The Davis Center is STUDENT-FOCUSED, complements the University’s ACADEMIC MISSION, celebrates and supports SOCIAL JUSTICE, and is a community-centered ENVIRONMENTAL college union.

The Davis Center mission informs many aspects of our day-to-day operations such as food sourcing, purchasing, product flow and building practices. This is a collective commitment made by all members of the community.
The Dudley H. Davis Center opened its doors during the 2007–2008 academic year to a campus that had anticipated its arrival for a number of years. Our second year of operation (2008–2009) allowed us to experience a full summer of conferences, to adjust multiple dimensions of operations and programming to meet student and community needs and to work, with vigor, in fulfilling the values of environmental stewardship, social justice, student centeredness, and academic integration.

Going beyond our Gold LEED® Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the Dudley H. Davis Center received two national awards of recognition this past year, both from the Association of College Unions-International (ACUI). We received the 2009 Excellence in Innovations in Sustainability Award and shared the 2009 Facility Design Award of Excellence with WTW architects. We are very proud of the recognition we received for both design and function.

This is the second annual report for the Davis Center. Like opening a new facility, this annual report will let us reflect on our success as well as our challenges. We continue to respond to the numerous opportunities presented on our journey to become an important facility on campus. We strive to demonstrate how a building can be more than bricks and mortar and work hard in our continued efforts to fulfill our mission and values.

We will explore the past year through a collection of data that captures overall programming and meeting use, food service, retail and service tenant activity, efforts to be great environmental stewards and social justice educators, academic outreach efforts, and other general information that will create a portrait of a year in the Davis Center. Please read this report with an open mind and feel free to give us any feedback. We are all working together to develop a truly unique part of the UVM campus.

Pat Brown
Director, Student Life & the Dudley H. Davis Center
davis by numbers 2008–2009

35,496.60 dollars that FeelGood raised for The Hunger Project

1,565,558 approximate number of Davis Center visitors during the academic year

60 percentage of waste materials that were diverted through recycling and composting efforts (which exceeds the campus-wide average of 38%)

59.38 tons of recycled materials (includes corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, glass and plastic bottles, and metal cans)

19,000 number of coffee refills sold at Henderson’s Café

2,704 pounds of coffee grounds composted from Henderson’s Café

30,000 scoops of ice cream sold at Ben & Jerry’s

56,000 burritos sold at New World Tortilla

5,646 scheduled events in the building

3,427 total number of students, faculty and staff who responded to the annual survey

873 table reservations for the Olin Atrium

325 banners hung in the Olin Atrium

75 student employees work for Davis Center Operations

STUDENT-FOCUS HIGHLIGHT
The Class of 2008 gift, Emergence, was installed in January. The glass sculpture, reflective of the complexity and interconnectedness of nature, hangs suspended above Chikago Landing and is the work of Ethan Bond-Watts (UVM ’09).
events & operations

This past year in the Davis Center has been, in a word, busy. An increase in the number and variety of meetings, events and programs have filled the Davis Center this past year, and all the tenants and food service locations have experienced increased traffic. With over 1.5 million people coming and going since the end of August 2008, and 5,646 individual reservations taking place throughout the past year, there is no doubt that this is the busiest place on campus!

Looking back over this second full year of operation, it is clear that we have come a very long way in a relatively short time. In November an additional staff member was hired to assist with event delivery and on-site support. This final position properly rounded out the operational team enabling us to begin hitting our stride on event delivery this spring. While the first year in the building often felt like Indiana Jones in “Raiders of the Lost Ark” running as fast as he could to stay one step ahead of the giant boulder, this past year transitioned to increasing control and fine-tuning service delivery both in the public eye and behind the scenes. While there remains work to be done, the result of all our efforts thus far have been validated in our online customer service post-event survey, an assessment tool that is sent out after each and every reservation. Results of this ongoing assessment effort show steady increases in customer satisfaction over the year ending in average satisfaction scores over 90% for eighteen of the nineteen categories covered. These successes are the result of a very dedicated team of full-time staff and our amazing student employees.

