



## University of Connecticut *Greater Hartford Campus Update*

Dear Greater Hartford Campus Community,

Welcome to our new faculty and staff and to all returning members of our Greater Hartford Campus community. Now that we have made it through the frenzy of the first few weeks of adds, drops and shifting schedules, I want to update you on a few positive changes on our campus. For starters:

- our enrollment continues to grow
- we have added technological tools to several classrooms to enhance teaching
- we've opened a Quantitative Center for tutoring in mathematics and science courses
- we've installed new equipment in our Fitness Center.

These improvements have occurred against a backdrop of budget cuts by the state and University, resulting in a 3.5 percent drop in our Greater Hartford Campus budget. Fortunately, the University continues to recognize and support our core work – our academic, research and community outreach programs. All of the funds for our high-tech classrooms and the Quantitative Center were provided by the Provost's Office. I will continue to speak up on behalf of you and our students, seeking support in every venue possible, and I continue to rely on you for input, suggestions and support in providing top-quality education for our students, who entrust their future in our care.

Together, we can make this another year of growth and discovery!

### **NO NUMBER SLUMP AT GHC**

Your stocks may not be climbing but enrollment at our Greater Hartford Campus continues on its upward trend this semester, according to preliminary data from undergraduate Admissions Coordinator **Dennis Seymour**. "We have 415 new freshmen and approximately 54 new Transfer students for a total of 469 new degree-seeking students," he reports. Our total degree-seeking undergraduate students, including returning students, total 1324, a new record high for our Greater Hartford Campus. We are the largest of the regional campuses both in full-time and total number of students.

## **WELCOME NEW FACULTY AND STAFF**

Along with our increasing student population, we would like to welcome to our Greater Hartford Campus community the newly tenured or tenure-track faculty members and staff, and returning community members moving into advanced positions this fall. Please take a moment and introduce yourselves to our new community members:

**Stephen L. Ross**, Interim Director, Urban and Community Studies

**Nicholas Easton**, Instructor in Residence, Urban and Community Studies

**Terri Albert**, Assistant Professor in Residence, Marketing, Business and Technology

**Kim Price**, Assistant Professor, Sociology

**Deneen Hatmaker**, Instructor, Public Policy

**Eric Brunner**, Assistant Professor, Public Policy (starting January 2009)

**Brian Waddell**, Associate Professor, Political Science

**Al Monti**, Associate Director for Advising and Exploration, Advising and Exploration Center

**Katie Ryan**, Associate Director for Advising and Exploration, Advising and Exploration Center

**Jackie Santiago**, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities

**Steve Bustamante**, Administrative Assistant, Harleigh B. Trecker Library

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED**

Congratulations to faculty members Amy Gorin, Kerry Marsh and Stephen Ross on being awarded grants from national research institutions. You bring great credit to our Greater Hartford Campus and to the University of Connecticut through your research endeavors. We congratulate you and are inspired by your initiative. Grants awarded:

**Amy Gorin**, Assistant Professor of Psychology – The National Institutes of Health/National Heart Lung Blood Institute awarded \$317,100 to study “Modifying Obesogenic Homes: Impact on Weight Maintenance” from August 2007 - April 2009

**Kerry Marsh**, Associate Professor of Psychology – The National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Mental Health - The Center for Health, Intervention and Prevention awarded \$2,086,312.00 to Study the “Implicit Attitudes and HIV Risk Behavior in Virtual Environments” from May 2008 - April 2013

**Stephen Ross**, Professor of Economics – The Ford Foundation awarded \$198,567 to research “Assessing Racial, Ethnic and Neighborhood Differences in Loan Pricing and Performance: An Experian-Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data Match Project,” from April 2008 - September 2009.

## **ADVISING AND EXPLORATION CENTER**

The highly anticipated Advising and Exploration Center has been launched this semester to provide individualized academic advising for our students. Numerous studies have shown that a strong advising program is critical to student retention and to a student’s success in college. Our experienced staff aim to help students identify and assess their skills, values and interests; find their path through the educational process; take responsibility for their decisions and actions; and make smooth transitions to our campus, a major, study abroad, the Storrs campus, graduate school, career and beyond. As stated in the center’s mission: “The integration of the social, academic and career development of the student is the central focus and drive behind the center.”

