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fundamentally, make things better for students and professors. After earning a doctorate at Dartmouth, Hughes spent 25 years as a geologist at Miami University, publishing three books and attracting more than \$3 million in grants to pursue his research. Below he discusses UVM's challenges and opportunities, his hopes for his tenure and why he hopes you won't hear him saying, "Well, at Miami we did it this way..."

THE VIEW: Your introduction to this place and your colleagues had to have been changed by President Fogel's unfortunate illness [shortly after your arrival]. I'm wondering if there were things you learned about either the university or your colleagues through that experience?

JOHN HUGHES: Yes. I cannot praise enough the senior leadership here at the university. They are incredibly thoughtful, they are incredibly talented, they are incredibly caring people. There were some very difficult days, and we didn't know what the future held, but everybody pulled together. John Bramley was willing to come back. So what I learned most is what a talented senior leadership team we have here, and how widely respected Dan is across the entire campus. The cards and letters and gifts that poured in were just astonishing. Dan has really endeared himself to the community.

I know it's early, but give me your sense of the contours of the provost role here.

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The provost's role is an interesting one at any university, and here it's particularly interesting. There's been growth over the last few years, and I'm not sure everybody has thought about where that growth should be, and I'm not sure that everything that has been done is aligned with the strategic plan. One of my main jobs will be to make sure — I think in the job description it was stated that the job is to help execute the strategic plan — that the various units align themselves with the strategic plan and to help facilitate that alignment; making strategic decisions about resources and growth and issues like that. The provost is in many respects an interface between the president and the deans. The deans are the fundamental direct reports for the provost; they are down there in the trenches making it all work. They work with the departmental chairs, who probably have the most difficult role in the university.

What is your sense of the challenges and opportunities ahead for the University of Vermont?

The challenges are principally fiscal. No area of university income is growing dramatically here or elsewhere... and yet, the cost of doing business does grow dramatically. But fiscal challenges face every university — there is nothing out of the ordinary. As for opportunities, you can count on one hand the number of universities that are adding 81 net new faculty members over a 10-year period as we are. That's incredibly exciting. We can either transform the University of Vermont or make mistakes that will take thirty years to correct. So one of the opportunities I'm looking forward to is giving the deans all they need to hire the right people. We will make sure we get the right people here and then just stand back and let them work with the students. We have to make sure we look at very strong and diverse pools. We can't hire people who look like ourselves in every way. One of the most important things is that we hire people smarter than ourselves. I would hope that every hire we make is the best person in the pool.

... For years, faculty salaries were low here. At my former institution, we would compare salaries with institutions, and the University of Vermont was on our comparison list, and we could always say, "Well, at least we're better than Vermont." Before July 1, that was a good thing for me. Now, after July 1, that is a bad thing because I'm here. The university has taken some very great strides in the last five years to correct that, and I'm very pleased to see that, to the point where we're approaching national averages, which is where we should be.

Five years from now, what do you hope the UVM community thinks of you as a provost?

I guess I wouldn't want them thinking of me. I would want them thinking of the accomplishments we have made together. I have this strange notion that at the core of a university is those who teach, and those who are taught, and everybody else works for them. If we can form a better partnership with faculty and administrators to support students and faculty, as well as hire the best possible new faculty, I would hope they

would just look back and say, "He helped facilitate that." Help is in there because a provost can't do it alone; it's a partnership.

Are there personal qualities you hope would resonate? It's not about you, as you point out, but people are going to have reactions...

In my introductory remarks during my visit here, I actually misspoke. I said, "People won't always agree with the provost." I should have said, "Somebody will *always* disagree with the provost." I am not so naïve as to think that everybody will agree with me on everything, but one thing I promised Dan on my very first visit was that people may disagree with me, they may vehemently oppose an action I have taken, but I guaranteed him that they would always be treated respectfully. I would hope that people would always say that people are always treated respectfully whether we agree or disagree. That's how I treat people and hope to be treated.

You've been involved in universities for your adult life, and I'm wondering if you could tell us some of the reasons you have chosen to stay in this field?

It is the absolute best job in the world. I can't wait to get to work in the morning; I work too late at night because it's so much fun. I've been involved in education since I was at Happy Hill Nursery School at age 4, and I haven't left the world yet, and I never want to. Being a professor when I was not in administration, my job was to come in every morning and work with bright 18-to-30-year-olds. The National Science Foundation gave me millions of dollars worth of toys to play with them with. They even paid me for it! I worked in a park-like setting, my hours were my own, and the cost of doing that was standing up in front of a group of people and talking with them about something that I love. There could be no better job.

