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Just prior to the beginning of the Fall 2002 semester, the faculty and staff of the School moved into the newly renovated School of Nursing. The unprecedented transformation and success of UConn 2000 fostered legislative support for the newest legislation, 21st Century UConn, that will enable us to plan for an addition to Storrs Hall.

If you can, please come see the impressive work that is underway at the School of Nursing and the University of Connecticut.
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A Salute to Our History

The School of Nursing Josephine A. Dolan Distinguished Service Award was established in 2002 to honor Josephine A. Dolan, MS, RN, PhD, DNSc, Professor Emerita. The award will be given annually in her honor.

Josephine A. Dolan, a graduate of St. John's Hospital School of Nursing (Lowell, MA), received her baccalaureate and master's degrees from Boston University, and honorary doctorates from Rhode Island College and Boston College. She achieved a national reputation as a nurse historian and her contributions to nursing education and nursing scholarship. Best known as the author of the history text *Nursing in Society*, in 1958 Dr. Dolan succeeded Minnie Goodnow as author of thenursing history series. Dr. Dolan, the School's beloved first professor has an indelible imprint on the School, with her class reunion in September 2001.

Eager to Enter the World of Nursing, students will have better access to nursing education statewide because our commitment to learning encompasses seamless opportunities and collaboration with regional campuses to increase nursing presence statewide.

Excellent Advising helps students progress efficiently toward their professional goals, with the support of Assistant Dean Kathleen A. Hiatt.

The Carolyn Ladd Widmer Building, built in 1939, was the University of Connecticut's first infirmary. It contained an open ward for patients, several private rooms, office space and a large columbarium with a fireplace. The School of Nursing first occupied the Widmer Building, also known as “the cottage”, in 1950 when the present day infirmary was constructed. Conversion of the building’s open ward into a classroom, and the private rooms into offices, made the space suitable for academic purposes. For the Nursing School, this relieved a decade of being in confined quarters in the Home Economics building. From the mid 1950’s until the 1968-69 academic year, the building was shared with the School of Physical Therapy. The significant structural deterioration and potential exorbitant costs to relocate the building prompted a decision to demolish “the cottage” in December 1996.

First in a series of notecards printed by the School of Nursing Alumni and Friends Society. Profits from the sales of notecards will support Alumni Society sponsored activities and the School of Nursing.

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Nursing History generously shared, gratefully received

Significant growth and change in the 2003-2004 academic year characterize the School of Nursing. Interest in nursing at UConn has soared, with increases in student numbers throughout our programs. Designed to help meet the needs of our State's nursing shortage, new initiatives like the Master's Entry Into Nursing (MeEin) program are underway.

Enthusiastic MeEin Students from the 2004 class began their studies in January. This second class of MeEin students will be eligible to sit for the licensing examination in January 2005. The tremendous public appeal of our MeEin program is evident, as our applicant numbers continue to increase.

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Dean’s Message

“A timeless commitment to an ever brighter future for nursing.”

Laura Cox Duuzere
74, PhD, RN, CS
Dean and Professor
4 significant nursing shortage is of concern nationwide. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Human Services and Health Projects that by 2020, 44 States and the District of Columbia will have nursing shortages (2002). While Connecticut had a 12% shortage in Year 2000 (supply: 26,407; demand: 30,137), HRSA projects that Connecticut will experience a 54.9% shortage by Year 2020 (supply: 17,870; demand: 39,661).

Nationalwide impacts on nursing field Factors influencing the nationwide shortage nationally are broad, and include declining numbers of nursing school graduates, in decline with some exceptions, and the emergence of alternative job opportunities for women, who make up the largest segment of the nursing workforce. Data on the growth in new RNs, as measured by those passing the national licensing test (NCLEX), show that after growing steadily during the first half of the 1990s, the number of new RNs fell annually in the last half of the decade, resulting in 26% fewer RN graduates in 2000 than in 1995. Declines in graduates across all degree programs — diploma, associate degree, and baccalaureate — occurred during the last half of the 1990s. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) reported a 4% increase in baccalaureate enrollments between 2000 and 2001, however, students in these programs will not complete their programs for roughly two to four years, depending on their academic history and progress (HRSA, 2002).

