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Look like a few more  
people than in the  
past?

See inside for more  
about our newest  
positions!

## DEAR ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS,

For those of us working in the field of student affairs, summer is often a season of reflection on the preceding academic year, careful strategizing for the next, and renewal of partnerships with colleagues, friends, and loved ones. Anniversaries, especially those considered to be milestones, are similar occasions: they prompt us to look back at where we have been, notice how things have (or have not) changed, and make plans for a more promising future. It is in this spirit that we, the 2003-2004 Executive Board of *The Vermont Connection*, happily shares news with you, our cherished community of HESA alumni and friends, of both this past year's successes and the latest developments with the 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of this very special journal!

As active Full Board members this past year, our involvement with *The Vermont Connection* allowed us to deepen our understanding of and appreciation for the most current scholarship of our profession as well as connect with each of you: we spoke with (and accepted generous donations from) you during our annual Phonathon; we were enriched by the work you submitted for publication in the journal; and we met you in person at TVC functions such as the Unveiling Ceremony, our receptions at the national conferences of ACPA and NASPA, and this June's inaugural HESA Alumni Reunion orchestrated by the HESA Alumni Association.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Vermont Connection*, published this past spring, will no doubt prove a challenging act to follow. This assembly of timely and provocative articles, composed by a diverse group of scholars, continued the tradition of excellence associated with *The Vermont Connection*. The outgoing Executive Board provided the strong leadership, stunning creativity, and seemingly boundless energy necessary for the creation of this publication. We thank these amazing individuals for all their efforts, and especially for the patient and caring mentorship that they have provided to each member of the Class of 2004.

We are inspired by the work of the many TVC veterans who have preceded us over the past 24 years, and hope to bring the same level of dedication and professionalism to this year's very special 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Vermont Connection*. We will work diligently with one another, our cohort, the fantastic incoming Class of 2005, and, of course, all of you to make the Silver Edition one befitting of the legacy of *The Vermont Connection*.

The continued success of this publication is contingent on your involvement. We hope that you will consider contributing to this year's journal. We hope this year's Moral Conversation theme, **The (Un)Changing Academy: Reflections, Perceptions, and Prospects**, will inspire you to write an article for the journal. If not (or even if so), we look forward to speaking with you in September during the Phonathon! We hope, amidst all your summer planning and reflecting, that you also find time for some well-deserved rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation. We look forward to connecting with you soon! Best wishes,

*The 2003-2004 Executive Board*

## HAPPY 33<sup>RD</sup> BIRTHDAY HESA!!!

By Robert Kelly

Assistant to the VP of Student Affairs, UVM

An integral part of the University of Vermont HESA program is the strong support of its alumni. On Friday, June 27th, over 100 HESA Alumni & Friends gathered at the Boathouse in Burlington to kick-off a party that would last all weekend long.

Conference and Reunion attendees met over the next two days to catch up on the new plans and initiatives at UVM, learn more about opportunities

for leadership, study, and most of all enjoy the fellowship that only UVM HESA alumni and friends can provide.

There were a number of highlights from the weekend worth noting: Events such as Robert Nash's book talk and breakfast at Chef's Corner were well attended as alumni and friends discussed the triumphs and trials of scholarly writing, publishing, new methods of

inquiry, and the unique liberal arts nature that is true to Vermont.

David Nestor, Annie Stevens and Rob Kelly provided insight into the new plans and initiatives for the Division of Student and Campus Life at UVM. Kathleen Manning discussed her Fulbright experience in China, and Rick Gatteau organized the efforts of the UVM HESA Alumni Association!

## TO THE OUTGOING TVC EDITORIAL BOARD:



We wish you all the best in the future. We appreciate your amazing contributions and leadership in pursuing the legacy that is *The Vermont Connection*.



### OUTGOING TVC EDITORIAL BOARD

Christy Anthony, Alexis Andres, Kristi Lonardo, Brian MacDonald, Jen Wegner

WITH GRATITUDE...

This year the TVC Executive Board is creating yet another connection. This time it is with the first-year HESA class through the creation of the **First Year Liaison**.

