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John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill. Information: 656-4047

March 5, 10 a.m.
Play: "The Art of Dining," Matinee for student audiences with Q&A following.
Royall Tyler. Information, tickets: 656-2094 or [Theatre](#)

March 5, noon. Film: "Tales from Arab Detroit," Allen House, room 104.
Information: 656-7990

March 8, 7:30 p.m.
VPT: "Profile," Fran Stoddard interviews Dr. Geoff Tabin, associate professor of surgery and director of the Himalayan Cataract Project.

March 9, 7:30 p.m.
Discussion: "Talkin' Bout the 'F' Word: An Open Discussion About Feminism," Sharon Snow, women's center.
Fireplace Lounge, Living/Learning. Information: [Women](#)

March 9, 6:30 p.m.
Energy/Environment Series: "Vermont Yankee, Yes or No?" Jim Dumont, Vermont Yankee Corp.
Dewey Lounge, Old Mill.

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By Lynda Majarian



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Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet and President Daniel Mark Fogel will be keynote speakers at the university's 200th Commencement Sunday, May 23. The milestone event will revive an old tradition with technological changes that will raise the bar for future graduation ceremonies.

Commencement will be held on the University Green, the site of numerous graduation ceremonies until the mid

-1950s. Overlooked by UVM's oldest and most historic buildings, the Green is also where the university's first president, Daniel Clarke Sanders, cleared trees with his own hands to build his home.

A stage will be constructed at the main entrance to the Waterman building, facing the Green. Two large screens will provide visibility to the audience and enhance the speakers' remarks with historic and contemporary photographs and illustrations of the university and its students. Four camera crews will supply the screens with images of speakers, students and some of the nearly 10,000 expected attendees.

"Few universities are able to commemorate a 200th graduation," Fogel says. "This occasion warrants a true celebration of UVM's long and distinguished history. Commencement also gives us an opportunity to reflect with pride on the great public university we are now, and to look forward with anticipation to the future we have planned."

Fogel's speech will celebrate the Class of 2004 and provide a historical overview of the university's two centuries of educational leadership.

Also addressing the graduates and guests will be David Mamet, who will receive an honorary degree. Mamet won the Pulitzer Prize for his play, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, and has earned acclaim for his other plays and screenplays, including *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*, *The Verdict*, *The Untouchables* and *Wag the Dog*, which earned both Oscar and Golden Globe nominations for best screenplay. His latest film, a political thriller titled *Spartan*, will be released later this month.

Mamet has lived in Vermont part-time for nearly 40 years. He studied and has taught at Goddard College.

Also receiving honorary degrees will be Florence Knoll Bassett, a pioneer of 20th century modern design; Edwin Colodny, former UVM interim president and former CEO of U.S. Airways; Charles Johnson, former Vermont state naturalist; Grace Paley, renowned author, activist and Vermont state poet; alumnus

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Stephen Rubenstein, who recently bestowed the largest gift in the university's history to promote study of the environment; and Michael Lomax, Dillard University president and CEO elect of the United Negro College Fund.

Bassett, of Coconut Grove, Fla., last year received the National Medal of Arts, the highest award given to artists and art patrons. An advocate for farmland conservation, she sold the development rights to her Vermont farm to the American Farmland Trust.

During his 13-month tenure as UVM's interim president, Colodny, of Burlington, launched a capital campaign and reorganized the academic structure, among other endeavors.

Johnson, of East Montpelier, is the author of *In Season: A Natural History of the New England Year* and *Bogs of the Northeast* and has been honored by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Under the student-focused leadership of Lomax, of New Orleans, Dillard University has become one of the premier undergraduate institutions in the South. He will soon take over the United Negro College Fund, the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization.

Paley, of Thetford, is equally famous for her acclaimed works of short fiction and poetry and her involvement in the anti-war, feminist and anti-nuclear movements since 1961. She regards herself as a "somewhat combative pacifist and cooperative anarchist."

Rubenstein, UVM '61, of Little Falls, N.J., grew Rubenstein Properties from a small family business to a conglomerate of industrial, real estate and defense contracting companies that use environmentally sensitive design. The School of Natural Resources has been renamed for him in recognition of his financial support and longtime advocacy as an advisor.

For a full schedule of Commencement activities, including ceremonies to be held by individual colleges and schools, see [Commencement](#) or call 656-2005.

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By Heidi Hill



The research of Declan Connolly, director of physical education and UVM's Human Performance Lab, has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Playboy*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Forbes* and numerous fitness magazines. (Photo: Sally McCay)

Declan Connolly is a prolific writer who has earned his audience. After publishing many articles in academic journals, not exactly the publications his physical education students reach for regularly, Connolly wrote a *Playboy* magazine article debating whether sex the night before a competition helped or hindered athletic performance. When he walked into class on the Monday following publication, several of his male students greeted him with: "Doc, we saw the article."

