming](#)

Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Concert: The Lane Series presents Beolach, performing an energetic mix of Cape Breton, Scottish, and Irish tunes. Music Building, Recital Hall. Information: 656-445 or [Lane Series](#)

Feb. 22, 7 p.m. Talk: Tony Magistrale, professor of English, will deliver a talk and sign his new book, *Abject Terrors: Surveying the Modern and Postmodern Horror Film*. Barnes and Noble.

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The success of Carmen Jaquez, Peace Corps recruiter for the university and the Vermont region, is inextricably linked to the way she tells her own story about being a volunteer in Uganda. There is no omission of the tear-filled, homesick nights living in the village of Nykabungu in a 20-by-20-foot mud hut with a pit latrine, outside bathing shelter, and cookhouse she built with recycled bicycle crates and her Leatherman pocket knife.

Jaquez, who has helped Vermont become one of the top producers of Peace Corps Volunteers in the nation and put UVM among the top 25 medium-sized universities for volunteers, talks candidly about language barriers and other obstacles she faced as Community Conservation Education Officer for the Kigezi Wildlife Reserve and parts of Queen Elizabeth National Park from 1995-1997. As her journey continues, however, an undeniably rich and fulfilling experience emerges, overshadowing the aforementioned obstacles, which by now have blended in with the glacier covered peaks of the Rwenzori Mountains outside her tiny dwelling in the Great Rift Valley.

"I have never loved a house as much as I loved that one," recalls Jaquez, whose position is part of a graduate assistantship through the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics. "I don't remember the details of those (bad) days; only the times that I would walk home with the kids from school, or the good-natured bargaining with the women who sold tomatoes in the market. I went into the Peace Corps with a strong need to protect natural resources and walked out a person with a huge amount of respect for Ugandans and the challenges they face."

Fertile recruiting ground

Anyone in the State of Vermont wanting to become a Peace Corp Volunteer goes through Jaquez. Vermont, along with Oklahoma, had the highest increase in the nation in 2005 with a jump of 33 percent to 56 volunteers. Vermont also has the highest number of volunteers per capita — one out of every 8,200 adults. Constantly looking for potential recruits, Jaquez says the university is ripe recruiting ground. Since starting in her position in the summer of 2003, she has attracted dozens of students and alumni to the Peace Corps, including 17 alums currently serving in various countries around the world.

Approximately 14 returned Peace Corps Volunteers have chosen to attend UVM, due in part to a new graduate fellowship program started last year that offers benefits to returning volunteers. At least eight of these graduate students have applied to the Fellows/USA program, currently available to graduate students in CDAE and the Master's of Public Administration Program. Students receive three or four credits for their community service as a PCV.

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Jaquez says a number of faculty members at the university are returned PCV's, including Fred Schmidt, associate professor in CDAE, who credits Jaquez with the revival of a cross-state Peace Corps network. Students showing interest in the Peace Corps, a 2-year program initiated by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, have traditionally come from social work and environmental studies. More recently, however, Jaquez says more students from the business school, the history department and romance languages have expressed interest.

Michael Kovalsky, a business major currently serving in Ghana, is working on farming co-operatives; initiating a community based eco-tourism project; assisting with a community-based AIDS association; lobbying various government entities; and teaching general business skills. "College gives you the basic tools," writes Kovalsky in an email from Accra, the capital of Ghana. "Peace Corps is real-life experience to the extreme. You're in a totally different environment and culture than you're used to, learning the local language, and trying to motivate and organize people to help themselves. It's quite a challenge, but like the Peace Corps says, 'It's the hardest job you'll ever love.' Being away from family and friends for two years is a little tough, but from what I learned in Ghana so far I think I have a better idea of what is most important in life."