As I moved into administration, I continued my research, and I continue it now. It is very important to me. I never want a faculty member to say they can't do their research and look at the provost and say, "He doesn't either." It will be diminished somewhat, but I bring a grant here and I will continue my work. Moving into administration, however, I enjoy facilitating all the positive things about higher education for others. I hope my feelings about higher education are infectious, and I hope that everybody at UVM is as excited about higher education as I am.

Would you share the cocktail-party summary of your current research?

I bounce X-rays off minerals and determine how the atoms are arranged. Now I'm working with colleagues, and we're looking at substituting uranium and thorium in the mineral apatite. Apatite is a calcium phosphate mineral; it's what our bones and teeth are made of. We can use it as a solid-state nuclear waste repository.

I don't have a lab here. The instrumentation costs about \$500,000, and

there's no way to get a grant for that because people would wonder if I was an administrator or scientist. But my colleagues at Miami are kindly collecting data for me; I'm expecting two CDs today. I'm working on another problem for a scientist in Germany. Just this morning, I got page proofs from an article that I have to get back to a colleague in Austria tomorrow; I'm second author, he's first. Research now is done late at night, but it's something I could never give up. It's just too much fun. It's perhaps selfish that I continue it, but I think it's important.

And of course it keeps you engaged with funders and logistics and other things, so you understand what the faculty are dealing with...

Absolutely. The pressure to fund research is real and intense. I successfully did it; but it is just that, pressure. We owe it to our students and our institutions to fund our research, but it's extremely competitive, often less than 10 percent of proposals are funded. Yes, I realize that, and I will do everything I can to help those who are trying to do that.

Administrative hires like yours offer opportunities for institutions to cross-fertilize. I'm wondering if there are any initiatives, structures or ideas that you are bringing from Miami that you think might work in this context?

That is one of the positive things about hiring somebody from outside. Miami and UVM are very similar institutions. We were both among the original Public Ivies, so there are many similarities between the two institutions, and I will be bringing many ideas from Miami. But one thing I don't want to do is be known for saying, "Well, at Miami we did it this way..."

But I am bringing knowledge of many initiatives that were very positive that will help UVM and have already been well received. (I better not mention what they are because they haven't been totally unwrapped yet.) I also bring some very good ideas of how not to do things. Everything hasn't gone perfectly at Miami University, and there have been several initiatives that I could say, "I can't tell you how to do it, but I can certainly tell you how *not* to do it." And that's just as valuable.

Is there anything I haven't asked you about that you'd like to address?

My wife and I are absolutely delighted to be in Vermont. When I was in grad school at Dartmouth, we chose to live on this side of the Connecticut River rather than live free on the other side. We bought our first house in Vermont, we had our first child in Vermont, and we are absolutely delighted to be back.

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By Joshua Brown

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First-year student Anna Walter heads to her dorm with a fresh green coffee plant courtesy of the Horticulture Club. (Photo: Joshua Brown)

Mark Starrett puts a megaphone to his mouth and begins his pitch again. "We've got free coffee plants over here. Come and get one," he broadcasts to the hundreds of students milling across the green near Chittenden Hall.

Facing toward

Starrett's table, more than 30 students stand patiently, many in Jackie Onassis-style sunglasses, others in high school t-shirts. It's Opening Weekend at UVM, and this is the Class of 2010 Picnic. As they approach the front of the line, some look nervous in the sharp summer sun. Others blissful.

Starrett, associate professor of plant and soil science, is the force behind the nearly 2500 coffee plant seedlings—one for every first-year student—stacked in trays in a nearby van. On the table, a tiny forest of waxy green plants is quickly getting snatched up as Horticulture Club president, Sarah White '07, and fellow club member, Jonathan Mejia '09, replenish the stock.

"Welcome to UVM," the label on each plastic pot reads, "just like you will graduate in 4 years, this coffee plant will grow beans in 4 with proper care and feeding! But only if you visit this [website](#) to learn more."

Across the green, other lines snake out from a tent for Jay Peak ski area, a hamburger grill, a Ben and Jerry's ice cream station, dozens of tables where student clubs have sign-up sheets—and an inflatable fun house.

Starrett laughs with delight. "Our line is longer than ice cream—that's what Pat Brown [director of student life] said," he says, turning to White. "Longer than ice cream!"