For Connolly, director of physical education and UVM's Human Performance Lab, that class was a revelation, making him consider the audience that would most benefit from his research.

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Since his epiphany, Connolly's research on topics ranging from maximizing athletic performance to treating delayed onset muscle soreness has appeared in *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and numerous fitness magazines. A health fitness web site that he and some colleagues designed a few years ago, [GymAmerica](#), was voted "Best of the web" by *Forbes*. Connolly's work is quoted on more than 2,000 other web sites. And, each winter, fitness magazines cite his research on the benefits of snowshoeing as low impact exercise, as his findings appeal to a broad audience. "If it doesn't affect the average guy on the street, the mass media at large are not interested in it," Connolly says.

Connolly's snowshoe study surfaced a few years ago when he sought to find out the caloric expenditure of snowshoeing. He consulted textbooks for the answer, only to find that the documented studies failed to consider variation in speed, snow conditions and whether the snowshoeing was uphill or downhill. Connolly, therefore, drafted a study proposal and sent it to Tubbs Snowshoes in Stowe, Vt., for financial backing. "The guys were all over it," Connolly says. What ensued was a good ride for both parties. Tubbs was able to cite positive research from an exercise scientist, and Connolly had his study associated with a company marketing its products at the height of the sport's popularity.

Muscle movement research Connolly's current area of study is eccentric muscle use. In eccentric muscle movement, the muscle

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stretches, as it does while alpine skiing or snowshoeing downhill. Although athletes have been benefiting from eccentric muscle use right along – such as in the jumping exercises known as plyometrics – scientists are just beginning to focus on the physiological benefits of such muscle lengthening and trying to apply it to other populations, such as the elderly.

In large part, “humans are concentric animals,” Connolly says. “Our motion is muscle shortening.” When we lift weights, for example, we contract our muscles. Connolly explained that when we stretch our muscles, we damage them, “but the damage is actually a very powerful stimulus for the muscle to adapt.” Connolly and his peers are looking to develop exercise programs that will “maximize the benefit” of muscle stretching.

Only some of Connolly’s study participants are UVM athletes. “People tend to think of exercise science as performance related when, in fact, it covers the whole gamut,” Connolly says. He admits, though, that working with athletes is the “fun stuff.”

In the past, Connolly has worked with many UVM sports teams. Currently, he and Paul Goodman, strength and conditioning coach, work with the men’s hockey team, tracking athletes’ in- and out-of-season conditioning. He and his co-workers identify the strengths and weaknesses of individual athletes and prescribe exercises. Connolly also is an exercise physiologist for the New York Rangers professional hockey team and has worked with several other professional and elite athletes.

The law of averages

Hoping to help the average person with his or her choices in exercise programs, Connolly offers some basic guidelines. Although cardiovascular exercise has been emphasized for years, Connolly asserts that strength conditioning is of equal importance in an individual’s exercise routine. He believes that loss of strength in older people poses a greater challenge than cardiovascular disease. Hence the need for strength training and higher intensity exercise, he says. Connolly notes that the sports world clearly recognizes the value of strength training. Most athletic programs, including UVM’s, now have strength and conditioning coaches on staff.

While many people follow national recommendations for a prescribed amount of exercise per week at moderate intensity, Connolly says, “the absence of high-intensity stimulus is not good” and charges that national recommendations for exercising at moderate intensity are “sugar coated. Muscle fiber types vary and thus require various types of stimuli to contract. Therefore, we really need to consider including both high and low intensity stimuli in our overall exercise program.”

“Staying fit and staying healthy are not easy,” Connolly says. “It requires a little bit of suffering, a little bit of mental will power and a little bit of discomfort.” What is high intensity? Connolly says it varies, but “basically some form of maximal effort during your exercise, whether it’s for 15 seconds or 5 minutes.”

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Rapid-response disaster experts quickly gain access to people and data in the immediate aftermath of hurricanes, floods and other catastrophes to gather information that not only helps uncover what went wrong with water systems, power grids, communication and other vital systems but also helps prepare for future events.

Fothergill, an assistant professor of sociology, studied the emergence of volunteerism after the terrorist attacks. She didn't get to Ground Zero herself – she was seven months pregnant at the time – but she analyzed and interpreted information collected at the site by her colleague, Seana Lowe of the University of Colorado.

"Volunteers responded to the scene almost immediately," Fothergill says. Most were New Yorkers, but many volunteers, such as firefighters and rescue workers, came from other states and even other countries to help. People who never had volunteered for anything in their lives suddenly found themselves at Ground Zero. According to the Red Cross, the outpouring of volunteer effort after the terrorist attacks was the largest response ever to a disaster.

"You can't keep people away from a disaster site," says Fothergill. "They're like cells going to a wound."

Healing by helping others

Fothergill's research examines volunteers' experiences, reactions, motivations and behaviors in order to more clearly understand why they want, and need, to participate. "One of our main findings is that volunteers heal themselves by helping others," Fothergill says. "People personalized the terrorists attacks," she explains. "They felt as if the events had actually happened to them."