Help wanted in all disciplines

On the verge of its 45th anniversary, the Peace Corps reached a 30-year high for the number of volunteers in service with more than 7,500 volunteers in over 70 countries. Nationally, the average age of a volunteer is 28 with 96 percent having at least an undergraduate degree. About 91 percent of volunteers are single and 58 percent female. The majority work in the areas of education and health/HIV AIDS, but many work in business development and environmental areas.

John Surette, a graduate of UVM's environmental studies program, is serving as a Community Forestry Volunteer in Central Zambia. His duties are varied and range from visiting volunteers at other sites to building chicken houses for available eggs and chicken meat, and to use to demonstrate to farmers proper chicken husbandry. In an email from Zambia, Surette says he spent two exhausting, but fulfilling weeks constructing the house with mud bricks and a thatched roof.

"I think we do so well recruiting here because UVM is strong on service learning," says Jaquez. "Students at UVM really want to see a fair and just world. They want to represent the underdog whether environmentally or in economic development. Vermont is pretty committed to community service, and I think students see that and take it with them when they leave. I think being part of this community and serving in the Peace Corps makes them realize they can have a voice and make change."

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Circulus Sapientiae/Circle of Wisdom, an illustration of songs by Hildegard von Bingen, was published by Janus Press in 2001. (Photo: Janus Press)

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"It's a definition that a lot of people have wrestled with," says Connell Gallagher, director of Bailey/

Howe's Special Collections and nationally recognized expert on artists' books. "There are maybe two schools: one school says that it has to have text somewhere and the other says, 'No, as long as it functions like a book.' ... Something that can be folded up, put in a box and be put on a bookshelf. But they still come in every size, so that probably only affects whether a library is going to buy it."

Although finding a definition for artists' books is complicated, experiencing their beauty is not.

This spring, UVM is host to two exhibits on artists' books from Special Collections. One exhibit, on display now at the Fleming Museum, showcases 25 books by a variety of artists. It will be on display through June 4 with a rotation of books occurring on March 21 and a spring reception in celebration of the artist book display and other spring exhibits on Feb. 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The second exhibit will take place at Bailey/Howe Library and will focus on works published by book artist Claire Van Vliet, owner of the Northeast Kingdom-based Janus Press, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. In commemoration of the anniversary, the library has published a catalogue of Janus Press creations dating from 1991 to 2005. Additionally, simultaneous exhibits coordinated by Gallagher, are happening at seven locations around the country including The National Gallery, Grolier Club in New York City and Yale University. The Bailey/Howe exhibit will run from Feb. 20 to April 30.

Judging a book by its cover

Often, the form and structure of artists' books have as much bearing on meaning as the content. Take, for example, book artist Maureen Cummins' *Ghost Diary*, an accordion-style book made of glass plates upon which is printed a letter from a Revolutionary War soldier to his children written on the anniversary of his wife's death. Also printed on the glass plates are the negatives of family photographs. Had Cummins chosen to print on opaque paper, the added spectral quality of the book would have been lost for the reader.

Other artists take advantage of the ability of the materials to speak for

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themselves as in the case of Richard Long's *Papers of River Muds*, a book containing 12 sheets of paper, each handmade from the mud of a different river. The only writing in the book is the label identifying the river from which the page was created.

Since many of the works are made of fragile materials, artists frequently design boxes in which each book can be stored. *The Anatomy Lesson: Unveiling the Fasciculus Medicinae* by Joyce Cutler-Shaw, a book based on the first illustrated book to be printed, is housed in a contrastingly modern stainless steel case.

Building the collection

According to Gallagher, artists' books began developing into the form they are today in the 1970s. "There was kind of an artist book thing going on in the 1920s, '30s, and '40s, but it was a little bit different than what's been going on since the '70s. There's more play with bindings and different kinds of structures—accordions and pop-ups and a lot of moveable parts ... Before that the books were pretty much normal books with some interesting illustrations, maybe some hand-made paper"

It was in the mid '70s that Gallagher was first introduced to the form during a lecture given by Van Vliet. "She showed some really interesting books," he remembers, "Books without any text at all, some books with moving parts. I was really taken by it; it was such a totally new idea to me." So Gallagher wrote a letter to the book artist, who in turn sent him a gift of a small book from Janus Press. That was the beginning of Gallagher's personal collection and the start of a passion that would lead him to build Bailey/Howe's 2,500-volume collection, one of the most respected in the nation.