SON addresses growing concern Although the School of Nursing cannot manage the shortage, faculty and staff have made significant contributions to stemming the shortage. First, the School admitted the first class of 24 students to a newly-established Master's Entry Into Nursing (M Beit IN) program in January, 2001. Granted full approval on February 6, 2002 by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, the M Beit IN program is a 45-credit, one year calendar program in geriatric nursing, culminating in a certificate that establishes eligibility for both the nursing licensure examination (NCLEX) in Connecticut and the national certification examination of the program in nursing at UConn. This program is for a restricted pool of applicants who hold bachelor's degrees in non-nursing fields and have completed a comprehensive set of science and liberal arts prerequisites. Candidates' undergraduate GPAs must be greater than 3.0 for admission consideration. The inaugural class entered nursing practice and/or graduate work in January 2004 when the 2nd class of 20 students entered the program. On graduation of the first class (all of whom have been successful in their NCLEX examinations to date), the Board of Nursing scheduled an initial program review.

Leadership serves on statewide committees, taskforces The Dean represented the School in evaluating the existing model of articulation for nursing education Year 2002, serving on the Connecticut League for Nursing Articulation Oversight Committee, the Statewide Advisory Council on Student Transfer and Articulation, and the Nursing Articulation Sub-Committee of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education. Following a December workshop with Mary Rapson, PhD, RN, AOA, a nationally recognized expert in articulation, Connecticut's Council of Deans and Directors...
revvised the articulation model, formulating an escrow model, and changing the focus of nursing articulation from program to student. The revised Connecticut Articulation Model for Nurse Education Mobility provides for transfer credits to be put in escrow until such time as students seeking advanced education complete a first nursing course that allows them to demonstrate prerequisite knowledge, skills, and attitudes for professional nursing. The revised model is being actively used by the School’s Academic Advisory Center staff as they work with RN students to help them master degrees in nursing.

Since 1992, graduates of practical and registered nursing programs in Connecticut have benefited from the uniform granting of credit creating accessible pathways to advanced education and facilitating educational mobility.

Compact ensures availability of resources statewide.

Adaptation efforts to support streamlined nursing education, the UConn for upper division nursing coursework. The compact helps to make faculty and clinical resources best available to students statewide.

SON vision is clear. The SON is a strong, clear, proactive strategy for expanding the financial resources for the School. The Dean and external relations staff are focused on a balanced and effective series of activities to strengthen relationships with on-campus units and with external individuals and groups. To date, we have raised over 82% of the Campaign UConn goal, representing about $2.5 million. Mary Ellen (Mel) Hobson ’77 ’86 ably serves as Chair of the School’s Advisory Board. School events are well-attended and have been evaluated by consultants as outstanding, well-executed, and thoroughly followed-up. These events support strong connections among the vision, mission, and work of the School. Involvement with alumni and emeriti is increasing annually, and more and more people are coming and more and more people are coming.

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In 2000, Carol Polfrim designed the MHEIN program for nurses in non医科大学 graduates. Student interest in the MHEIN program has soared, and with acquiescence from our students and nursing providers alike, the program’s expansion in years to come will aid in meeting the needs of our State’s nursing shortage.
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Faculty Research Center for Nursing Research (CNR) News

Nursing faculty submitted an all-time high number of grant proposals, 13, in the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Multiple proposals in grant proposal tracking will be available at the beginning of the 2003-2004 fiscal year and rather than sit back and wait the three to six months to hear about funding, faculty should begin to discuss their proposals together. All are excited that Sheila Taylor has joined the CNR full time as administrative assistant. Ms. Taylor also brings the University of Connecticut Foundation computer technology and a degree in sociology from Eastern Connecticut State University and most recently worked in Traffic Services. (No, she can’t fix your ticket.) Ms. Taylor will be providing faculty with assistance and proposal development and the grant application process. She will act as liaison with the Preaward and Postaward OSP personnel. She plans to develop an online grant proposal tracking system that will become the webmaster for the CNR site where requests for applications, conference calls, etc. will be posted. Please stop by her office at (860) 486-8321.