We are fortunate to have **Katherine Ryan** time as Associate Directors for Advising Hartford Campus. Both Katie and Al bring their previous advisory positions at the as Co-Director of UConn's Academic College of Liberal Arts and Sciences issues for undergraduate CLAS students and acting as liaison for CLAS to the five regional campuses. She has extensive academic advising experience and business skills developed while managing the Northeast client base for Sightlines, LLC.



and **Al Monti** on board full- and Exploration at our Greater Storrs campus. Katie served Services Center for the (CLAS), overseeing Dean's

Al has been advising UConn students for the last eight years and has done everything from teach First Year Experience to Senior Year Experience and Career classes. He mentored academically at-risk students, instructing them in time management, study and organizational skills. As a Career Consultant in Storrs, Al has counseled undergraduate students and alumni in all steps of the career development process, from choosing a major to experiential learning. He has also developed Virtual Career Fairs and initiated other career programs. Al is an enthusiastic advocate of students working with Career Services from their freshman year onward.

Rounding out our Center for Student Development is **Jackie Marckett-Santiago**, our new Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities. Jackie served as Director of Counseling and Coordinator of Services for Persons with Disabilities at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York, prior to joining our campus. As coordinator Jackie provided counseling, disability and outreach services to college students, advocated for students with special needs, provided information and training opportunities on disability related topics for the college community and supported faculty and staff with student concerns. Jackie will oversee disability services at the Greater Hartford campus and will assist students with accommodation needs and services, advocacy, academic skills and transition issues. She will be on our campus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and will work Monday and Friday in the Center for Students with Disabilities in Storrs to meet the needs of regional campus students as they transition to the main campus.

You can find Katie in room 220, Al in room 221 and Jackie in room 225 in the Undergraduate Building. Stop by and let them know your concerns for your students and learn how they can help us support our students to the fullest capacity.

### **NEW QUANTITATIVE “Q” CENTER OPENS**

A new Quantitative Center for tutoring and learning quantitative subjects opened September 8<sup>th</sup> in Room 309, across from the Writing Center on the third floor of the Undergraduate Building. The Q Center provides tutoring in quantitative subjects such as mathematics, statistics, chemistry and biology. **Esteban Diaz, Ph.D.**, who joined our faculty this past year from the University of Iowa, where he won teaching awards, directs the center and teaches Calculus and Discrete Math on our campus. He is joined by professional and student peer tutors so that all student needs may be met. The center is open from Noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and at other times by appointment.

**SmartBoard** - The Q Center is also equipped with state-of-the-art SmartBoard technology, which brings quantitative concepts alive through visual motion. Dr. Diaz will be offering workshops to teach faculty how to use the SmartBoard to enhance their teaching, or you can stop by for an

appointment or lesson on what the Q Center has to offer your students and you. Contact Dr. Diaz at [esteban.diaz@uconn.edu](mailto:esteban.diaz@uconn.edu).

### **THE WRITING CENTER**

The Writing Center, located in room 303 of the Undergraduate Building, offers a relaxed environment where students receive help in writing in all disciplines at all stages in their academic careers. Students work with tutors in a collaborative, student-directed approach to learning. Our minimalist approach ensures students maintain control of their own work, thereby giving them the tools and confidence needed to become their own editors. The W Center is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and Tuesday from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Sign-up for appointments is available outside the W Center. If a student would like to set up a standing weekly appointment with a particular tutor, they can schedule a time through the administrative assistant. Our tutoring associates are available to workshop with classes, promote the center through classroom visits, and develop educational materials for use by faculty, tutors and students. If you have any questions, please call 570-9237 or email [hartfordwriting@gmail.com](mailto:hartfordwriting@gmail.com).

### **TECHNOLOGY ADDED TO CLASSROOMS**

Over the summer more technology came to the Greater Hartford Campus in the form of Tech-Ready Classrooms. The Institute for Teaching & Learning installed technological teaching equipment in four Undergraduate Building classrooms (209, 212, 216, 312) and in one Information Technology Building computer classroom (113). Each of these rooms now comes equipped with a desktop computer, LCD projector, screen, control panel and sound system. The computer comes with a variety of standard programs and connects to the UConn website and Internet. The computers can also be used to play CDs, DVDs and to access information off of USB drives. Soon to be added to these classrooms are teaching stations with DVD/VHS players and document cameras able to project printed materials, overheads and slides. Devices such as video cameras, iPods and MP3 players can also be patched into the system for class viewing or listening.