Under Starrett's supervision, students in the Horticulture Club seeded

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and tended the coffee all summer; they hope some additional members will join the club as they hand plants to delighted (and sometimes bewildered) first-year students.

"Will this grow into hazelnut flavor?" one new student asks.

"This will be cool," says Bryan Elliott '10, "my room is all white, except for this plant."

Myka Kimberly '10, and her new roommate, Elizabeth Minor, carry their plants away from the table.

"All the kids were talking about this," Kimberly says.

I guess we'll have to water it," Minor says.

While the first-year students may be novices at coffee plant cultivation, the seeds came from veterans. Michael Moser, a research specialist with UVM's Center for Rural Studies, has been helping an effort in Vermont to roast and market fairly traded coffee from Honduras—and then return the proceeds to Honduran communities for development projects. Through that project, one of Moser's friends, a Honduran coffee farmer, donated the seeds for the student giveaway. "It's high-altitude, shade-grown, organic seed," Moser says, "It will grow well," (though, he notes, his farmer friend couldn't understand why people were trying to grow coffee in Vermont.)

"There are so many great dimensions to this project," says Amanda Chaulk, with Continuing Education, a co-sponsor of the plant giveaway. "We handed out laundry bags and flip flops in 2005, and now we're really pleased to be part of this. We always want to give new students something to keep, to make them feel welcome."

So they partnered with the Plant and Soil Science Department on the coffee plants, providing financial support and developing the artful design for the labels that also serve as a marketing tool: "This coffee plant brought to by Plant and Soil Science and [Continuing Education's] Think Summer U."

The plant giveaway seems to be getting the word out. "We've given away 500 plants in 35 minutes," Starrett exclaims. "This is the trial year and it sure seems to be working! Next year we'd like to add tea, too." And in four years, the biggest, most productive plant will receive an award, "like a coffee mug," says Starrett.

More than a publicity stunt, Starrett, with support from his department chair, Deborah Neher, is developing a multidisciplinary course about coffee to be offered next spring that will range from conservation issues (like "bird-safe" plantations) to international development to caffeine biology.

"We'd like to recruit additional students to our classes and majors, and Mark had a great idea: what plant would college students really relate to? Coffee," says Neher.

"This is the first step," Starrett says, smiling out at all the young people. "We're greening UVM one dorm room at a time."

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Sophomore soccer star left Ivory Coast in 2003

By Jon Reidel

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Lee Stephane Kouadio opened the 2006 season with a goal in a win over St. Peter's in the 17th annual Nike Fall Soccer Classic in Durham, N.H. (Photo: Sally McCay)

When Lee Stephane Kouadio considered his college choices, he grew concerned that he wouldn't find a team with the sort of esprit de corps that originally fueled his love of soccer while learning the game on the streets and playing fields of his native Ivory Coast.

A speedster with a knack for putting soccer balls past goalies, Kouadio would attract the attention of many college coaches. But it wasn't until he visited UVM during his senior year at Ridley High School in Folsom, Penn., that Kouadio felt the sense of connection that he'd longed to recapture since leaving the Ivory Coast in 2003. He's now a key part of a team picked to finish first in the America East by the conference's coaches. Kouadio's 2006 home debut takes place at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 6 at Centennial Field versus Cornell.

"For me it's about community, not winning," says sophomore Kouadio, who credits roommate/teammate Jake McFadden, a Colchester native, with helping him get settled in Burlington last year. "I felt that sense of community here right away. The guys on the team have helped me adjust to everything here, and I am grateful. I consider them my brothers."

Making adjustments

Initially more comfortable in his native French than English, Kouadio bore down on his academics and earned a spot on the America East Academic Honor Roll as a freshman. He would also distinguish himself on the pitch with an America East leading nine goals over the course of the season.

Kouadio's ball skills, remarkable quickness, and acrobatic moves make him tough for spectators to miss on the field — and they would often make him a marked man among his America East opponents. Trash talk wasn't part of the game in the Ivory Coast, where Kouadio lived with his

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grandparents until coming to America to live with his Liberian-born father, Kolma, and his mother, Tatiana, who is from the Ivory Coast.

Unfortunately, it is a reality for some players and can greatly impact what happens on the field. (Just ask Zinedine Zidane.) It didn't take long for word to spread that Kouadio was a scoring machine with a penchant for somewhat flamboyant play, which didn't always sit well with opposing players. Kouadio, whose five yellow cards earned him a one-game suspension last season, is the first to admit that he didn't always respond in the best way to some of the verbal abuse dished out by opponents.