While the genre is as much a part of the art world as it is a part of the world of books, art museums lag behind university libraries in collecting these artifacts. Perhaps it's because of the intimate quality of books, objects that invite you to sit down with them, hold them in your hands, and turn the pages, activities that are generally not permitted in museums.

Even though artists' books often come with a high price tag (*Papers of River Muds* fetches \$7,500), Gallagher believes it's important to make the texts available for people to experience. He frequently brings the books to classes and lectures both on campus and off and makes them available to individuals and groups who visit Special Collections. Wearing white gloves, visitors are allowed to interact with the structure and text of the book, experiencing the artwork as its creator intended.

Artists' books spring programming

The following lectures are planned this spring in conjunction with the Fleming and Bailey/Howe exhibits:

March 16, 4 p.m., Special Collections, Bailey/Howe Library, "The Janus Press at Fifty: Papermaking Collaborations in the Publications of Janus Press," Claire Van Vliet, owner of Janus Press

March 22, noon, Fleming Museum, "Artists Books I Have Known and Loved," Connell Gallagher

April 27, 4 p.m., McCrorey Gallery, "The Janus Press at Fifty: From Kafka to the Gospel of Mary," Ruth Fine, curator of special projects in modern art at the National Gallery of Art

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The UVM board's Committee of the Whole opened to a standing-room-only crowd at 8 a.m. on February 10, as nearly 40 students, faculty, and staff unhappy with the university's decision not to renew the contracts of six lecturers in the Department of Education in the College of Education and Social Services stood at the back of Memorial Lounge, holding signs and protesting silently.

During his formal report to the board, President Daniel Mark Fogel provided the rationale for the decision not to renew the contracts, then turned the floor over to David Shiman, professor of education in CESS and president of United Academics, UVM's faculty union, for a rebuttal. Patricia Preston, a senior education major, also expressed her support for the faculty.

Fogel informed trustees that he and Provost John Bramley are hard at work on an academic vision for the university they hope will have the same galvanizing effects as the vision statement the president penned three years ago. The president and provost plan to present the new vision to the board as early as the May meeting.

Board chair Carl Lisman lauded the university's progress across many fronts in his report to the board, but reminded board members of the need for sophisticated metrics across a range of performance areas to make sure the university stays on track. Lisman thanked three departing board members for their years of service to the university: student trustee Christine Hertz and longtime board members C. Dean Maglaris and Helen Spaulding.


Facilities and Technologies

Committee members were told that the renovation and expansion of the Harris/Millis Dining Hall is scheduled to begin in April, and be completed for the opening of the fall 2006 semester. The \$5.2 million project will increase the hall's capacity by 150 seats. It will also create improved space and aesthetics to make the dining experience better match the quality of newer facilities such as the Living/Learning Marche and future space in the Davis Center. Other new capital projects include \$1.4 million for phase one of a two-phase project to install centralized carbon monoxide detection systems in all UVM-owned residence halls; \$5 million toward deferred maintenance work; and \$4.6 million to relocate information technology equipment systems to an off-campus location.

The committee also received preliminary briefings on three capital projects under study for the near future. One project would create approximately 35,000 square feet of additional office space for the College of Medicine by constructing a four-story structure in the Given Building Courtyard, which served as home to the medical library in recent years. Another proposed project would develop Farrell Hall, Trinity Campus, into the new home for the Vermont Advanced Computing Center and the National University Transportation Center. Those uses, said Vice President Fran Carr, mesh well with the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies, currently housed on the lower level of Farrell. Dean of Education and Social Services Fayneese Miller told trustees of the need for unified space for faculty and students in her college. CESS is currently in four distinct locations on campus, Miller said. Renovation of McAuley Hall is key to furthering centralization of the college's presence on the Trinity Campus. "We lack a physical identity," Miller said. "The move to Trinity gives us that."

