



UConn Greater Hartford Campus **UPDATE**

A CUP OF JAVA ON ME

You are invited to enjoy free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and pastries in the cafeteria of the Undergraduate Building during the first two weeks of class.

Yes, FREE, as a welcome back to all of you. Get fortified for class and a great New Year!



DON'T SAY NEVER...

"It will never happen," is what I was told about the proposed, four-year English major at our Greater Hartford Campus when I came to this office. In December the Connecticut Commission on Higher Education licensed our Greater Hartford Campus to provide "a program in English leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree." This has been a long, untiring pursuit to offer a subject that has been in overwhelming demand. My thanks to all who chiseled away at this endeavor to take it from "Never" to Now!

BROWN BAG LUNCHES

Human Resources, in partnership with the Employee Assistance Program, will offer a free series of Brown Bag Lunch talks entitled *Caring about "U"Conn*. The six topics to be covered include Financial Stress, Balancing Work and Family, Eldercare, Nutrition, Stress Management, and Marital and Family Issues. The program will be offered at our Greater Hartford Campus and Storrs. Dates and times will be announced as soon as they are available.

Dear Greater Hartford Campus Faculty and Staff,

Welcome back

from what I hope was a relaxing, enjoyable winter break. I welcome you back with open arms for an equally exciting Spring Semester, though with temperatures below zero this past weekend, that may seem like a misnomer. Below are a few of the hot items on our agenda to fire up our spirit and minds for the coming weeks.

I reported in October that we had reached new heights with our undergraduate student population at 1,324. The figures below from the University's Office of Institutional Research demonstrate the growth on our campus since the New Millennium,

<i>GREATER HARTFORD CAMPUS ENROLLMENT/COURSE DATA</i>		
	Fall 2000	Fall 2008
First-Time Freshman	262	404
Full-Time Enrollment	568	938
Total Registered Credits	10,386	16,001

before the university introduced baccalaureate programs at our Greater Hartford Campus.

We can expect all these figures to increase. The University plans to expand enrollment at all the regional campuses, and we can anticipate an increase of 50-100 students per year at

our Greater Hartford Campus for the next five years. Our campus Admissions Coordinator Dennis Seymour, who has been in Storrs for the marathon reading of applications to the University, forecasts not only a substantial increase in Greater Hartford Campus enrollment, but a rise in SAT scores with incoming students.

Our growth is all thanks to your expertise in your subject and your bigger commitment to our students, who time after time cite the availability of their professors, small class sizes and dedicated staff as the premiere assets of our campus.

Let's embrace the change that is upon us as we always have with continued superior education and dedication to our students. I promise to provide that same commitment to you as we strive to fulfill our University and Greater Hartford Campus mission in these testy economic times. Now, more than ever, I welcome your candid insights and ideas.

David W. Williams, Ph.D.
Director, UConn Greater Hartford

COMING SOON

Due to several legal matters, we have had to terminate our contract with our vendor at the Blue and White Café. We are working with the Purchasing Department in Storrs to identify a new vendor to provide the quality service you deserve. We have also appointed a committee of Greater Hartford Campus students and staff to help us in the screening process. In the interim the UConn COOP Bookstore will have sandwiches and beverages for purchase.



Growing Recognition And Awards...

Jarrett Gran and Paul Parent, Greater Hartford Campus Business and Technology students, helped UConn take top honors in the Travelers IT Case Competition, surpassing Syracuse University, Wooster Polytechnic Institute, the University of Wisconsin and many others. Jarrett and Paul, with two students from other UConn campuses, all of whom were required to have a 3.0 GPA in order to compete, spent over 40 hours per week developing recommendations for an IT / business problem posed by Travelers. This is the first time UConn has won the First Place title in this IT competition. Way to Go, Jarret and Paul! Stop by my office and I'll be glad to find a few projects on which you can practice your skills!

PHOTO (left to right): Anthony Dibona, Visar Tasimi, Jarrett Gran and Paul Parent.