"My main goal is to try to improve on my discipline," says Kouadio. "I get pushed and talked to a lot on the field and, at first, it was hard to listen to it and still play the game. I'm learning how to deal with that better."

Catamount Head Coach Jesse Cormier '95 says that Kouadio, who plays on a team that is loaded with talent, has the skills to stand out as one of the best players in school history. Cormier agrees with his player's self-assessment that the biggest gains he can make are in learning to control the mental and emotional dynamics on the field. "If he listens to the lessons the game is offering him about life, like patience, he'll become a truly great player," Cormier says.

But it's not individual honors that drive him. Cormier says that Kouadio is less interested in putting his name in the record books with the likes of Roberto Beall '91, Kevin Wiley '90, or Jim St. Andre '90 than in emulating the achievements of the star trio's 1989 Catamount team — an all-time best record of 19-3 and trip to the NCAA East Regional Final.

Kouadio has three more years to help make that goal a reality, but he's already found the first thing he sought in Burlington. "He really considers these guys like the neighbors he had in the Ivory Coast," says Cormier. "He calls his teammates 'his brothers' for that reason. To him, they really are his brothers, and he's a by-product of them."

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Five members of the faculty have received 2006 Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Awards, the university's most prestigious award for classroom instruction.

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The send-off of Bulldog Entertainment Network, a family-friendly, on-line entertainment business, and ElectroCell Technologies, Inc., an animal waste treatment company designed to reduce farm odor and the environmental impacts from waste water run-off, marks the successful transition from early stage entities to more mature companies ready to compete in the marketplace. It's also evidence of VCET moving closer to its goal of helping diversify the state's economy and boosting economic development while utilizing university and private sector resources.

"This is a concrete symbol that this program is doing what we'd hoped: churning out businesses and creating jobs," said Sen. Patrick Leahy. "ElectroCell and Bulldog Entertainment have taken unique technologies and applied them to real-world situations. The demand for VCET is already outgrowing its available space. It has proven its worth in the Vermont economy."

Opened in June of 2004 in Farrell Hall, VCET has leveraged UVM technology, laboratory facilities, and equipment as well as linking client companies to key faculty, staff, and student interns. ElectroCell, for example, received hands-on support from the university's animal and soil scientists to better understand the efficacy of a novel waste treatment technology. Bulldog Entertainment utilized the skills of Will King, an MBA student at the university and first VCET Entrepreneurship Fellow.

In both cases, VCET facilitated the contacts between their clients and the extensive network of university and private sector mentors and advisors and private investment capital resources. Being located in a modern 4,000-square-foot facility with eight offices for client companies, four labs, administrative offices and conference rooms helps young companies in need of these necessities and amenities.

Following graduation, Bulldog Entertainment plans to move to its new home in the Champlain Mill, where owners Douglas Johnson and Robert McVicar plan to expand their worldwide on-line interactive

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entertainment company. ElectroCell, owned and operated by Buzz Hoerr in Colchester, recently sold a mobile unit to Green Mountain Power, which will be tested at UVM before being made available to customers in need of complying with forthcoming state and federal regulatory run-off reduction laws.

As the inaugural VCET moves into the private sector, three new clients hope to follow suit. Founded by UVM's Dr. David Krag, Plomics, Inc. offers a new method of organizing and delivering biomedical information designed to improve the efficiency in which researchers and health care providers disseminate and search for relevant and up-to-date research. Global Classroom, an education technology company in Atlanta, recently relocated to Vermont with the help of VCET. Parallel Geometry develops advanced 3-D simulation and visualization products for aerospace, defense, urban planning, geo-tourism and medical applications.

"Not only can we be an economic driver, but we must be," said acting university president John Bramley. "This is good for Vermont business and it's good for UVM. It gives our students experience and hopefully jobs."

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In a convocation speech that marked his first official address to the UVM community, Provost John Hughes urged new students to recognize the responsibility that comes with being among the one one-hundredth of one percent of the world's population privileged to attend an institution of higher education in the United States.

"So what will you do with this remarkable privilege that puts you in the 99.99th percentile in the world?" Hughes said. "Regrettably, my generation leaves you many profound problems to address; we tried, oh how we tried, and hopefully we made progress, but ultimately we were not successful. As you begin your time at the University of Vermont I here charge you to use your privilege to solve those problems."