The liaison will work to keep the first year class completely informed and up to date on issues pertaining to TVC, as well as keep TVC involved with the lives of all the first year HESA class members.

It is our hope that the first year liaison will not only be a general communicator between the two classes but also allow TVC to work on some projects such as creating a historical record of the past years of TVC.

As we head into our first trial period with this new position, we are not sure what the future holds. Currently this person is not a voting member of the board but similar to our Faculty Liaison, keeps TVC informed about another perspective as we work together to create an outstanding scholarly journal.

**NOW OPEN: FIRST-YEAR LIAISON POSITION**

## Phonathon Announced for September 10, 12, & 13, 2003!

Once again, we have begun the planning process for the special **25th Edition of *The Vermont Connection***. We are very excited to see the array of new ideas that will be explored in this year's edition of the journal. In order to keep *The Vermont Connection* a venue to address new issues facing the field as well as reexamine old questions, we look to the HESA community for support. *The Vermont Connection* is entirely funded by your donations, and we hope that we can count on your support for another successful year!

In addition to supporting the production of our journal, monies donated to *The Vermont Connection* serve the HESA program and community. The funds raised support our receptions at national conferences, and the annual unveiling of the journal. Additionally, your support funds the production of the annual Alumni Directory, which has become vital in creating and maintaining connections in the HESA community. With your help, we can keep these connections alive and produce another high quality scholarly journal this year.

Thank you in advance for supporting *The Vermont Connection*, and we look forward to speaking with you this September!

## TO THE OUTGOING TVC FULL BOARD & HESA Class of 2003:

Thank you for all your support and effort in making TVC successful for yet another year and setting the precedent for high involvement in the Full Board. The journal could not happen without you! All our best in all you do...

[ HESA Class of 2004 ]



Tim, Melanie, John, Ashley, Jennifer, Ed, Linda, Trish, Alexis, Shannon, Brian, Christy, Kristi, Fritzie, and Alicia

CONGRATULATIONS!

**HESA GATHERING**

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A truly special part of the weekend was the sharing of stories from Keith Miser, former Dean of Students at UVM. Although Keith is now the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Hawaii - HILO, he remembers his tenure at Vermont fondly and shared stories ranging from the "Heart and Hand" to "A Faculty Member's Journey for Tenure" to the "Sinking of the Ship on Lake Champlain." All in all, Keith's stories had attendees captivated and laughing in the aisles. Some staff noted that we should collect stories from the staff, students and faculty associated with the HESA program and publish a book of sorts.

Another highlight included an after dinner address by Jackie Gribbons. Jackie read a letter addressed to the alumni and friends of the HESA program. The letter was humorous, reflective, engaging, and provocative. The evening drew to an end with the cutting of a birthday cake for HESA where program founders, Jackie Gribbons, Keith Miser, and Robert Nash, cut the ceremonial cake. Lastly, attendees enjoyed a video of HESA memories from Alumni and friends as

the perfect capstone to this reunion and conference.

Indeed the UVM HESA program is special and continues to grow and evolve in exciting ways. The class cohorts increasingly represent a wide spectrum of undergraduate majors, geographic locations, previous experiences, and cultural backgrounds. Alumni commented on the benefits they have gained over the years because of the UVM HESA education. Other alumni stated how impressed they were by the quality of the staff, faculty and current students associated with the program.

A thank you goes out to everyone who assisted in organizing this event. Diana Dubuque, Deb Hunter, Sara Henson, Rob Kelly, Jen Lian, Joe Speidel, & Jennifer Wegner: this could not have been done without you. A special thank you goes to the alumni and friends who were able to attend this event. The event will continue to grow in future years where other friends and alumni will be able to join in the festivities. The fellowship of the weekend was highlighted by the sharing of experiences, both professional and personal, of the UVM Alumni and friends. We look forward to doing this again! Happy Birthday HESA! May there be many more to come!