Budget and Finance

Committee members heard reports on four new capital projects totaling \$16.2 million, all of which received approval from the full board the next day. These projects included the renovation of Harris-Millis Dining Hall; the carbon

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monoxide monitoring project; deferred maintenance; and IT Room Fit-Up project. This led to a discussion of future projects and how to fund them. Committee members were told that they could spend about \$15.4 million a year over each of the next five years (\$77 million) on new projects and still remain within their current debt ratio policy. With about \$162 million worth of projects remaining in the university's 10-year vision, that leaves a funding gap of about \$85 million. In order to bridge that gap, the board of trustees would have to either adjust their debt ratio policy or turn to alternative sources of fundraising as suggested by one committee member.

Academic and Student Programs

The committee approved the establishment of the doctorate of philosophy in neuroscience, an interdisciplinary degree from the College of Medicine and the College of Arts and Sciences. The committee also approved the establishment of the master of science in dietetics from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Trustees heard a report on applications, which have risen 36.7% over last year, setting a new high of 17,616 to date. Results of the National Survey of Student Engagement were reviewed with a focus on enhancing the University's improvement efforts.

Diversity

Beverly Colston, director of the ALANA Student Center, reported on the increased enrollment and retention of African, Latino/a, Asian, and Native-American students (ALANA) and the center's far-reaching approach to creating a more inclusive environment on campus. Students presented their experiences from a new course in the College of Education and Social Services, "Critical Competencies in Inter-group Dialogue." Vice Provost for Multicultural Affairs, Willi Coleman, outlined her personal vision of diversity on the UVM campus in 2010.

University Advancement Committee

Trustees heard reports on the progress of the university's development and alumni relations initiatives, including remarks by College of Medicine Dean John Evans on the positive impact of endowed professorships and chairs on faculty teaching and research. The Campaign for the University of Vermont is currently 88 percent of the way to its \$250 million goal, with \$220,374, 187 in commitments through January, 2006. Also reporting was Director of Athletics Robert Corran, who updated the trustees on the status of fundraising for UVM athletics programs and facilities.

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[First of Five Provost Candidates Holds Forum](#)

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Virginia Sapiro, interim provost at the University of Wisconsin, told a small crowd at a public forum at Billings, North Lounge on Feb. 13 that she's ready to roll up her sleeves and help advance the vision of the university if named provost and senior vice president.

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The university is currently in 38th place with nine weeks remaining in the contest, which is organized and operated by university recycling coordinator Spiegel and supported by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program. Spiegel is encouraging students, faculty and staff to recycle all paper, bottles and cans.

The goal of the program is to increase recycling participation by students and staff; heighten awareness of the participating school's waste management and recycling programs; expand economic opportunities while addressing environmental issues in a positive way; and lower waste generated on campus.

The contest runs for ten weeks with the winner collecting the largest amount of recyclables from residence halls, on-campus apartments, and dining halls for the highest recycling rate. Weekly statistics will be posted at [RecycleMania](#)

The winning universities will receive a RecycleMania trophy and a half-page advertisement in newspapers of all the other participating institutions (compliments of the other universities) highlighting their achievements.

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In this new position, which reports to the dean, Richardson-Nassif will lead initiatives around faculty and staff diversity, develop a faculty and staff orientation program, monitor faculty recruitment, appointment and promotion, and play a key role in identifying opportunities and implementing mentoring and development initiatives for faculty and staff. Richardson-Nassif will assume these responsibilities in addition to her primary appointment as research associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine.

"Dr. Richardson-Nassif has demonstrated a strong commitment to the development and diversity goals of the college, and her unique qualifications and extensive experience will be a great asset to the college's leadership team," said Dean Evans.