Much of the hard work and improvements made this past year were achieved in conjunction with our colleagues in Conference and Event Services. Davis Center Operations and Conference and Event Services work hand in hand in many ways and both report to the Division of Administrative and Facilities Services.

This summer at the annual divisional appreciation picnic, an award for “Best Customer Service—Process Improvement” was given jointly to Davis Center Operations and Conference and Event Services to recognize the progress made over the past year.

Last fall, the Davis Center served as the host site for the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) regional conference. This was the first time UVM had ever hosted this professional conference, and the experience was extremely positive for the 195 attendees who came from across New England as well as delegations from England and Ireland. The Davis Center has been drawing the attention of many colleges outside of New England. This past year we hosted site visits from The Ohio State University, California State University—Northridge, and even visitors from as far away as the University of Qatar, all of whom came to learn first-hand about this facility and our efforts to fulfill our mission around sustainability and social justice.

A much anticipated conclusion to who would fill the last remaining tenant space was reached this past spring. This fall the sights and sounds of UVMtv, now located across from the 1st floor Information Desk, began to fill the airwaves and will bring a new dimension to the activity and life within the Davis Center.

Boiling down the past year into a one-page summary is tough. Suffice it to say, we have learned a great deal, have made substantial strides forward, and are looking forward to year number three.

Allen Josey
Director, Davis Center Operations
events & operations (continued)

VISITORS

Since the start of last academic year (August 29, 2008) to the end of June 2009, we have had approximately 1,565,558 people visit the building. An average month during the year runs about 140,000 visitors per month (35,000/week).

EVENTS

Statistics Report on the Usage of Davis Center Program Space

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<td>GRAND TOTAL (A+B)</td>
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WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 59.38 tons of materials were recycled from Davis Center operations. This figure includes corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, glass and plastic bottles and metal cans.
- 98 tons of food scraps were diverted to the Intervale Compost Company.
- 104 tons of municipal solid waste was generated and sent to the landfill for disposal.
- The Davis Center is responsible for 7% of the trash generated at UVM.
- The Davis Center’s mini trash bin program saves an estimated $6,200/year.
- The custodial micro-fiber cleaning program saves an estimated $5,300 in annual materials costs.

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<th>Davis Center Waste (tons)</th>
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<td>Waste (to landfill)</td>
<td>117.06</td>
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<td>Recycle (“single stream”)</td>
<td>44.56</td>
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<td>Compost (estimate)</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td>Percent Diverted from Waste</td>
<td><strong>54.91%</strong></td>
<td><strong>60.07%</strong></td>
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Notes: in second year of operation, waste decreased by 10% and recycling increased by 33%
events & operations (continued)

WASTE MANAGEMENT (continued)

- Two “Techno Trash” collection bins were added to the Davis Center information desks. Here, students and visitors can safely dispose of a variety of special wastes in separate compartments. Small electronic devices such as cell phones, CDs and floppy disks, as well as household batteries and ink jet cartridges are collected for recycling. The bins also accept compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs that are kept separate for proper disposal.

- Davis Center staff, along with UVM Recycling and UVM Dining Services, continued to expand the post-consumer food waste collection system by utilizing more compostable packaging in the Marketplace. With help by the UVM Eco-Reps, customers in the Marketplace were given “hands on” training and awareness on how to properly separate waste for composting and recycling.

Results of Davis Center Waste Sort

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<td>Compostables Found</td>
<td>421.0</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>90.9</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>Paper Coffee Cups</td>
<td>12.24</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Techno Trash</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>All other trash</td>
<td>16.72</td>
<td>25.7%</td>
<td>69.8</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL Sample Size</strong></td>
<td><strong>680</strong></td>
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<td><strong>182</strong></td>
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60% of all waste materials in the Davis Center were diverted through recycling and composting efforts, which exceeds the campus-wide average of 38%.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Last spring the Davis Center Eco-Rep planned the first Davis Center farmers market. The event featured local farmers, artisans and organizations. Two additional markets are planned for Fall 2009.
dining

UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES

Students follow the food and food continues to be a focal point of what brings students to the Davis Center. This past year the Marketplace evolved into the central class break rendezvous location with students lining up at the Center Line Deli, Capers or enjoying the Authentic Indian Cuisine at Sukhi’s. Sakura Sushi continued to be a favorite as well as the daily fresh salads and local soup offerings.