Efforts are underway with Bruce Lantzy, director of the UConn Foundation to pursue donor funding for new computer equipment in the lab. We were recently given a high end GCC Tech Elite XL 20/ 800 printer that can be networked to all Windows 00’ workstations. Currently we have a mix of older Windows ‘95 and ‘98 and new Windows ‘00 desktop computers. Upgrading all the computers to a consistent interface will facilitate teaching research methods to groups of students that each desk has the same software and connectivity. As they are replaced, the older CNR computers, will find homes in the student lounges as email/web terminals. As our student numbers and class sizes continue to grow (+570 undergraduates), faculty research productivity has also increased. The CNR recently held the over 130 SON and presentations last year. Our research really does drive student interest and vice versa! Soon a display featuring faculty and student publications will be installed on the wall outside the CNR. Come for a visit and browse – I assure you it will be interesting.

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Making New Nursing Traditions — The Alumni Society Puts a Spin on the Historical Nursing Capping Ceremony

Below: Transitioning from their first two years of preparatory coursework to their second two years of intensive clinical experience, students and clinical faculty read the Florence Nightingale Pledge at the Savings Bank & Life Insurance (SBLI) & Alumni Society-sponsored Clinical Recognition Ceremony on Aug. 26, 2003.

Michel ’03, Former Undergraduate Honors Scholar, Publishes Findings

Results of a survey conducted by honors scholar Ruth Michel ’03, RN suggest a need for teaching both patients and practitioners about the potential interaction between calcium carbonate (e.g., Tums, other calcium supplements) and levoleucovorin. Calcium, iron, and magnesium supplements should be spaced at least four hours apart from levoleucovorin as published research suggests that taking minerals within four hours of levoleucovorin reduces levoleucovorin absorption by nearly a third. See: Michel, R., Neatley, P. J., & Drauer, L. (2004). Self Medication Practices among Patients taking Levoleucovorin. Internet Journal of Advanced Nursing Practice, 4(2) [http://www.ispub.com/journals/IJANP]

PhD Program Welcomes Visit from Dr. Patricia Benner

International Nurse Researcher & Theorist Patricia Benner, RN, PhD, FAAN, FRCN, Professor in the Department of Physiological Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco was a special guest of the PhD program on May 1, 2003.

In Memoriam

We remember these individuals who have been instrumental in nursing education and practice in the state of CT and beyond.

Sherry Bassi ’91 ’93, EdD, RN, CNS, Assistant Professor - since September 2002

Appointed to the President’s Task Force on Substance Abuse shortly after being hired at UConn in 2002, Dr. Sherry Bassi’s contributions stem from a significant nursing career in substance abuse education, prevention, and policy.

Bassi adds to the School’s efforts to support streamlined nursing education by directing the Compact Agreement with Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. Bassi leads the cohort of nursing students at the UConn Avery Point Campus and assists in working with qualified students from Three Rivers Community College in Norwich who have gained admission to the School of Nursing. Through the Compact Agreement these students are eligible for transfer to UConn for upper division nursing coursework upon completing prerequisite coursework for nursing at Three Rivers. Bassi’s leadership role exemplifies UConn’s goal to make nursing faculty and clinical resources more available to students statewide. Most recently, Bassi has been expanding the School’s clinical sites in community health to southeastern Connecticut.

Chanyeong Kwak, PhD, CCRN, Assistant Professor - since September 2003

Raised in Korea, Kwak earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing at Seoul National University while dreaming of one day becoming a teacher. In 1990, Kwak moved to the United States with her husband and two - now teenaged - daughters. She enrolled in Yale University and completed her Master of Science as a cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist in 1996. Early in her nursing career, when working at various health care settings as a clinical educator, Kwak became interested in health policy. Kwak’s path to become a nurse scholar led her to a Health Policy Internship in South Korea with the Ministry of the Department of Health and Welfare in 1999, and the completion of a PhD from the University of Massachusetts/Boston in 2001. Before joining the faculty at UConn, Kwak was an assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island School of Nursing. Kwak’s research focuses on efficiency and equity in the health care delivery system and examines the cultural/ racial differences and disparities in health status and health care services. In 2002, the second edition of Kwak’s Asian and Asian American Health Educators Speak Out: Long term care delivery system in Korea was printed by Jones & Bartlett Publishers. In 2003, Kwak was invited to become a reviewer for the Journal of Nursing Research. Her expertise in quantitative and survey research methods and her knowledge of advanced statistical techniques are an asset to UConn’s graduate research curriculum.

Kwak enjoys reading, spending time with her family, and embracing the two distinct cultures of Korea and America.