Richardson-Nassif, who also serves as director of predoctoral programs and research in family medicine and director of assessment in the Office of Medical Education at the UVM College of Medicine, joined the UVM faculty in 1991. She has an extensive background in research, evaluation and assessment and served as a member of the Task Force on Faculty and Staff Development and Diversity.

"I am honored to be leading this initiative to move the College of Medicine forward in the areas of faculty and staff diversity and development and look forward to having the opportunity to work with my colleagues to achieve positive results," said Richardson-Nassif.

A resident of Colchester, Richardson-Nassif holds a bachelor's degree in education and biology from St. Michael's College and a doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Connecticut. This past fall, she received the Vermont Women in Higher Education Jackie M. Gribbons Leadership Award in recognition of her demonstrated leadership ability, service as a model, mentor and developer of innovative programs, and significant contributions to the institution and profession. She also serves the Association of American Medical Colleges as Chair-Elect of the Northeast Group on Educational Affairs and as a member of the Research in Medical Education Steering Committee.

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The debate, entitled, "Should Student Athletes Be Paid?," found Watkins, a national expert on the subject and a frequent guest on national radio and television, praising the university's policy concerning athletes as "the model they (NCAA) intended to have in place." He condemned the NCAA, however, for exploiting student-athletes like former Syracuse star Carmello Anthony, now a forward with the NBA's Denver Nuggets, who earn their schools and coaches millions of dollars that the student-athlete never sees. Although Anthony makes millions of dollars a year as a pro, many athletes never play professionally following graduation.

Despite the NCAA's well-intentioned system of redistributing the wealth earned by these athletes as a not-for-profit organization, Watkins said that, "they didn't know it was going to blow up to become the monster it's become." He further suggested that the athletes, especially those in revenue drawing sports, should get paid based on fair market value, and despite the inequities this is likely to cause, it is better than the current scholarship system in place at most colleges and universities.

In response, Corran argued that a system of pay would change the relationship between player and coach to one of employer and employee, and the value of education would be made irrelevant. Furthermore, the redistribution of wealth that the NCAA has in effect among colleges and universities allows for a greater number of teams and athletes. At UVM, for example, all revenue generated from its 20 athletic teams goes into "one pot" to pay for all the teams and their respective needs. Men's hockey is the only self-sustaining sport at the university, and if students were paid for playing, then most likely the other sports would suffer greatly or disappear altogether, he said.

Currently, UVM has 203 male and 253 female athletes on campus. Only 33 of those receive full scholarships, and less than 50 percent don't receive any sort of aid at all. Unlike other universities, such as Duke, UVM neither provides special housing or food services, nor does it provide specific academic assistance to student athletes that is not available to all students.

Both Watkins and Corran agreed that some reform in the NCAA was desperately needed to end the exploitation of the athletes. They were also certain that whatever the solution, a stronger focus on the student-athlete's education was necessary.

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University Shatters Applications Record

By Jeffrey Wakefield

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Applications to the University of Vermont have risen 36.7 percent over last year's record level, setting a new high of 17,616 to date. Last year at this time, 12,890 applications had been received. Before last year, the record was 11,953, set in 1987 at the height of UVM's public ivy era. Applications have more than doubled since 2001.

Diversity in the applicant pool also increased significantly, with a 63.4 percent rise in the number of applicants identifying themselves as African American, Asian American, Latino, or Native American.

Applications from in-state students also set a new record of 2,143, rising 19.3 percent over last year's total of 1,796.

"We couldn't be more thrilled with this substantial increase over last year's record number of applications," said Don Honeman, dean of enrollment planning and admissions. "It's clear proof that our reputation as a hot school is deserved; awareness of UVM's many advantages is growing rapidly in the state and across the nation."

Kaplan/Newsweek cited UVM as one of the nation's 25 hottest schools in its 2006 College Guide.