**HESA AWARD RECIPIENTS 2002-2003****JACKIE GRIBBONS**

PRACTICUM SUPERVISOR AWARD

**Dr. Rosalind E. Andreas**

KENNETH P.  
**SAURMANN**  
AWARD  
**Jennifer Wegner**

**A.L.A.N.A. WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

AWARD

**Fritzie Charne '03**

TIMOTHY R.  
**SHINER ALLY**  
AWARD

**Kristi Lonardo**

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AND CAMPUS LIFE

**STUDENT SERVING STUDENTS**

AWARD

**Trish Tchume**

**The African-, Latino/a-, Asian-, and Native-American (A.L.A.N.A.) Student Center** chose to honor the contributions of Timothy R. Shiner ('03) to the ALANA community and his anti-racism work while here at UVM by naming an award after him this year. The **Timothy R. Shiner Ally Award** will be given annually to someone who demonstrates dedication to social justice work and the ALANA community. Congratulations, Tim!

**2003-2004 TVC FACULTY LIAISON**

Greetings from The University of the Green Mountains! Coming right off the successful HESA 33<sup>rd</sup> Reunion Weekend here in Burlington, I am feeling reenergized for my third year at UVM. As the newest addition to the HESA faculty, it was awe-inspiring to see so many alums reconnect with their alma mater. As an Assistant Professor with a joint appointment in the Higher Education Student Affairs (HESA) graduate program and the Social Foundations of Education program Education, I have the best of both worlds. I am able to examine and learn from those aspiring to be college administrators and university or K-12 teachers. My teaching and service interests focus on promoting knowledge and understanding of schools and colleges in such a way that future educational leaders may create and sustain a more equitable and just experience for all students, faculty, staff and administrators. In particular, my scholarship seeks to understand the experiences of students of color on predominately White campuses, how women and faculty of color successfully achieve tenure and promotion at predomi-

nately White research universities, and how all students experience diversity and issues of social justice on their college campus.

In addition to the traditional faculty roles of teaching, research and service, I have recently taken on the role of Faculty Liaison to *The Vermont Connection*. In this historic 25<sup>th</sup> year, my hope is to not only be a link between the student board members and the HESA faculty, but also to offer support and encouragement throughout the journal production process. I recently came to the epiphany that my role as teacher, and here as liaison, is all about affirmation. It is our responsibility to affirm our students so that they have the confidence, skills and wherewithal to be the best that they can be. For TVC, I hope to strengthen the out-of-classroom bonds among faculty and students; enrich the visibility of the journal to colleagues across the country; and promote a rich inclusion of voices in the journal that can speak to the past 25 years and point us toward the future. It will be an exciting year!

BRIDGET TURNER-KELLY

# WAS, IS, WILL BE...

By Carrie Williams & Corin Blanchard

With help from

**Dr. Keith Miser**

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, University of Hawaii—Hilo

This summer 25 years ago, Keith Miser, the then-Dean of Students at the University of Vermont, conceived a brainchild: a “high quality, professional journal” with a teaching mission at its heart—a publication that would serve as professional development for the graduate students in the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) program. Several other institutions at the time were disseminating assemblies of arti-

cles, poems, stories, and research findings in the arena of student affairs as part of their graduate programs. Dr. Miser’s vision took it one step further – to a bound copy of professionally reviewed and printed scholarly articles produced under the leadership of a student editorial board – with the hope of inspiring and instilling self-confidence and self-efficacy in soon-to-be student affairs professionals.

Demonstrating true commitment to the project, Dr.

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Miser set aside funds from his own program budget to support the start-up of the journal. He immediately brought the idea to students, seeking their input and leadership in shaping the journal’s creation. The role of editor was incorporated into the graduate assistantship in Dr. Miser’s office and HESA

student Mike Dunn became the first editor. Almost immediately, several graduate students became invested in the project. They too envisioned a scholarly journal that would engage HESA students and alumnae in meaningful exploration of critical issues in student affairs. After great debate and a moment of creative genius in front of a map detailing the origins and whereabouts of HESA students and alums, *The Vermont Connection (TVC)* was titled.

Even since his 17 years at UVM (1971-1988), Dr. Miser still maintains his Vermont connection to UVM, HESA, alums and students, and TVC. We had the pleasure of meeting and working with Dr. Miser in a couple of capacities this summer. Throughout our interactions, Dr. Miser offered tremendous historical anecdotes, insightful observations, and encouraging words regarding the production of *The Vermont Connection*, its meaning, and its mission.