Although volunteers provide vital assistance, their presence can present challenges. After Sept. 11, the Red Cross had to process 15,000 volunteers – an undertaking that included mental health evaluations. Many volunteers donated blood, some organized supplies, others prepared and served food. About 300 of them went to work on computers to help organize the overall volunteer effort. Some who came to help and didn't have specialized skills were

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frustrated they couldn't do more. Fothergill wants to correct the common misconception that people panic during disasters. "People remain orderly and help each other," she says, noting that the media "overplays incidences of panic and looting."

In June, Fothergill and Lowe will revisit the people involved in their study, which was funded by the National Science Foundation through the National Hazards Institute in Boulder, Colo. They want to see how many of the volunteers who said they were committed to continue some sort of volunteer effort in their communities were true to their word and to understand the feelings and reasons behind those decisions.

"Sociologists have been studying the communal aspects of disaster behavior responses for at least 50 years," Fothergill says. "Sept. 11 was a different type of disaster because it was a crime scene, but the behaviors of volunteers were the same ones we've observed after other catastrophes."

The National Science Foundation currently is working out logistics to put the Feb. 23 media briefing on the Internet. In addition, the experiences of 20 researchers, including Fothergill, have been compiled in a book titled, *Beyond September 11th: An Account of Post-Disaster Research*.

Fothergill researches and teaches courses on work and family issues. Her book, *Heads Above Water*, will be published later this year by SUNY Press. A product of her visits to Grand Forks, N.D., before and after a 1997 flood, the book explores, among many issues, how women reacted to the loss of home and how the flood contributed to downward mobility.

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Increased fan support at athletic events, highlighted by a single season attendance record for men's basketball, is being attributed in part to a new student athletic fee that allows students to get into games for free. (photo: Sabin Gratz)

Athletic Attendance on the Rise

The 3,252 fans that crammed into Roy L. Patrick Gymnasium for the final men's basketball home game of the season put an exclamation point on a record-breaking season and established a new single-game attendance mark. Never before have so many people witnessed a game in the building that opened in 1963 and has played host to the likes of Bob Dylan, Gerald Ford, Bruce Springsteen, and Bob Hope.

The finale was the fourth sellout of the season and helped set a new single-season average of 2,660 fans per game. That number shattered last season's per game average of 1,955, which led the America East Conference, and broke the all-time per game record of 2,354 set two seasons ago. A total of 29,261 people watched men's basketball this season at Patrick Gym this season, which is 82 percent of capacity.

Ticket manager Jesse Bridges predicted prior to the start of the season that men's basketball would attract more than 2,000 fans a game to the 3,228-seat venue for only the second time in school history. The first-year manager based his predictions on the university's push to promote athletics through advertisements, give-a-ways, contests and new forms of entertainment at games. This is also the first season where students can attend athletic events for free as part of their student activity fee. Previously, students paid about \$5 per game.

The fact that men's basketball is coming off its best season in school history, highlighted by a first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament last year,

Staff, Administration Discuss Proposed Changes to Health Care Plan

Faculty and staff are likely to feel the effects of a national health care crisis as skyrocketing health care costs are forcing university officials to propose dramatic changes in its health care offerings.

J. Michael Gower, vice president for finance and administration, outlined some of the potential changes at a UVM Staff Council meeting on March 2. Driving the increases, he says, are the high cost of prescription drugs, expected to rise by an average of 15-16 percent for the next five years, and increased spending for outpatient and inpatient care, which grew at rates of 15 and six percent, respectively.

Adding to spiraling health care costs are higher costs associated with medical technologies and treatments, Gower said. Specialty physician services, for example, have increased 6.7 percent, while emergency rooms often are being used for non-urgent needs.

"There's a national healthcare crisis and double digit increases simply aren't sustainable," Gower said. "If we do nothing, costs will increase 9.4 percent to a total of \$32.1 million, which is likely to exceed the entire state appropriation next year. It will bankrupt the university – and I use that word cautiously – and will cause job and salary programs to be affected. This is why this is so hard, because it has to come from somewhere."

Exactly where the money to offset these increases would come from was the subject of the sometimes emotional debate between Gower and members of Staff Council and the few dozen employees in attendance.

Under the new plan proposed by the administration, employees would absorb co-payments of \$250 for in-patient visits and \$100 outpatient surgery, both of which are currently free. Co-payments for emergency room visits and the use of ambulance services, also free under the current plan, would increase to \$50 each. The co-payment for a visit to a primary care physician would increase from \$5 to \$10, while a visit to a specialist would increase from \$15 to \$20.