The Marketplace also launched a number of special events. Our Tuesday Dessert Nights featured menu offerings such as Bananas Foster or Chocolate-dipped strawberries prepared by the Chefs at a live action station. The Global Chef from Malaysia paid a visit treating customers to an authentic lunch in March. A Kosher entree night was piloted at the end of the semester.

Coffee moving to the center of the Marketplace seemed to be popular with students as we sold over 39,000 cups this past year encouraging students to use their reusable mug and receive the discount. The Marketplace remained open this summer offering fresh vegetables and greens from the student-run Common Ground Farm.

New World Tortilla had another record year and continued to be a favorite among students. New World now makes their own tortillas and was successful in selling close to 56,000 burritos from their location during the year.

Ben and Jerry’s proved to be a favorite dessert stop and sold over 30,000 scoops of ice cream and gave away 4,200 cones on free cone day at the Davis Center.

Brennan’s continued to be the favorite late night stop on campus. Students were entertained with the Coaches Show broadcast live on Mondays, comedy nights and the Wednesday Pub Quiz night. Menu additions of salads and wraps were popular but the Giant Fresh Chicken Tenders continued to be most popular as we sold 26,249 orders.

Beverage purchases are huge at the Davis Center—144,792 in bottled beverages and 67,953 fountain drinks.

Dining Services was pleased to participate in a number of programs at the Davis Center over the past year. We collaborated with Student Life and the Eco-Reps to organize the first campus Farmer’s Market, bringing growers, producers and artisans to campus to sample their wares. During Earth Week we participated in “Bring Your Own Bottle Day” an initiative focused on raising awareness on bottled water and use of reusable beverage containers. In addition to mugs, Dining Services also introduced two new, sustainable items: a stainless steel water bottle and reusable “evolution” bags.

Dining staff members also played an active role in the final design and execution of the Sodexo Sustainability Gallery, completed in the fall of 2009.

Melissa Zelazny
Director, University Dining Services

Customer Counts by area 2007–2009

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<th>Spring ’08</th>
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<td>Brennan’s</td>
<td>33,301</td>
<td>41,107</td>
<td>74,408</td>
<td>51,993</td>
<td>53,564</td>
<td>105,557</td>
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<td>Marketplace</td>
<td>85,512</td>
<td>120,994</td>
<td>206,506</td>
<td>140,050</td>
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<td>New World Tortilla</td>
<td>42,479</td>
<td>46,180</td>
<td>88,659</td>
<td>42,310</td>
<td>45,979</td>
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<td>Ben &amp; Jerry’s</td>
<td>16,633</td>
<td>17,519</td>
<td>34,152</td>
<td>18,205</td>
<td>22,542</td>
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<td>Total Customers</td>
<td>177,925</td>
<td>225,800</td>
<td>403,725</td>
<td>252,558</td>
<td>290,624</td>
<td>543,182</td>
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STUDENT-FOCUS HIGHLIGHT

A large group of fans gathered in Brennan’s to watch the UVM men’s ice hockey team play a strong game against Boston University in the Frozen Four semi finals.
FEELGOOD offers “TOFFUTI”

VEGAN CHEESE

feelgood menu

CHEESUS vs ME

CHEESE, TOMATOES, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS, DRESSING OF CHOICE

SHELBRUNE SHANDWICH WITH KING KLINGER

CHEESE, ONIONS, GARLIC, SALSA, PASTA SAUCE, CHEESE, PARMESAN, SPICY PASTA
dining (continued)

FEELGOOD

Since the spring of 2005, UVM FeelGood has been responsible for empowering over 13,000 individuals to help end hunger. The way that they’ve done it—one grilled cheese at a time. By selling gourmet grilled cheese, FeelGood provides not only a delicious lunch for the campus community, but a means of connecting UVM students with the developing world. 100% of the money taken in by FeelGood is contributed to The Hunger Project (thp.org), an international organization that seeks to sustainably end world hunger by empowering people to be the solution to their own hunger.