TVC is a means through which publication and editorial experience are made attainable to graduate students, where we comprehend our own capacity for valuable contribution and receive peer feedback in an atmosphere of challenge and support. Dr. Miser pointed to these two developmental dimensions as imperative in the propulsion from student to professional, noting TVC’s effectiveness as a vehicle for this purpose. “It is critical to do something like that [undergo peer review],” according to Dr. Miser, “without being defensive or afraid.”

As we embark on the creation of the twenty-fifth edition, we remain conscious of the principles on which the journal was established and reflect on the growth it has experi-

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enced. Through the publication of TVC, the fledgling seven-year-old HESA program gained national recognition and credibility as a reputable professional program, a well-deserved and well-maintained identity. Perhaps more importantly, the journal continues to fulfill the role for which it was named, keeping connections alive between students, faculty, alumnae, and friends of UVM’s program.

To this day, Dr. Miser stated, TVC is “the best journal of its kind [published by graduate students] in the nation.” Along with the HESA program, TVC has “grown in quality, production, and content.” So, in honor of its roots, with an awareness of its present importance, and in light of its certain bright future, here’s to *The Vermont Connection*’s 25th Edition.

## 2003-2004 TVC CO-ADVISORS

Annie Stevens ('86) and Kim Howard ('01) are excited to join the TVC team as co-advisors for the 2003-2004 academic year. Annie and Kim bring enthusiasm for UVM, HESA students, and the writing and editing process.

Annie is currently the Assistant Vice-President for Student and Campus Life and Kim is Senior Assistant Director of Admissions at UVM. Their last joint project together was co-editing the anthology "Out and About Campus: Personal Accounts by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender College Students."

Their goals for TVC this year? To produce a quality journal, to provide a professional development experience of value to current HESA students, and to support fund raising efforts that will sustain the Vermont Connection and related activities for the program.

ANNIE STEVENS & KIM HOWARD

Questions? Concerns?

Please contact the 2003-2004  
Content Editors, Alina Torres  
(atorres@uvm.edu) and Corin  
Blanchard (cblancha@uvm.edu) and  
they'll be happy to help you!

Calling All HESA Alumni/ae and Friends!

When **THE WRITE THING TO DO**  
Isn't Even A Dilemma...

Can you write?

Do you have any student affairs wisdom to share?

How about important student affairs and higher education questions you'd like to pose?

We're writing to remind you that  
you can make a contribution to TVC this year  
that doesn't involve money!

What ARE You Waiting For?

**JUST SUBMIT!**

We invite you to reach into the  
plethora of brilliant brainstorms  
you've had this year and grab one  
(or two!) terrific ideas about which  
to write. Here is the timeline for  
article submission, editing, and  
publishing; as you can see,  
deadlines are just far enough off  
for you to craft an amazing  
abstract and get it to us!

Event	Date
Alumni & Friends Abstracts Due	Monday, August 25 <sup>th</sup>
Alumni & Friends 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft Due	Monday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Draft from Authors due	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft from Authors due	Wednesday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>
Final/3 <sup>rd</sup> draft from Author	January 9 <sup>th</sup>
Production Weekend	January 31 <sup>st</sup> -February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Unveiling	Late February/Early March

**REMEMBER: YOU HAVE OPTIONS!**

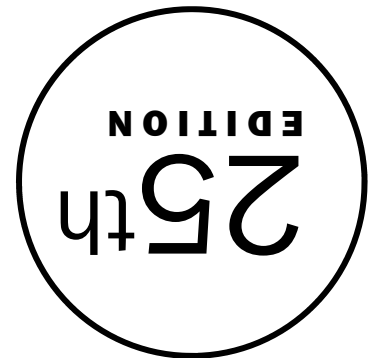
You can choose to author a piece for the "Moral Conversation" portion of the journal, the theme of which is  
"The (Un)Changing Academy: Reflections, Perspectives, and Prospects."

OR

You can write a more general scholarly article that is pertinent to our field!

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**LOOK...**  
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"Education is not preparation for life,  
 education is life itself."  
 John Dewey, UVM Class of 1879

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**KEEPING HESA CONNECTED**