All of the applications numbers will increase as late applications are processed. Last year, the final tally of applications was 13,015.

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First of Five Provost Candidates Holds Forum

By Jon Reidel

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Virginia Sapiro, interim provost at the University of Wisconsin, told a small crowd at a public forum at Billings, North Lounge on Feb. 13 that the university already has a strong vision for the future and that she's ready to roll up her sleeves and help advance it if named provost and senior vice president.

Sapiro, professor of political science and women's studies, said she has innovative ideas, but that they must fit within the context of the current vision. "You already have an admirable mission," she said. "You are a healthy, vital, energetic institution. I'd like to offer continued creativity to help flush out the vision and play a critical role in advancing it."

In lieu of offering her own vision, Sapiro, who joined the faculty at Wisconsin as an assistant professor in 1976 after graduating from the University of Michigan with a doctorate and master's in political science, presented what she called two very simple ideas: education is the central framing element of everything we do at universities; and supporting excellence is an individual and collective responsibility for every one of us at a university.

"Education is our core purpose; to learn things we have not known before and teach it to others," said Sapiro, who added that in order to succeed at this and other elements of the vision, the university needs "strong collaborative leadership." "We need to hold ourselves accountable for the highest level of excellence plausible."

Sapiro, who was named associate vice chancellor for teaching and learning at Wisconsin in 2002 and was appointed interim provost in November of 2005, is the first of five finalists expected to hold public forums over the next month. The remaining four public forums are scheduled for Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. in Memorial Lounge, Waterman; March 8 at 3:30 p.m. in Billings, North Lounge; March 13 at 3:30 p.m. in Billings, North Lounge; and March 16 at 3:30 p.m. in Billings, North Lounge.

Each candidate gives a 30-minute talk, followed by questions from the audience. Sapiro responded to seven questions that ranged from diversity issues to the role of a graduate school to how she would build a team that would work together. In response to a question about diversity, Sapiro said she viewed it as something that not only includes race and gender, but also differing epistemologies and methodologies.

Sapiro said she often asks search committees to interview the next best three candidates that didn't make their final three, especially if an "indefinable quality" is the reason given for not interviewing them. "An 'Indefinable quality' often means not of the same race," she said. "We need to use the research literature to tell us how to hire."

Uday Sukhatme, dean of the college of arts and sciences and professor of physics at State University of New York at Buffalo since 2002, is next to present on Feb. 24. Sukhatme received his doctor of science degree in theoretical physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1971 and served as head of the physics department and Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago before coming to Buffalo.

While at UIC, Professor Sukhatme was awarded the UIC Award for Excellence in Teaching. Professor Sukhatme's two main areas of research interest are the phenomenology of high energy hadronic interactions and consequences of supersymmetric quantum mechanics. His research, which has resulted in over

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160 publications, has been continuously supported by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The search committee, chaired by former governor and distinguished visiting professor Madeleine Kunin, received over 60 applicants for the position currently held by John Bramley, who announced on Aug. 29, that he would step down from the post he has held since 2001.

For more information on the provost search, visit the [provost search](#) website.

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[Student Life Accepting Nominations for Senior Awards](#)

Feb 14, 2006

The Department of Student Life is accepting nominations for the 2006 Senior Awards and is in the process of planning its annual Leadership Recognition Ceremony scheduled for May 4 at noon.

[Aiken Lecture to Focus on Vermont Landscape](#)

Feb 08, 2006

Author and historian Jan Albers and Darby Bradley, president of Vermont Land Trust, will give a joint lecture entitled, "The History and the Future of Vermont's Landscape," on February 15 at 6 p.m. in Ira Allen Chapel as part of the 30th edition of the George D. Aiken Lecture Series.

[Practice Mindfulness with Group Meditation](#)

Feb 08, 2006

The Center for Health and Wellbeing's Mindfulness Practice Center is holding Mindfulness Meditation Groups throughout the spring semester.