UVM FeelGood is able to accomplish their mission through the help of local cheese makers and bread bakers like Shelburne Farms, Red Hen Bakery, Klinger’s Bread Co., and Grafton Village Cheese Company along with help from the Student Government Association. UVM FeelGood is able to run with the help of countless student volunteers who are committed to a world free from hunger. UVM FeelGood is one of 21 FeelGoods located on college campuses across the country and one in Mexico. UVM FeelGood is the highest grossing out of the 21 other chapters.

Currently UVM FeelGood is located on the 1st Floor of the Davis Center next to the tunnel and is open three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11 am–3 pm).

CATERING

The 4th floor conference and event space became a favorite among students for studying along with event hosting. A symbiotic relationship was created as multiple events were hosted among student art features, buffets and laptops. Special events this year were the Battle of the Campus Chefs benefiting Campus Kitchens, Janus Forums as well as the Healthcare Forums. Sodexo catered over 972 events for over 107,000 people*.

*annualized number

DURING THE 08–09 ACADEMIC YEAR

Total number of grilled cheese sandwiches sold: 8,874 (2,283 more than 07–08)

The most popular FG Grilled Cheese: UPS (cheese, pasta sauce, pesto, garlic powder)

Total amount raised for the Hunger Project: $35,496.00

4,437 Individuals empowered to end their own hunger for one year

STUDENT-FOCUS HIGHLIGHT

This year was a historic year for the USA and its election of Barack Obama as president—regardless of party lines our community came together in full force throughout the building to witness this historic inauguration. There was an estimated 1,000 students, faculty, staff and community members in the Grand Maple ballroom followed by a grand celebration in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
service + retail providers

**UVM BOOKSTORE**
This past year saw textbook online reservations increase 23% over the previous year from a total of 4,550 to over 5,600 orders with an improvement in fill time from two days out to under 12 hours from order time to fill completion. The bookstore also reduced the wait time at pickup to less than 15 minutes which came about from utilizing the Chikago Landing instead of the tent on the patio. Register stations were reconfigured this past year in the Bookstore which helped in reducing rush lines from 11 minutes to just under 6 minutes, a 45.5% reduction in wait time. Sales overall were flat this past year reflecting the national economy.

**HENDERSON’S CAFÉ**
This past year Henderson’s sold over 47,700 cups of coffee and iced coffee with 47% or 19,478 being refills saving disposable cups. 47% of hot coffee sold was sold as a refill. In sum, FY ’09 sales increased 27% (note: the café was not open in the first two months of FY ’08). Henderson’s also composted 2,704 lbs. of coffee grinds and is now working with UVM Greenhouse for recycling of those grinds.

**CAT PAUSE CONVENIENCE STORE**
The C-store continues to add local vendors and flavor to their operation offering over 70 different local vendors ranging from Alex’s Spicy Pretzels to Green Mountain Specialty Sandwiches. Sales continue to grow with a 21.6% increase compared to the previous year. Many days during the peak times of year Cat Pause saw more than 1,000 customers come through the store. The average daily count was approximately 825, up about 18% from FY ’08.

**COMPUTER DEPOT**
Staffed by Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), UVM’s authorized campus store and service provider of Apple and Dell computer products, continued to have great visibility in the Davis Center over the past year. Beyond the sale of computers, software, peripherals, accessories and supplies, the Computer Depot Clinic (CDC) and the Computer Depot Service group assisted thousands of clients during the year:

- **Number of support issues assigned to the CDC from July 08 through June 09:** 5,098
- **Number of support issues assigned to the CDC from Oct 07 (CDC opened in Davis) through June 08:** 2,999

This represents a rather dramatic increase in support visits. The CDC provides services to students, faculty, and staff at no charge. In addition to the walk-in software support at the CDC, the Computer Depot hardware repair group took in 2,405 work order requests for service. Service and support in these areas continues to be in high demand.