Juliette Shellman ’99 MS, ’03 PhD, CS, RN, Assistant Professor - since September 2002

Building upon her successful reminiscence research program, Dr. Juliette Shellman’s newest study, The Effects of a Structured Reminiscence Program on Depression and Life Satisfaction in African-American Elders, received funding through a UConn Research Foundation Large Grant ($23,224). Shellman’s research program addresses challenges nurses face in delivering culturally competent care to a growing and aging elderly population. The projected rise in elders’ cultural and racial diversity prompted Shellman to find support for the use of reminiscence as an intervention to decrease depression and improve the quality of care provided to elders.

In her previous research, Shellman demonstrated that using a reminiscence education program had a positive effect on nursing students’ perceptions of eldercare cultural self-efficacy. Shellman is a consultant to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Connecticut, Inc. supporting the continued development of the CareLink Program. CareLink is an award winning, campus- community partnership through which undergraduate students provide supervised services to a community of elders. Through the CareLink Program, students have delivered about $303,000 of uncompensated care to over 420 elders in the central Connecticut area.

New Faculty

Faculty/Research
Dr. Amy Knefke aids the battle against breast cancer with her new $200,000 Clinical Research Award from the Department of Defense (DOD). Knefke has embarked on a longitudinal descriptive study of the relationship between neurocognitive function (NCF), symptom distress, functional status, and induced anxiety in women receiving chemotherapy for breast cancer. Her research will be compared to a group of women experiencing surgically-induced menopause. Knefke found that while there has been some speculation about the role of chemotherapy-induced menopause in functional distress, there have been no longitudinal studies with appropriate baseline and repeated measures that can provide meaningful information in this context. Women, themselves, express distress over perceived neurocognitive changes, yet there is little known about the subject.

Building upon her extensive clinical background in women’s health care and geriatrics (with previous research support from Sigma Theta Tau and the American Nurses Foundation), Knefke is now preparing to become an independent breast cancer researcher. Knefke’s Research Training Program in Breast Cancer was developed during her Post-Doctoral Fellowship, funded by a $38,712 grant in 2002-2003 through Dr. Ruth McCorkle’s DOD Breast Cancer Research Program. Knefke’s Fellowship at Yale University promotes ongoing interdisciplinary collaboration between the University of Connecticut and Yale while building Knefke’s advanced research skills under the mentorship of Dr. McCorkle, a world-renowned cancer researcher. Reflecting on her progress Knefke said, “I am delighted to have the privilege of joining the cohort of talented nurse-researchers who have worked with Dr. McCorkle.”

Collaborative Research Focuses on Older Adult Pain

Deborah McDonald ’81, PhD, RN, Associate Professor

Older adults who are able to communicate their postoperative pain are more likely to become partners in pain management with their healthcare providers, and obtain greater pain relief. Greater pain relief allows older adults to recover more quickly from surgery, and to regain an active healthy lifestyle. Dr. Deborah McDonald’s videotape, teaching older adults about pain communication and pain management, resulted in significantly less pain and sleep disturbance for patients on postoperative day one (McDonald, Thomas, Livingston, & Severson, 2003). The pain relief video was approved for use in education for the nurses and physicians.

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Colleen Smith 73 ’73 MS, RN, CNA  —   Currently serving as Vice Chairperson of the Con- necticut Hospital Association Nurse Executive Group, she is a member of many professional organizations including the American and Con- necticut Organizations of Nurses Executives (AONE and CONE). Since 1995, Mrs. Smith has held the position of Vice President of the Middlesex Hospital. Through her leadership, and a very long tradition of excellence in nursing practice and education, Middlesex Hospital became the first, and only, Magnet hospital in the State of Connecticut — the highest level of recognition. Smith spearheaded the three- year long magnet process, she and her staff voluntar- ily submitted nursing procedures, programs and staff to a care- ful, strenuous and systemic evaluation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Judith Ryan ’65 MS, PhD, CRNP — Owner of Nurse Practitioners & Consultants. Dr. Ryan pro- vides clinical and administrative services to long term care facilities. Through multiple leadership positions in higher education and clinical settings, Dr. Ryan has helped create better stan- dards of care in geriatric nursing. She taught nursing for UConn, Indiana University School of Nursing, Duke University School of Nursing, MD, Bow- lling State College, MD and the University of Maryland, where she was an Assistant Director of the Adult Health Certificate Program and developer/coordinator of the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program. Her leadership on various community and clinical projects includes work with the United Way, Robert Wood Johnson, the NIH, and development of a clinical program for a HCV--demonstration multisite project using NPs as primary care providers for Medicare patients in nursing homes.