These five new installations bring to 17 the number of high-tech classrooms available across the Greater Hartford Campus. A complete list of technology classrooms and equipment operating instructions will soon be available on the campus IT website. Anyone who will be using one of these classrooms for the first time or who would like a refresher class, should contact ITL's Instructional Consultant **Steve McDermott** at 860-570-9326, [steven.mcdermott@uconn.edu](mailto:steven.mcdermott@uconn.edu) or call the Greater Hartford Campus Information Technology Center at 860-570-9132.

### **VISTA INSTALLATION**

The Information Technology Center reports that Microsoft's Vista operating system will now come installed on all new PCs purchased by the University. Along with Vista comes Microsoft Office 2007. At this point the systems in Tech Building computer lab 112 all have Vista while the remaining computer labs continue to use Microsoft XP and Office 2003. Information Technology has also updated several department office computers with Vista during the past few months.

## **LEARNING COMMONS COMMITTEE**

For over a year the Learning Commons Committee has examined the options for establishing a Learning Commons on the Greater Hartford Campus. The term Learning Commons refers to a large, centralized area or space deliberately designed to foster collaborative and interactive learning outside the classroom. Undergraduate students are increasingly encouraged to work collaboratively to enhance their learning, and the goal of the Learning Commons is to encourage and support that effort.

Learning Commons' services currently available on this campus are the Quantitative or Q Center, the Writing or W Center, Student Advising, Counseling and Disability Services, all of which are housed in the Undergraduate Building. The Greater Hartford Campus also provides Information Technology and the Harleigh B. Trecker Library, each in its own building. While these services are not configured in close proximity to each other, as is typical in a Learning Commons, they function successfully on this campus.

Could all these services be centralized in one place? Yes, but it could not be done easily or cost effectively. The obvious "hub" of the Greater Hartford Campus undergraduate student body is the Undergraduate Building. Unfortunately, there is not enough space there to host a consolidated Learning Commons. While it would be advantageous to have all of the services at the same location, it is not possible within our current facilities.

Based on the consensus of the Learning Commons Committee, it was recommended that the appropriate approach on the Greater Hartford Campus would be to utilize and enhance what is already working. Within these parameters the committee recommended:

- Development of a Virtual Learning Commons that exists on the campus website, easily accessible from the student page and home page. Our Virtual Learning Commons webpage will be a portal to each of the services our students rely on and will be accessible from any location on the campus or any office campus location via the Internet.
- A full-time Writing Center Coordinator – Usage numbers over the last year justify a full-time position for the W Center.
- A Director of Tutoring and Counseling Services to:
  - establish communication with all academic programs
  - encourage the mutual exchange of ideas, consultation, and referral of students
  - know and be aware of academic and other institutional policies and procedures
  - serve as liaison between Student Services and Academic Services programs and between individual students and those programs
  - encourage academic programs and other student service areas to work together, sharing their knowledge and abilities when working with students
  - Convert the current reference area of Trecker Library into a comfortable and attractive learning space for group project work
  - Install two group computer work stations with comfortable seating in the library.



Our thanks to the Learning Commons Committee:

**Janice Mathews, co-chair**

**Nadine Brennan**

**Paul Canning**

**Sheila Harris**

**Steven McDermott co-chair**

**Robert Brown**

**Felix Coe**

**Judith Lewis**

**Scott Campbell**

**Esteban Diaz**

**Wendy Pfrenger**

### **FITNESS CENTER IN TOP SHAPE**

Recognizing the impact physical health has on mental well being, funds were allocated from the Director's Office to update our Greater Hartford Campus Fitness Center. Pack in a Power Lunch with a colleague or student. Join IT staff member **Joel Norris**, who lost over 100 pounds over two years through daily visits to the Fitness Center during his lunch break. Check out our new:

- Treadmill for those aspiring to run the upcoming Hartford Marathon or to squeeze in a daily walk on rainy days
- Elliptical machine, which mimics the upper and lower body exercise of cross-country skiing, providing an excellent aerobic workout without the pounding of the joints incurred by running
- Adjustable weight-lifting press bench.