As for the summer time traffic, we again experienced a 4X increase in the number of students and their families that came through our doors during Orientation, when compared to our previous location.

Overall computer sales to students for the period ending in June 2009 came in at just over 1,500 units. These sales contributed to a gross annual revenue of $5.4 million, down about 3.8% from our inaugural year in the Davis Center.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT**
Efforts in the building include waste reduction campaigns such as the encouragement to use refillable mugs. The amount of waste produced this year was 15 tons less (or 12% less) than the previous year.
**GROWING VERMONT**

A first of its kind, this student-run business features socially responsible and local products. Growing Vermont does double duty—it educates on the positive impact of buying locally, provides development services to entrepreneurial vendors, and is a learning laboratory for the next generation of entrepreneurs. Now entering our third year of operation, our charismatic team of dedicated student employees maintains the store with oversight from staff and academic advisers.

**GROWING VERMONT: ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS**

This year, academic students completed a fascinating body of work for Growing Vermont including marketing projects for both the store and for vendors seeking market research as well as online tools for promotion (for example, this youtube video: http://www.uvm.edu/~davis/?Page=errands.html).

**TOP SELLERS:**
local food products, clothing (t-shirts) and jewelry.

**TOP SELLING FOOD VENDORS INCLUDE:**
Maple Cotton Candy by Cotton Candy Connection LLC, Lake Champlain Chocolates, and venison jerky by Ridgeway Farms.

**TOP SELLING CLOTHING VENDOR:**
New Duds, a screen-printing and sewing business run by UVM alumni out of Winooski.

**TOP SELLING JEWELER:**
Eye and I Glass, run by Eric Nelson of Colchester.

In 2008–2009, Growing Vermont did over $26,000 in sales and featured products of 25 new vendors from around the state.

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**GROWING VERMONT: VENDOR PROFILE**

**New Duds**


New Duds is an art-based screen-printing and light manufacturing company located in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester VT. The company consists of co-owners Tessa Auwarter and Torrey Valyou, both UVM Art Major Graduates (‘05 and ‘07).

The company focus is to bring local, handmade and original designs to the market. Torrey’s skills include all original drawing and illustration, as well as the majority of the actual screen-printing. His focus is on strong line quality and precise clean screen-printing. Tessa’s skills include designing and all fabric goods and other random endeavors. She also assists with the ideas, designs and screen-printing techniques. They also photograph, list, update their online store, advertise, email customers and all the other day to day behind the scenes aspects of a Micro Business.

New Duds’ “Burlington” apparel.

**New Duds**

182 Hegeman Ave.
Unit 1 STE 2
Colchester VT 05439
http://newduds.etsy.com
http://hannapt.etsy.com
www.newduds.net
UNDERGROUND COPY

The fall semester of 2008 was the second on record for Underground Copy. During this period sales exceeded the previous year, when the Davis Center opened in 2007 by 36% (+ $23,200). Most notably, store traffic grew significantly through awareness and marketing efforts by the Davis Center and the Print & Mail Center.

Spring semester sales showed modest (2%) growth over the Spring 2008 semester.

Unfortunately, this growth in sales is not allowing Underground Copy to operate with revenue exceeding expenses. The operating loss for FY ’09 was $33,944. This result is better than FY ’08 (when the Davis Center opened) by $20,000.

Feedback from student traffic indicates that the convenience of being able to quickly print reports and papers is an asset. The sale of postage to students is the number one sales item at the store. The downside of this measure is that postage is sold at cost and generates zero revenue to pay expenses.