[Anti-racism Writer and Activist to Speak on Campus](#)

Feb 08, 2006

Tim Wise, anti-racism writer and activist, will speak in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. on Feb. 16 at noon in Ira Allen Chapel.

[President's Commission to Host LGBT Equity Open Forum](#)

Jan 31, 2006

The President's Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Equity will host the LGBT Equity Open Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Billings, North Lounge.

[Rubenstein's GREEN FORESTRY Education Initiative Hosting Animal Tracking Clinic](#)

Jan 31, 2006

The GREEN FORESTRY Education Initiative of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources is hosting, "Identifying, Aging, Trailing, and Understanding Animal Tracks," on Feb. 4 from 1-4 p.m. at UVM's Jericho Forest.

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By The View Staff

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Student Life coordinates the selection process for the Senior Awards, which include the Kidder Medal; the Mary Jean Simpson Award; Class of '67 Award; Keith M. Miser Leadership Award; and Elmer Nicholson Student Achievement Award. These honors will be awarded at the 2006 Commencement Ceremony.

In addition to an online [nominations](#) process, a paper copy of the nomination forms and descriptions of each award will be sent to students, faculty and staff. Students can be nominated for more than one award. Nominations should be submitted no later than March 3.

The Leadership Recognition Ceremony honors students, student organizations, and student group advisors for their outstanding leadership, valuable contribution and service to the university and Burlington communities.

For additional information please contact the Department of Student Life at 656-2060.

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Publications and Presentations

Jane Okech, assistant professor in integrated professional studies, had an article entitled, "A Qualitative Exploration of Group Co-Leader Relationships," published in the June 2005 issue of the *Journal for Specialists in Group Work* that was selected as the 2005 Outstanding Article by the editorial board of the journal. She will be presented with a plaque at the annual Association for Specialists in Group Work Awards Luncheon at the American Counseling Association Conference in Montreal on April 1, 2006.

Dr. James Hudziak, professor of psychiatry and medicine, published a paper entitled, "The Obsessive Compulsive Scale of the Child Behavior Checklist Predicts Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: a Receive Operating Characteristic Curve Analysis" in the February 2006 *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*. **Catherine Stanger**, adjunct associate professor of psychiatry, was a co-author on the paper.

Sarah Heil, research assistant professor of psychiatry, was lead author on a paper on how to improve HIV/AIDS risk knowledge among cocaine-dependent outpatients entitled, "Characterizing and improving HIV/AIDS knowledge in cocaine-dependent outpatients," in the August 2005 *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*. The article will also be featured in an upcoming issue of the "News and Events" series published by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Co-authors on the paper include **Stacey Sigmon**, research assistant professor of psychiatry, and **Stephen Higgins**, professor of psychiatry.

Awards and Honors

Saleem H. Ali, assistant professor of environmental studies in the Rubenstein School, has been appointed to the World Commission on Protected Areas for a three-year term that runs through 2008. The Commission comprises 1000 experts from 140 countries who advise the United Nations system on matters of conservation and strategic environmental priorities in ecosystem management. He was also selected to join the Commission's special task force on trans-boundary conservation, focusing on peace parks. The Commission is head-quartered at the offices of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) in Switzerland.

Dr. Scott Waterman, associate professor of psychiatry and associate dean for student affairs, received the Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education from the American Psychiatric Association committee on Medical Student Education. The award is presented annually to members who have made outstanding and sustaining contributions to medical student education. Dr. Waterman has been invited to receive the award certificate at the APA meeting in May.

February 8, 2006

Publications and Presentations

Christopher Allen, emeritus professor of chemistry, gave a presentation on January 21 entitled, "Polyester: You Wear It, You Love It But do You Know It?" at Machine Project, a non-profit organization in Los Angeles that promotes conversations between artists and scientists. He also spoke on "Inorganic Ring Systems: Substitution and Polymerization Reactions" at the chemistry department of Ponomo College in Claremont on January 23.