Other proposed changes include an increase in co-payments for visits to physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists from \$15 to \$20; increases in co-payments for home health care private duty nursing from zero to \$20; co-payment increases for OB/GYN visits from \$5 to \$10 for two visits and from \$15 to \$20

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certainly didn't hurt attendance. But not winning a plethora of games didn't put a damper on the enthusiasm of men's hockey fans. Long the state's biggest athletic draw, the Catamounts sold out 10 of 16 home games, averaged 3,868 per game and drew 61,829 total fans to Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Last season, men's hockey averaged 3,752 fans per game, placing the Catamounts 18th in the country and fifth in the Northeast behind New Hampshire (6,664), Boston College (6,236), Maine (4,898), and Cornell (3,836). Wisconsin led the nation with an average of 11,430.

Women's basketball was second in America East in attendance last season and should crack the 1,000-per game mark after factoring in its March 3 season finale against University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Men's soccer, consistently ranked among national leaders in attendance (25th in 2001 and 36th in 2002), has also managed to increase its fan base, including a season high of 1,624 for its game against the University of North Carolina.

Bridges also expects strong crowds for baseball, which hosted the America East Baseball Championship in 2003 for the first time and set a conference record by drawing 1,128 to its game against Northeastern, and lacrosse in the spring.

Athletics Receives \$1 Million Challenge

UVM Athletics always welcomes a challenge. The latest has been issued to the university's athletics boosters and fundraisers by an anonymous benefactor: Raise \$1 million toward the renovation of the Archie Post Field complex, and the donor will match it.

Planned improvements to Archie Post Field are included in the department's fundraising goal during the university's \$250 million comprehensive campaign. Proposed new facilities include construction of an open-air, outdoor athletic stadium for soccer; an adjacent, all-weather field primarily for lacrosse and field hockey; an outdoor track; permanent seating for 4,000 spectators; and space for concessions, picnicking and restrooms.

"This is a chance for those who care about UVM athletics to make a real impact on the quality of our athletics facilities and the caliber of the student experience for athletes and non-athletes alike," said Robert Corran, director of athletics. "Every gift to athletics facilities will have a double impact as we strive to meet this million dollar challenge."

Information, contributions: Ruth Henry, senior development officer for athletics, 656-3225.

Literary Orations Prove Lively Listening

About 50 members of the UVM community gathered on March 1s in the Marble Court of Fleming Museum for Literary Orations, an

thereafter; and a new system of paying for prescription drugs with a sliding scale of \$5 for generic brands, \$20 for mid-level, and \$40 for high end.

On a national scale, employees pay an average of 16.6 percent of the total cost of healthcare premiums; for every \$1 paid by an employee, on average, employers pay \$5. Comparatively, UVM employees currently pay an average of 11 percent of the total cost of healthcare premiums, or 66 cents for every \$5.34 paid by the university.

A number of employees said they would have an extremely difficult time absorbing these increases with some saying they couldn't sustain them. Two staff members said the reason they accepted jobs at UVM was because the health care benefits were good enough to offset the comparatively low pay. Others said they wanted to make sure that the non-unionized staff members got at least as good a deal as the unionized employees, with whom, Gower said, the university would bargain in the near future.

Staff Council member Karla J. Nuissl echoed the feelings of many of the employees at the meeting when she said her main concern was that the proposed plan would be felt most dramatically by those who make the least money. The new plan would be much more difficult for someone making less than \$25,000 compared to those making more than \$50,000, said another employee.

Gower said he would be open to any suggestions that would make the proposal easier for lower-paid employees to sustain.

UVM Has Not Yet Caught Recycle Mania

The first results are in from Recycle Mania 2004, and they do not reflect well on UVM students and residence halls. UVM students ranked 10 out of 17 schools in the friendly, intercollegiate competition.

The schools are competing to see who can collect the largest amount of recyclables from residence and dining halls in a 10-week period. The official count began on February 2, and UVM has just nine weeks left to boost its recycling prowess and win the grand prize, the coveted Recycle Mania Man trophy made of scrap material. Among UVM's competitors are Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Ohio State and Yale universities.

Last week, UVM students recycled an average of three pounds per student. Harvard students recycled an average of 5.5 pounds per student. "This begs the question: Do their students drink more? Read more newspapers? Or are they just better at recycling than us," asks Erica Spiegel, solid waste management supervisor.

For the weekly scoreboard of how UVM residence halls are doing, visit [Recycle](#) and click on Recycle Mania.

Acupuncture Needling Gets the Picture

It's not *Lord of the Rings*, but UVM has its own

eloquent symposium of poetry and literature. Sponsored by the Golden Key International Honour Society, the event featured six professors from various departments and President Daniel Mark Fogel reading either their own or others' works.

"This was a wonderful event and I learned so much from my colleagues," said English Professor Anthony Magistrale, who read his recent poem "Saddam's Final Days," a clever account of the Iraqi leader's capture as well as an homage to Dostoevsky. "It's a welcome opportunity to stop lecturing for once and get a chance to listen to others."