A completely-outfitted weight room is housed across the hall from the aerobic conditioning equipment, which includes a rowing machine and stationary bicycle. Working with weights is critical to maintaining healthy bone density, especially for our female students, staff and faculty.

**Free instruction** -- UConn graduate kinesiology students staff our facilities and offer free instructions for those who have never lifted weights or set foot on a treadmill or elliptical machine.



We are fortunate to have Storrs Graduate Student **Ndidi Okobi** back this year. Ndidi (“Didi”) worked here last year, as well as this past summer, and was very instrumental as a consultant in the selection of the three new pieces of equipment.

Ndidi works Monday, 9 AM.-5 PM, and Wednesday, 9 -11 AM. Joining us this year is **Katherine (Kayte) Devine**, who is here Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM.-2 PM. We are fortunate and delighted to have these graduate students at our Fitness Center. Their efforts are supplemented by undergraduate students **Wayne Newman, Will Gomez** and **Andres Calixto**, who provide coverage and assistance in the afternoons and on Friday, 9 AM-2 PM. Our budget does not permit evening or Saturday/weekend hours, so please plan your visits around this schedule.

Please be advised that Monday through Thursday the graduate students teach a 1-credit Health Fitness course. During class times, 9:30–10:45 AM, the Fitness Center is restricted to class members. A 1-credit EKIN Yoga course is also offered on Saturdays in the Gampel Student Center.

A special “thank you” to Facilities Management staff for physical improvements made in the Fitness Center and the entire basement area, making it look sharp and fresh! Start off the new academic year with a healthy mind and body. Join the fun in our GHC Fitness Center in Undergraduate Building, Rooms 010 and 011 on the basement level.

### **HARTFORD FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC GIVING SCHOLARSHIPS**

We are once again grateful to The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for awarding us with

\$25,000.00 in scholarship funds to assist students who are transferring or have previously transferred from the community colleges in the Hartford Metro Region to pursue their baccalaureate degrees at our Greater Hartford Campus. Each scholarship recipient has earned an associate degree from a state community college with a 3.0 or higher GPA. We welcome the following scholarship recipients, both new and returning, to our Greater Hartford Campus:

**Eileen Boisseau**  
**Emmanuel Gilles**  
**Latasha Kearney**  
**Jessica Price-Walker**

**James Brundage**  
**Rowana Grady**  
**Joannah Keats**  
**Ray Vazquez**

**Benjamin Fuchs**  
**Christopher Haralambous**  
**Ivellise Montanez**

### **UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PLAN NOW AVAILABLE**

A draft of the University Academic Plan is now available on **Provost Peter J. Nicholls'** website, <http://academicplan.uconn.edu/>. Over the next few months the faculty and staff members of our Greater Hartford Campus Advisory Committee will be reviewing our campus plan to bring it into alignment with the new University plan.

### **HOLIDAY UPDATES FROM HUMAN RESOURCES**

Classes are in session on Columbus Day and Veterans Day, and the University will conduct "business as usual" on Monday, October 13, and Tuesday, November 11, 2008. Offices will be open, and employees are expected to report to work. Employees who wish to take the day off should handle their request like all other discretionary time-off requests. If staffing permits, time off may be approved and should be recorded as a holiday taken on the holiday. Please direct all questions to the Labor Relations Unit at (860) 486-5684.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### **BANKING CRISIS DISCUSSION OCTOBER 9**

Faculty members **Brian Waddell** (Political Science) and **Steve Ross** (Economics, Urban and Community Studies) invite you to join them for a discussion of the current banking crisis. The discussion will be held Thursday, October 9th, 12:30-1:30 PM in room 402 of the Library Building.

#### **CONNECTICUT LATINO VOTERS' CAMPAIGN**

Why do more Puerto Ricans vote in Puerto Rico than in the continental United States? What is the Connecticut Latino Voter's Campaign doing about it? Come hear Valeriano Ramos and Fernando Betancourt, State Coordinators of Tu Voto Si Cuenta! Connecticut Latino Voting Campaign, address this issue on Tuesday, October 14th, in the Zachs Community Room in the School of Social Work. Latino food will be served. Contact **Antonia Codero** at 570-9051 for time of the event.