Hughes drew parallels between the issues that faced the nation and the world when, as a first-year student in 1970, he listened to his first college convocation speech. "In 1970 we were involved in an increasingly controversial war, concern for the environment was growing, gas prices were rising, and the nation was increasingly concerned with racial equality. Although we are 36 years apart, the issues facing you are not dissimilar from those we faced in 1970."

Citing examples across many fields of study, Hughes more deeply detailed the issues that students will face and encouraged them to find solutions to the persistent challenges that linger, despite Hughes' own generation's best attempts to solve them. And he closed his speech with a personal invitation to the new students who share his "first-year" status. "I ask that as you see me walking around campus you take the time to introduce yourself and tell me some of your aspirations, and tell me what you hope to accomplish as part of the 99.99th percentile. We will have to keep walking as we talk, as we all are privileged to have important places to go."

John Bramley, acting president of the university, delivered opening remarks prior to Hughes' address. The former provost, who stepped in as acting president this summer during President Daniel Mark Fogel's

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medical leave, noted that his being on stage at convocation was something he did not expect. He went on to describe the many mysteries and surprises that are often "some of the greatest rewards of higher education."

"A university is a community of scientists, scholars, artists, students dedicated to the study and creation of knowledge," Bramley said. "That pursuit requires the courage to face the unknown and the unexpected every time we step into the classroom, the studio, or the lab. To say we're well-versed in and quite comfortable with the unknown is an understatement. Quite simply, meeting the unexpected, facing it with the best our hearts and minds can offer, and moving forward is what we do."

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The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive on Thursday, August 31 at noon at Memorial Lounge in Waterman.

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- Sept. 12, "In the Dark: Causes and Treatment of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)," by Dr. Terry Rabinowitz, associate professor of psychiatry; and Kelly Rohan, assistant professor of psychology
- Sept. 19, "You've Come a Long Way, Baby: Keeping Comfortable During Childbirth," by Dr. Christopher Viscomi, associate professor of anesthesiology
- Sept. 26, "Borrowing from Peter to Pay Paul: The Art and Science of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery," by Dr. Susan MacLennan, assistant professor of surgery
- Oct. 3, "Sex and the Brain: How Do Male and Female Brains Become Different?" by Cynthia Forehand, professor of anatomy and neurobiology
- Oct. 10, "More Than Skin Deep: Acupuncture and the Connective Tissue Connection," by Dr. Helene Langevin, research associate professor of neurology
- Oct. 17, "Reducing Chronic Pain: What To Do When Surgery or Medicine Aren't Options," by Magdalena Naylor, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of psychiatry and director of the MindBody Medicine Clinic
- Oct. 24, "Seeing the Heart of the Matter: Cardiac Imaging and Interventional Cardiology," by Dr. David Schneider, associate professor of medicine and director of cardiology; Dr. Timothy Christian, professor of medicine and director of cardiac imaging; and Dr. Harold Dauerman, professor of medicine and director of cardiovascular catheterization laboratories

Community Medical School is sponsored jointly by the College of Medicine and Fletcher Allen Health Care. Free parking is available on site. To register, or for additional information, call 802-847-2886 or go to [Community Medical School](#).

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This year's season features world music, jazz, folk music from many traditions, and of course the solo piano, chamber music, early music, and classical theatre that the Lane Series is known for.

Performers range from Brazilian vocalist Luciana Souza to the Aquila Theatre Company in *Romeo and Juliet* to Austin, Texas Music Hall of Famer Eliza Gilkyson, whose album "Paradise Hotel" has been listed in *The New York Times* as one of the top 10 CDs of 2006.

For more information about this year's Lane Series events, visit the program's [website](#). Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$56 depending on the event, and can be purchased [online](#) or by calling the Flynn Center Box Office at 86-FLYNN.

Discounted tickets are on sale before Sept. 8 and can be purchased by calling (802)656-4455.

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The UVM Theatre announces its 2006-2007 season featuring a wide variety of plays ranging from light comedies to more serious productions.

Steve's Martin's adaptation of "The Underpants" kicks off the season on September 27th. The season concludes on March 4 with "La Ronde" by Arthur Schnitzler. The box office opens on Sept. 6.

"The Underpants," which runs through Oct. 7 is a comedy that takes place during a parade in Germany centering around a wardrobe malfunction that brings both romantic chaos and fifteen minutes of fame.

Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, scheduled from Nov. 1-12, tells the tale of tyranny, war and witches as Macbeth stops at nothing to become king.

La Ronde starts on Feb. 21 and continues through March 4. This circular dark comedy takes five couples and intertwines them into ten relationships. It marks the UVM Theatre directing debut of Gregory Ramos, the department's newest faculty member.

"The Toys Take Over Christmas" returns for its 16th Season on Dec. 2 and 3. The season closes with The Festival of One Acts in April. A special production of *India Song* by Marguerite Duras is in the works for Dec. 1-3.

Subscription packages, which include *The Underpants*, *Macbeth* and *La Ronde*, are \$45 for adults and \$36 for seniors (55-over), faculty and staff and non-UVM students. Adult single tickets are \$17. Seniors, faculty and staff and non-UVM students are \$14. UVM students can purchase single tickets for \$7 at the UVM Theatre Box Office.

Tickets can be ordered on-line at [UVM Theatre](#) or by calling the box office at 802-656-2094. The Royall Tyler Theatre is wheelchair accessible. All second Thursday performances are ASL interpreted for the deaf and all second Friday performances are audio described for the blind community and sight impaired.

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Staff Recognition Week Set for Sept. 11-15

By The View Staff

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The University's Staff Recognition Week starts Monday, Sept. 11. The following is a schedule of events:

- *Sept. 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.* Social on the Green. All staff members are invited to enjoy a picnic lunch under the tent at the Fleming Museum entrance. Hosted by Acting President John Bramley and Janet Bramley. Co-Sponsored by Sodexho.
- *Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.* Wellness Walk beginning at UVM Fountain on main campus. All staff are invited to take a walk around campus with Vice President for Finance & Administration Mike Gower. Buy a pedometer (\$5). Have a look at the changing campus, and pick up a walking map.
- *Sept. 13, noon.* Staff celebrating 10 years of service enjoy lunch together. Memorial Lounge, Waterman. Hosted by Vice President Mike Gower and Associate Vice President for Human Resources Barbara Johnson. (By invitation. If you have not responded to your invitation yet, please R.S.V.P. to Karen.Huyler@uvm.edu by Sept. 8.)
- *Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.* Staff celebrating 15 or more years of service enjoy dinner together at the Wyndham Hotel in Burlington. Hosted by Acting President John Bramley. Tom Gustafson, vice president for student and campus life, will serve as master of ceremonies. (By invitation. If you have not responded to your invitation yet, please R.S.V.P. to Leslie.Parr@uvm.edu by Sept. 8.)

UVM Bookstore Gift Cards, provided by the UVM Bookstore, will be distributed during staff recognition week celebrating staff reaching their five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 year milestones.

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Awards and Honors

President Fogel was recognized for his contributions to community relations and for helping to make the March 2005 visit of Archbishop Desmond Tutu to Vermont possible. Fogel was presented with a plaque by Tutu's daughter in a Sept. 6 ceremony at the Wyndham Hotel in Burlington.

The Vermont Space Grant Consortium (VSGC), based in UVM's College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, has received \$40,000 from the Higher Education Office of NASA's Exploration Systems Missions Directorate (ESMD). The award will support a senior undergraduate Engineering Capstone Project to build miniaturized spacecraft propulsion systems, student summer internships, and engineering teams competing in national competitions.

Publications and Presentations

In June, John P. Burke, professor of political science, delivered an invited paper at Nuffield College, Oxford University titled "From Success to Failure? Iraq and the Organization of George W. Bush's Decision Making," at a conference on "Politics and Polarization: The George W. Bush Presidency." The paper will be published in a forthcoming book by Oxford University Press.

Dennis Clougherty, professor of physics, gave an invited lecture titled "Polarons and Solitons in Jahn-Teller Systems" at the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy in August. Founded in 1964, the ICTP operates under the aegis of two United Nations Agencies to foster the growth of advanced studies and research in physics and mathematics. Over eighty Nobel Laureates have lectured at the Centre as well as many other prestigious scientists in fields ranging from elementary particles to astrophysics. More information can be found on the [ICTP website](#).

Richard Single, assistant professor of mathematics and statistics, was joint first author of "Signatures of Demographic History and Natural Selection in the Human Major Histocompatibility Complex Loci," published in the August edition of the journal *Genetics*. The paper uses statistical methods developed for a comparative genomics study to demonstrate how the human immune genes show signs of both past human migrations and natural selection due to pathogens.