"It is nice to get professors together, not for the purpose of politics or to discuss salaries, but rather, to listen to each other's words and ideas," added Classics Chair Z. Philip Ambrose, who read a thesis comparing Sophocles' *Ajax* to Joseph Roth's celebrated *Radetsky March*.

Students in attendance seemed excited about the symposium as well. "I've had Philip Baruth (associate professor of English) for class and I've always been fascinated by what he teaches. Now I have the chance to listen to some poems of his own," said Eric Siegel, a sophomore English major. Professor Baruth, an award-winning commentator for Vermont Public Radio, read several selections titled *Further Notes from the New Vermont*. President Fogel also read his own work, three poems written at various points in his career.

Literary Orations was organized by senior Sean Dougherty, a member of Golden Key and a political science major. He was inspired to develop the event after a fiction seminar he attended at Yeats Summer School in Ireland. "I was bowled over by the quality of academics there, the quality of professors and their ideas," Dougherty said. "I wanted to establish a similar forum at UVM where professors can share their work and their love of knowledge. Let us hope this is the first of many similar events in the future."

best picture, complete with special effects. Producers at the College of Medicine say the new "movie" is helping scientists find out what cells in connective tissue are doing during acupuncture needling.

In a study funded by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine and conducted at the General Clinical Research Center, Dr. Helene Langevin and her study team use a technology called ultrasound elasticity imaging that, in effect, films what is happening in connective tissue cells during acupuncture.

Last year, Langevin, research assistant professor of neurology, began a separate study in which a biopsy is taken of each participant's connective tissue. The goal of that study, says Langevin, is to take a deeper look into the tissue and cells that respond when an acupuncture needle is inserted into the skin. However, after completing the new, ultrasound study, Langevin learned that she could find out some of this information more easily.

"The 12 healthy participants studied responded very consistently to the acupuncture needling," Langevin said. "The results were so clear that we're going to reduce the total number of participants we enroll in the biopsy study and test some of our hypotheses using ultrasound."

Last October, Langevin presented her ultrasound movies at the Society for Acupuncture Research meeting at the Harvard School of Continuing Education and to attendees at the Second International Conference on Ultrasonic Measurement and Imaging of Tissue Elasticity, in Corpus Christi, Texas. "Acupuncturists were especially excited about the possibility that ultrasound could be used to visualize what is happening inside the tissue during the application of needling techniques that have been used for more than 2,000 years," Langevin said.

Langevin and her team will begin recruiting for a second phase of the study this month. They also have a number of pilot projects in development that propose using a variety of modalities to look at the tissue in reaction to acupuncture needling, including a project targeting patients with myofascial pain syndrome.

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**Brueghel**

This oil on canvas painting, "The Netherlandish Proverbs," by Pieter Brueghel the Younger, will be on exhibit at the Fleming March 9 through June 6.

Brueghel's Proverbs Painting on Exhibit at Fleming

Pieter Brueghel the Younger devoted his life to copying the paintings of his father, Flemish artist Pieter Bruegel, generally considered the greatest Flemish painter of the 16th century. (He also added an "h" to the family's name). Brueghel's studio produced more than 20 copies of one of his father's most famous paintings, "The Netherlandish Proverbs," also known as "The Flemish Proverbs," "The World Upside-Down," and "The Blue Cloak." Only 10 are signed and believed to be by Brueghel. The painting depicts more than 100 proverbs and proverbial expressions that were well known at the time of its creation, and many of which still are used today.

It was only a matter of time that one of those paintings met up with Wolfgang Mieder, professor and chair of the department of German and Russian and an internationally recognized scholar of proverbs.

Thanks to Mieder's ideas and to a generous loan of the painting by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Klapper, the two will come together at the Fleming Museum. The exhibit of the Klappers' signed painting will be held at the museum from March 9 through June 6, the first major showing of the work in this country. Mieder has organized a proverb symposium in conjunction with this special exhibition that will take place March 26-27.

Information: [Fleming Exhibition](#)

Activist/Editor to Keynote International Women's Day**Bagby Spins Beowulf Epic at FlynnSpace**

Early music maestro Benjamin Bagby will give three performances of *Beowulf* at the FlynnSpace March 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. and March 7 at 2 p.m. Dressed in black and bathed in candlelight, Bagby – co-director of the early music ensemble Sequentia – will spin the spine-tingling tale of the legendary sixth century warrior Beowulf and his triumph over the ferocious monster, Grendel. He accompanies his expressive tenor with a six-string lyre.

Beowulf was written circa 1000 AD, and Bagby performs the epic in the original Anglo-Saxon with modern English translation in supertitles. The *Boston Globe* called Bagby's performance "viscerally gripping, mythic stuff."

Christopher Vaccaro, faculty member in UVM's English Department, will give a free, pre-performance lecture March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Amy E. Tarrant Gallery at the Flynn Center. He will trace the history of the Old English poem's critical reception and discuss why it continues to fascinate readers.