Results indicate that during non-academic periods store traffic is close to non-existent. Financial results have forced management into implementing some expense reduction measures for FY ’10. These include utilizing part time staff after a full time staff member resigned, reducing the store manager’s FTE to 80%, reducing summer hours to 8–1:30 M–F and eliminating one of our three printers.

CHITTENDEN BANK

Chittenden Bank, a division of People’s United Bank, is the only full-service bank located on the UVM campus. An on campus branch and two ATMs located in the Dudley H. Davis Center provides convenient banking for students, faculty and staff. Throughout 2009, Chittenden Bank processed over 2,000 transactions, a 36% increase from the prior year. People’s United Bank, a diversified financial services company with $20 billion in assets, provides consumer and commercial banking services through a network of subsidiary banks with more than 300 branches in Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine and New York.
a focus on students

DAVIS CENTER OPERATIONS STUDENT EMPLOYMENT:
Seventy-five students were employed by the Davis Center. Employment areas include: production & event set-up, audio-visual & technical assistance, building manager, reservations, information desk, as well as art curator and an Eco-Rep.

At this year’s staff recognition banquet, the following students were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Davis Center:

The Davis Center Employees of the Year Award: The Davis Center Employees of the Year is awarded to students from each staff team who consistently exceed expectations & serve as role models to their peers.

Building Manager: Erica Bruno (UVM ’09)
Production Assistants: Priyam Patel (UVM ’09)
Technical Assistants: Kurt Yana (UVM ’11)
Information Desk Assistants: Marilyn Metzger (UVM ’09)
Reservations Assistants: Abby Shocik (UVM ’10)

Davis Center Hale Award: Awarded to that member of the Davis Center student staff whose work, generally done “behind the scenes,” makes a positive impact around the building.

Jennifer Swain (UVM ’10)

Davis Center Rising Star Award: The Rising Star Award is given each year to a first year or sophomore Davis Center employee who has put forth an exceptional effort in their job and is viewed by the Davis Center staff to best exemplify the mission of the building through their actions.

Maddie Shellgren (UVM ’10)
Holly Copeland (UVM ’11)
Anna Griem (UVM ’11)
Alli Hamlin (UVM ’10)

Davis Center Excellence in Social Justice Award: As a foundational value of the University of Vermont community, a commitment to social justice guides the mission and operations of the Davis Center. Recognizing dedication to social justice through both values and action, the Excellence in Social Justice Award honors a student who is an agent of positive change in the UVM community and an inspiration to their peers and supervisors.

Meshia Begin (UVM ’10)
Sarah Roberts (UVM ’10)

ACADEMICS HIGHLIGHT
Check out Mike Kelley’s (UVM ’09) senior thesis project, a wood carved map of the world. This eco art installation can be found in the Sodexo Sustainability Gallery, 1st floor.
a focus on students (continued)

Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Award: Pervading all operational aspects of Davis Center, this awareness of and commitment to bettering our environment is a fundamental part of life in the building. Recognizing a commitment through values and action, the Excellence in Environmental Stewardship award goes to a student whose enthusiasm for the environment inspires their peers and supervisors.

Ryan McLoughin (UVM ’12)
Marlee Baron (UVM ’11)

Dudley H. Davis Student Center Leader of the Year Award: In addition to being the namesake for UVM’s student center, Dudley H. Davis was a significant member of the local community whose positive impact made the Burlington community much of what it is today. Similarly, the recipients of the Dudley H. Davis Student Center Leader of the Year Award are not only valuable members of the Davis Center but they have also impacted the greater UVM community through their significant involvement and leadership.

Jennifer Nakhla (UVM ’09)

Awards

This year the Association of College Unions —International recognized the Davis Center for its innovative green design as well as its commitment to environmental stewardship.

ACUI’s Facility Design Award recognizes excellence in design of college unions as well as other student-centered campus buildings. Entries were judged not only on the basis of the facilities’ appearance, but also on the process used to arrive at the design and how the new or renovated facility affected the campus. The Davis Center and WTW Architects were recognized for meeting two goals: reaffirm the university’s importance to the city of Burlington, Vt., and the community as well as improve the linkage between the two sides of campus that are divided by a Main St. Not only did the Davis Center meet these needs, but the building also addressed the concern of sustainability by being the first college union in the United States to receive a LEED-Gold designation.