#### **SERVICE-LEARNING FALL FORUM**

All are invited to the University's Second Service-Learning Fall Forum to be held at our Greater Hartford Campus on Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Learn about Service-Learning course design to enhance and reinforce your students' academic experience. Engage in guided discussions with top scholars from outside institutions and UConn faculty who have been successful in integrating Service-Learning in their courses. You will also learn how to build Service-Learning into service-related programs currently offered through our campus and the University. The forum,

which is free, includes continental breakfast and lunch, and will be held in the Zachs Community Room in the School of Social Work. Please RSVP by Monday, October 13th to **Julia Yakovich** at 570-9076 or [julia.yakovich@uconn.edu](mailto:julia.yakovich@uconn.edu). Watch for more details to come!

### **DEANS OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES TO MEET WITH GHC FACULTY**

The University's recently-appointed Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Jeremy Teitelbaum** and Associate Dean **Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh** will meet with CLAS faculty at our Greater Hartford Campus on Monday, October 27. The meeting will be held from Noon -1:30 PM, in room 308 of the Library Building and lunch will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. to 570-9058.

### **HOT ISSUE FORUM -- ELECTION '08**

#### **WHY EVERYONE NEEDS TO CARE ABOUT THIS ELECTION**

How does this election affect you? Join faculty members **Brian Waddell** and **Nicholas Easton** on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, for a lunchtime discussion on the upcoming election. The meeting will be held at 12:35 PM in Undergraduate Building, Room 211. Discussion is sponsored by Urban and Community Studies and Trekker Library. Bring a friend and come early as seating is limited. For more information, please contact Janice Mathews at (860) 570-9105 or [janice.mathews@uconn.edu](mailto:janice.mathews@uconn.edu)

#### **THE MORNING AFTER**

Don't miss this public forum the morning after our presidential election. The forum features **Chris Healy**, Connecticut Chair of the Republican Party; **Nancy DeNardo**, Connecticut Chair of the Democratic Party; **Mark Pazniokis**, Chief Political Writer for "The Hartford Courant," and others. Commissioners of state agencies, elected legislators and philanthropist Henry Zachs (who donated the Zachs Community Room), have also been invited for this timely event, which will be held 9:00-10:30 AM on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The panel discussion, sponsored by **Dr. Ken Dautrich** and the Department of Public Policy as part of their annual Speakers Series, will be held in the Zachs Community Room in the School of Social Work. Please contact **Cynthia Wilson** for more information at (860) 570-9343 or [cynthia.wilson@uconn.edu](mailto:cynthia.wilson@uconn.edu)

### **25<sup>th</sup> NOCHE LATINA - OCTOBER 24, 2008**

You're invited to our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Noche Latina, a celebration of Hispanic culture, music and art on October 24th. Three musical groups will have you dancing in the aisles. "**Esteban Arrufat** and his



Latin Jazz Ensemble" will play Salsa music, "Los Trovadores de America" entertain with Mariachi tunes, and "Viva Quetzal!" combines Bolivian flute, acoustic guitar and other instruments for South American Jazz Fusion. The evening starts with a reception and exhibit "Arpilleras and Women's Resistance" by Chilean native **Silvia Fernandez**. Her art, embroidered on Arpilleras, a

burlap-type background, is captivating because of her unique materials and the strong social messages conveyed in her art. The reception with the artist is from 6-7:30 PM in the Art Gallery of the Undergraduate Building. Music fills the air from 7:45 – 9:45 PM in the Auditorium in the Library Building, 1800 Asylum Avenue. It's free, fun and for everyone – students, faculty, staff, family and friends. Noche Latina is a night to remember!

## **CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2008**

The "World Club" and students of Geography-1700 classes (under Adjunct Professor **Tatiana Serebriakova, Ph.D.**) will commemorate International Education Week and our tremendously multi-national Greater Hartford Campus community from November 3-7, with a rich and stimulating schedule of events. This program will include guest speakers, film screenings, a poster competition and Food Fiesta. International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to recognize the benefits of international education worldwide, in particular, the global exchange environment between the United States and other countries. All events are free and open to the public. We would like to invite you to participate in the organization of this event on campus: share ideas, international expertise, your collection(s) of "international artifacts," or arrange an "international booth." Please join us for brainstorming at the World Club meetings every Wednesday, from 12:45 - 1:45 PM, in Room 308 of the Undergraduate Building.