The Flynn Center presents these performances in association with UVM's multicultural affairs office and initiative for diversity.

Two-for-one ticket vouchers are available to university affiliates at the President's office reception area during normal working hours. Vouchers must be redeemed at the Flynn for tickets by 5 p.m. the day of the show.

Tickets: 863-5966 or [Flynn](#)

Microbiologist to Address Global Health in Seminar

When asked in a recent interview how he became interested in global health, Bill Gates said it began when he read in the "World Development Report" that 500,000 children die annually of diarrhea caused by a single virus. If a plane crashes and kills 100 people, he said, it's front-page news. How could the plight of so many children have escaped the attention of the media and the world community, he wondered.

And the problem is larger than Gates knew, says Gerry Silverstein, lecturer in microbiology and molecular genetics. Approximately 2.5 million children die from diarrhea each year, and virtually all of these deaths are preventable, as are most of the 17 million deaths every year due to a variety of infectious diseases, he says.

Djordja Knezevic, an internationally renowned women's rights activist, will give two lectures on campus on March 5, highlighting a series of events planned to honor International Women's Day, which is March 8. Knezevic is a Croatian native who has been active in the women's movement throughout Europe for more than 25 years. She currently is a special advisor to the Women's Global Fund as well as editor of the feminist magazine *Bread and Roses*.

Following a 7:30 a.m. international breakfast buffet at Waterman Manor on March 5, Knezevic will present her first lecture, "After War: Women's Changing Voices," at approximately 8:10 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., she will deliver her second lecture, "Women Under Fire: Communication Across War Zones," in Billings Marsh Lounge.

Other events in the "Women, Action, Peace" theme sponsored by the International Women's Day Committee include:

- March 4: Film and Discussion: *Sin Dejar Huela* (Without a Trace), winner of the Latin American Cinema Award, Lafayette Hall, room 207, 6:30 p.m.
- March 5: Tea for Peace: Knezevic, Denise Youngblood, chair of history, and Peace Corps alumni, Billings Marsh Lounge, 12:15 p.m.
- March 8: Music and Prayer for Peace: Joyful music, reflection, Ira Allen Chapel, 8 a.m.
- March 8: Women's Rights Activist Panel: "Struggles in the Global Community," Lafayette, room 207, 7 p.m.

Information: 656-7924 or [International Women's Day](#)

Gund Professors to Speak on Vermont Quality of Life Research

The Center for Research on Vermont is sponsoring a March 8 Research-in-Progress Seminar – number 177 in the center's long-running series – highlighting the work of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics on the genuine progress indicator.

"Measuring Quality of Life in Vermont," by Gund Institute Director Robert Costanza and Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources Professor Jon Erickson, begins at 7:30 p.m., in Memorial Lounge, Waterman.

Costanza and Erickson will discuss the application of a pair of empirical techniques to measuring the quality of life in Vermont: (1) estimating the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) and (2) directly surveying 600 Burlington residents about aspects of their quality of life. Both of these projects were carried out by students and faculty in solution-based courses in ecological economics.

Information: 656-4389 or [CRVT](#)

Silverstein will address these issues in a three-part seminar, "The Health of the World's Peoples-2004," on March 9, at 4 p.m., in Stafford Hall 101. In Part I, he will present an overview of global health; in Part II, an in-depth look at the profound impact of the AIDS pandemic on people living in sub-Saharan Africa; and in Part III, he'll cite some dramatic successes that occurred when individuals, nations, and global organizations took on responsibility for tackling some world health problems.

Caring Communities Conference to Focus on Empowerment

The Department of Social Work will hold its annual Creating Caring Communities conference on March 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Billings Student Center. This year's event is titled "Empowerment: A Framework for Social Work Practice."

Stephen Rose, professor of social work at the University of New England in Portland, Maine, will be the keynote speaker. Rose spent last semester at the University of Helsinki, Finland, as a Fulbright professor of social work. He is a recent director of the American Legacy Foundation Project, "Poverty, Abuse and the Distribution of Health and Smoking Among People Seeking Community Mental Health Services."

Rose is the author of five books, including *Case Management and Social Work Practice* and *Advocacy and Empowerment: Mental Health Care in the Community*.

The keynote address will be followed by a panel discussion and a luncheon. Afternoon workshops facilitated by social work students, faculty members and practitioners will include Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations, Social Work Practice and Supervision, Social Work Practice in Rural Communities and International Social Work Practice.

Information: 656-8800

NOTABLES

March 3, 2004

Publications and Presentations

The Jan. 11 edition of the Rutland Herald gave front-page coverage to the **Julie Roberts**, professor of communication sciences, for her research on the Vermont dialect. Her work examines the ways in which the accent of Vermont speakers is changing across generations. Roberts has found that some features, thought to be dying out are appearing in the speech of young Vermont children, either from imitation of elders or from other sources.