ACUI’s Excellence in Innovations for Sustainability award recognizes members who are solving environmental challenges by using innovative and environmentally sustainable practices or creative partnerships. The award is designed to encourage and reward innovation involved in the creation and application of sustainability outcomes, which may include the discovery of new knowledge, a new product or service. The innovation should take the form of a significant and novel sustainability advantage, which has the potential to deliver major benefits to the community, such as educational, environmental, health, industrial, technological, and social benefits. Read the Davis Center’s submission: http://www.acui.org/content.aspx?menu_id=22&id=9543
Professor of Art, Shelley Warren’s 3-D class installed a series of 20 sculptures in the exhibit *Multiplicity*. A focus on students (continued)

**Art Curator:** This year the Davis Center welcomed its first student art curator, **Elizabeth Callahan Brynn (UVM ’09).** The Art Department, Development and Alumni relations, individual art majors, non-art majors, Living & Learning, the Division of Student and Campus Life, Diversity & Equity Unit, CDAE and community organizations emerged as generous and eager collaborators. For an overview of last year’s work, check out the online photo gallery: http://www.uvm.edu/~davis/?Page=artwork.html&SM=menu_art.html

**Eco-Rep:** This was the inaugural year for the Davis Center Eco-Rep. **Elizabeth Bruner (UVM ’10)** kicked off the year and, when Liz studied abroad in the spring, **Phillip Fandel (UVM ’10)** took over. The Davis Center is the first non-residential building on campus to host an Eco-Rep. The Eco-Rep’s focus was reducing waste. We piloted a wooden nickel incentive program to reward individuals who brought their own mugs to the Davis Center. Eco-Reps staffed the Marketplace in order to educate people on which bin to use (compost/trash/recycling). We hosted a waste sort on Halloween and each week collected the posters on the bulletin boards and turned them into Eco-Note Pads at UVM Print and Mail. Culminating an exciting year of green programs was the first UVM Farmer’s Market. In addition to engaging students in conversations about stewardship, many of these initiatives garnered attention in local and national press, including UVM’s number three ranking on the Sierra Club Cool School list: http://www.sierrachild.org/sierra/200809/coolschools/ten/
assessment

This year the Davis Center conducted three focus groups and administered one campus-wide assessment. Findings from the focus groups affirmed that the Davis Center has rooted itself as an important part of campus life. Student, faculty and staff voices validated building hours, tenant’s services, the Marketplace, and Henderson’s. Brennan’s was identified as a disappointment and a focus group in the spring was added to re-think the concept. This fall, Brennan’s opened with a new look and local-foods menu. Approximately 80 individuals participated across three groups.

The annual survey was administered to the entire UVM campus. Of the 3,427 respondents, 2,249 were students, 293 were faculty, 873 were staff members and 12 were not affiliated. Of the student pool, 25% were first years, 20% sophomores, 17% juniors, 18% seniors, 15% were graduate students and 2% were affiliated via continuing education. 2,439 (76.03%) responded that they were satisfied with the overall look & feel, 2,093 (65.06%) strongly agree that the Davis Center is a safe place, 2,630 (81.73%) agree* that the Davis Center is a student-oriented facility, 2,416 (75.5%) agree* that the building is welcoming of all identities. For the complete report, visit: http://www.uvm.edu/~davis/DC2009Survey.pdf

*Note: agree represents the combined categories of moderately and strongly agree.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look ahead to next year, we strive to:

- Actively live our mission.
- Examine our processes and procedures and work to improve them.
- Build collaborations on campus.

ACADEMICS HIGHLIGHT

Daniel Lim’s Honors Thesis within the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources senior thesis project, a Park Garden for the Davis Center Oval was selected as this year’s class gift: http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmpr/?Page=News&storyID=14307