## **THE YEAR OF SCIENCE**

Our Greater Hartford Campus Year of Science 2009 Committee is finalizing plans for the upcoming year-long celebration of science and will be announcing details shortly. The Year of Science 2009 is a nation-wide celebration led by colleges, universities, professional societies, museums and corporations to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Darwin's birth, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his publication *On the Origin of Species*, and the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Galileo's first use of a telescope and of Kepler's publication of the first two laws of planetary motion. The goal of the Year of Science 2009 is to engage the community and improve public understanding of the nature of science whether it be environmental, medical, technological and artistic applications, implications, blessings and/or politics of science. Everyone is encouraged to join in our community effort. Please contact **Lantry Brooks** ([G.L.Brooks.Jr@uconn.edu](mailto:G.L.Brooks.Jr@uconn.edu)), committee chair, or any committee member, with your ideas. The committee is open to all discoveries and queries!

Year of Science 2009 Committee

**G. Lantry Brooks, Jr., Chair**

**Gregory Kneidel**

**Ralph Snyder**

**Roger Chaffin**

**Alfred Martinez**

**Felix Coe**

**Dan O'Reilly**

## **SIXTH ANNUAL RETIREES LUNCHEON**

Our Greater Hartford Campus will host the Sixth Annual Retirees Luncheon to honor our retired faculty and staff on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We will also recognize our current employees who are receiving service awards at the luncheon.

## **GHC TO HOST TRANSFER SESSION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLEAGUES**

Academic deans, transfer counselors, and admissions representatives from area community colleges are invited to a Transfer Session offered by our degree programs to acquaint them with the opportunities available to complete a Bachelor's Degree at our Greater Hartford Campus. The

Transfer Session will take place in the Art Gallery in the Undergraduate Building on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon to 2:00 p.m. The programs to be presented include Human Development and Family Studies, Psychology, and Urban and Community Studies under our Liberal Arts and Sciences department; the Business and Technology program through the School of Business; and the Bachelor of General Studies through the Center for Continuing Studies. For more information, contact **Colleen Brochu** at 570-9195 or [colleen.brochu@uconn.edu](mailto:colleen.brochu@uconn.edu).

## NUTS AND BOLTS

### ALARM WARNING SYSTEM AND EMERGENCY PLAN



In order to increase security on our campus, the University installed a public address siren that can broadcast information in the event of a campus emergency. The public address emergency system will be tested in the next few months, and you will be notified when that date is scheduled. The sirens are one component of the Alert Notification System intended to enhance communications during an emergency. In addition to sirens, UConn students, faculty and staff, depending on the severity of the situation, may be notified through a variety of communication methods including text messages, email, code blue phones, sirens, website, and recorded messages on the emergency information telephone line (860)570-9327. I ask each of you to please familiarize yourself now with our GHC Emergency Plan, which can be found on our campus website: <http://hartford.uconn.edu/Emergency/Emergency.html>. It is your responsibility to know the Emergency Plan.

### NEW CLEANING COMPANY

The University has signed a contract with Sun Services LLC, a new cleaning company, to maintain our Greater Hartford Campus facilities. You may have observed that all but one of last year's custodial staff are still working on the upkeep of our buildings. Fortunately for us, the employees were so happy to work here they joined the new business. We anticipate a seamless transition under Sun Services. If you have any areas of praise or concern, please don't hesitate to contact me, so that we can keep our campus clean and inviting to all who work, study and visit our Greater Hartford Campus.

## TOWN AND GOWN

### MUSICIANS NEEDED

Get out your cello, viola, French horn, drumsticks and let your heart soar with the West Hartford Symphony Orchestra. The local orchestra music director **Richard Chiarappa** has asked us to pass the word that there are open chairs for the above listed instruments. Those who play other instruments will be considered for the alternate/substitute list. Students are also urged to join. The orchestra rehearses Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 PM, at Sedgwick Middle School in West Hartford. Please call (860)521-4362 or e-mail: [auditions@whso.org](mailto:auditions@whso.org).



**GOING GREEN** - UConn *Greater Hartford Campus Update* will be published exclusively on our campus website beginning in January 2009. In order to reduce our carbon footprint, printed copies will only be available on specific request.

The *Update* is published periodically by the Director's Office. Please forward your suggestions, announcements and event information to share with our campus community to me at the Director's Office, david.w.williams@uconn.edu.

**David W. Williams, Director**

**UConn Greater Hartford Campus**