Charlie Barasch, adjunct instructor in communication sciences, has had several works accepted for publication. *The New York Times* printed a presidential-themed crossword puzzle of Barasch's own creation on President's Day, and the paper will publish another on March 2. In addition, the *Washington Post* plans to publish a third puzzle on Father's Day. Two of his poems, about presidents John Adams and Dwight Eisenhower, will be published in the spring issue of *The Alembic*, Providence College's literary magazine.

Kathleen Liang, assistant professor of community development and applied economics, presented a paper, "Gender Diversification Relates to Entrepreneurial Cognition and SBDC's Functions," at the 2004 Small Business Institute Annual Conference in Clearwater, Fla., in February. Her article presented an on-going study to evaluate the effectiveness of the Louisiana SBDC workshop since 2002 and examined the differences between female and male participants in their entrepreneurial cognition related to the workshop learning experiences. Her co-author was Paul Dunn, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and the paper was published in the conference's proceedings. Liang also wrote an article, "Business Location Relates to Learning Experience of the New Venture Creation – Rural Versus Urban Entrepreneurs," to be published in the *Academy of Entrepreneurship Journal*.

Awards and Honors

Larry Haugh, professor of statistics, is one of two nominees for chair-elect of the 1,500 member Statistical Consulting Section of the American Statistical Association.

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Awards and Honors

Lynn Johnson, assistant professor of physical education, will receive two awards from the Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at its annual convention in Burlington on March 2-7. Johnson will be awarded both the Outstanding Professional Award, given to educators who best exemplify exceptional and outstanding contributions to their disciplines, and the Presidential Medallion, awarded to an individual for an outstanding professional contribution to health, physical education, recreation or dance during his/her term as president of the organization.

Junior **Elizabeth Cleary** has been awarded a scholarship to study next semester at Studio Arts Centers International in Florence, Italy. Cleary was selected based on the high quality of her artistic and academic achievement. The award noted that the scholarship reflects the high caliber of instruction offered by UVM's Art program.

Dr. **David Weissgold**, associate professor of surgery, has been named the

first Duncan W. Persons, M.D. '34 Green and Gold Professor in Ophthalmology. Named in memory of Dr. Duncan Persons, an ophthalmologist who graduated from the College of Medicine in 1934, this endowed professorship is designed to provide annual enhancement support to the named professor for either educational or research purposes.

Publications and Presentations

Larry Shirland, associate dean of the School of Business Administration, had an article, "Job Selection Preferences of Business Students" published in the February issue of *The Journal of Applied Business Research*. The article was written in collaboration with Ronald Thompson of Wake Forest University, a former colleague, and **Charles Iacovou**, also of Wake Forest University, a UVM undergraduate business alumnus.

Carolyn Bonifield, assistant professor of business administration, presented a paper titled "Effects of Anger, Regret, Distributive Justice and Social Comparison on Post-Purchase Behaviors" at the 2004 Society for Consumer Psychology Winter Conference on Feb. 20 in San Francisco. Along with University of Iowa co-author Catherine Cole, Bonifield examines the interrelationships between appraisals, regret, anger, and post-purchase behaviors.

Roelof Boumans, research associate professor of natural resources, attended the Feb. 12-16 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual meeting in Seattle, where he presented "Integrated Assessment and Valuation of Ecosystem Goods and Services provided by Coastal Systems." The work, compiled by Boumans and colleagues **Matthew Wilson**, **Robert Costanza** and **Shuang Liu** through the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, seeks to measure the economic value of coastal systems using ecological and economic methodology. The AAAS meeting features the latest scientific research and attracts more science and science-policy leaders than any other single meeting in the United States.

Xindong Wu, chair of the Department of Computer Science, recently published his guiding principles on how to be an effective leader in the February issue of *Academic Leader*. A modified version of the published article is available on the web at [Effective Chair](#)

Dr. **Jeffrey Horbar**, professor of pediatrics, co-authored an article in the January 14 *Journal of the American Medical Association* titled "Indirect vs. Direct Hospital Quality Indicators for Very Low-Birth-Weight Infants."

Berta Geller, research associate professor of family practice, and Dr. **Donald Weaver**, associate professor of pathology, were two of the authors of an article titled "Effect of Breast Augmentation on the Accuracy of Mammography and Cancer Statistics" in the Jan. 28 issue of *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

David Scrase, director of the Center for Holocaust Studies, **Wolfgang Mieder**, professor of German and chair of the Department of German and Russian, and **Katherine Quimby Johnson**, administrative assistant at the Holocaust Center, edited a book of essays, *Making a Difference: Rescue and Assistance During the Holocaust*. The book honors Marion Pritchard, who is widely known for her rescue of oppressed Jews during the Holocaust and who was the recipient of an honorary degree at UVM's 2003 Commencement. The *Laudatio* for the book was written by President **Daniel Mark Fogel**

In Memoriam

Wayne Golnazarian, an adjunct faculty member in mechanical engineering since 1996, died Feb. 20 of cancer. He was employed at IBM. He leaves a wife, Cecilia, a daughter, Kayla, and a son, Sevan. A fund for the children has been established, and contributions may be made through Karen Bernard, 201A Votey, 656-3333.

Feb. 18, 2004

Awards and Honors

Mary Canales, associate professor of nursing, received the award for the Emerging Nursing Stars in Health Disparities Research from Howard University Division of Nursing. The award recognized her scholarship on health issues and health disparities among Native American and Latino women.

Dr. Patricia O'Brien, clinical assistant professor of medicine and physical therapy, received the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Community Service Award at the 2004 Komen Affiliate Conference, held Feb. 6-8, in Denver. O'Brien, who heads up the Vermont Cancer Network and is education chair for the Komen Vermont-New Hampshire Affiliate, was chosen for her commitment to excellence in meeting the breast health needs across Vermont.

Publications and Presentations

Gale Burford, professor of social work, published the following: Burford, G., and Adams, P. (2004). "Restorative Justice, Responsive Regulation and Social Work," in the *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*; Burford, G., and Pennell, J. (2004). "From Agency Client to Community-based Consumer: The Family Group Conference as a Consumer-led Group in Child Welfare," in C. Garvin, L. Gutierrez, and Galinsky, M. (Eds.), *Handbook of Social Work with Groups*, Guilford Publications Feb. 11, 2004

Awards and Honors

The Class of 2006 in the College of Medicine has announced that **Bruce Fonda**, lecturer in anatomy and neurobiology, received the American Medical Students Association Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching.

Randall Headrick, assistant professor of physics, recently was awarded a five-year, \$610,000 career grant from the National Science Foundation. He will use the grant to develop a leading research and education activity in the area of metal/semiconductor growth and self-organized pattern formation on surfaces. The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program recognizes and supports the early career-development activities of those teacher-scholars who are most likely to become the academic leaders of the 21st century. CAREER awardees will be selected on the basis of creative, career-development plans that effectively integrate research and education within the context of the mission of their institution.

Publications and Presentations

Gayle Belin, clinical assistant professor of communication sciences, presented a lecture titled "Cleft Lip and Palate Management" at the Feb. 7 annual conference of the Vermont Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Frank Bryan, professor of political science, will discuss Vermont town meetings and his new book, *Real Democracy: the New England Town Meeting and How It Works*, on the Vermont Public Television program, "Profile." The interview will air Monday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. and Feb 22 at 1:30 pm.

Mark Fung, assistant professor of pathology, has published the article, "Leukoreduction in the setting of open -heart surgery: a prospective cohort-controlled study," in the January issue of *Transfusion*. The study examined the effect of using leukoreduced blood vs. non-leukoreduced blood on various clinical outcomes of open-heart surgery patients.

February 4, 2004

Awards and Honors

Senior **Kristal Kostiew**, who is majoring in professional physical education in the College of Education and Social Services, was selected as one of two Vermont Outstanding Future Professionals by the Vermont Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The award recognizes students who demonstrate their promise as future leaders in the profession.

Russell Hovey, assistant professor of animal science, has been awarded two research grants for his work on breast cancer and mammary gland development. One is a two-year new investigator grant from the USDA National Research Initiative Program in Animal Growth to investigate "Endocrine Regulation of Porcine Mammary Gland Development and Morphogenesis." The other is a three-year idea grant from the US Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program to develop "A New and Authentic Animal Model for Human Breast Development and Breast Cancer."

Chyi-lyi (Kathleen) Liang, assistant professor of community development and applied economics, was named a Coleman Entrepreneurship Scholar for 2004 by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship and received a scholarship to attend the group's annual conference.

Publications and Presentations

Jane Okech, assistant professor of integrated professional studies, and her colleague **Anne Geroski**, an associate professor, will both give presentations at the April 1-4 conference of the American Counseling Association in Kansas City.

Trina Magi, library assistant professor, recently had an article published in the journal portal *Libraries and the Academy*. Titled "What's Best for Students? Comparing the Effectiveness of a Traditional Print Pathfinder and a Web-based Research Tool," the article reports the results of a study comparing two approaches to library instruction in a course of first-year business students at University of Vermont. Magi was also profiled in the January/February issue of *Mother Jones* magazine for her work in speaking out against the threats to privacy posed by the USA PATRIOT Act.

Chyi-lyi (Kathleen) Liang, assistant professor of community development and applied economics, presented a paper at the 2004 United States Small Business and Entrepreneurship Conference held Jan. 15-18. The title of the article, which was co-written with Paul Dunn, was "Demographics and Other Business Characteristics Influence on Couples' Willingness to Start Again." Liang and Dunn also presented a workshop at the conference, "Not Enough Support or Too Much Support? Comparative Experiences of Entrepreneurship Support Organizations."