Dr. Cheryl Beck, DNsK, CNM, FAAN, Professor

Dr. Cheryl Beck, has just completed her three-year grant from the Donaghue Medical Research Foundation to translate and assess the psychometric properties of the Spanish version of the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale (PDSS). Hispanic mothers from two areas of the US (CT and TX) were recruited to participate in two separate studies. Robin Froman ’84 ’87 PhD, RN, FAAN was the site coordinator in Texas for the project. In the first study, 377 Hispanic women completed the Spanish version of the PDSS, and Beck’s analysis revealed that when compared to the original English PDSS, the reliability and validity psychometrics for the Spanish version were slightly lower but still well within the acceptable range. To determine the accuracy of the PDSS-Spanish Version a second study with 150 Hispanic mothers was conducted. Each mother in this study completed the PDSS-Spanish Version and then immediately went on to undergo a DSM-IV diagnosis to determine whether she was experiencing post depression. Currently, with the statistical help of Robert Gable, EdD, Emeritus Professor from the Department of Educational Psychology at UConn’s School of Education, and Joseph Sheehan, PhD, Professor in the Department of Community Medicine at UCHC, the sensitivity, specificity and cut-off points for the Spanish version are being analyzed. The project could not have been completed without the invaluable help of Henrietta Bernal, PhD, RN, Emeritus Professor in the School of Nursing at UConn. Dr. Beck will be an invited speaker this coming May in Tarragona, Spain at the National Spanish Midwifery Congress. She will present the findings from her PDSS-Spanish Version project, along with the results from a two-year qualitative study on birth trauma and PTSD after childbirth.

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Third, to increase scholarship support for undergraduate, master’s and doctoral students through endowed and restricted scholarships. During the past year, several new scholarships were established, including the Elsa Kogaleski Adnatum Nursing Scholarship; the Frank F. Chinengo Endowed Scholarship; the Connelly Endowed Scholarship, with gifts from the estates of Mary M. and Kathlyn E. Connelly; the J. Lithgow Ireland Scholarship; the Nightingale Scholarship; and the Robert and Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

Finally, to fund existing programs—including lectures, research seminars, and visiting scholars—as well as new programs. The Basic Nursing Certificate program (or Master’s Entry into Nursing—MEIN) is a new 12-month program for students who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees in fields other than nursing. The program was initiated to increase the number of nurses practicing in the bedside in advanced practice positions and in nursing education and research. Webster Trust Co. NA, Trustee of the Paul L. Jones Fund, has recently made a multi-year pledge of $300,000 to provide scholarship support for this innovative program.

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Senior Business Analyst with Provident Financial after working 22 years in Information Technology. Previous job description included project management of online systems and technology. Received Masters degree at UConn in Computer and MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Management.

Catherine Kiene Forrest ’63
New Haven, CT
I’m getting ready to retire/ to be on sabatical with my husband next year. My youngest child is a freshman in college, my oldest is a 3rd year medical student and my middle is working for LEAP in New Haven. I’m a certified nurse practioner, working in pediatrics in New Haven, CT.

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First, to endow chairs and professorships to attract and retain outstanding faculty, critical for any outstanding school. Endowed chairs are a key to our future goals, providing the opportunity for faculty research initiatives, and attracting internationally eminent scholars—academic leaders who can, in turn, attract other top researchers, teachers, and graduate students to the School.

Second, to enhance research expertise, the School has established the School of Nursing Endowment for Excellence to provide the funding necessary to address its top priorities.

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1950s

Cherlene Romanson Benton ‘53
83, Guilford, CT
Formally retired from the
Philadelphia Group Health.
Volunteer at Valley Hospital.

Mildred M. Casadei ‘53
New Port Richey, FL
Died in Florida in 1982 after
leaving Valley Hospital.

Maylene Burcher Charet ‘57
Caroway, SC
Retired in 1996 after being
employed in public health most of
her career. Last 19 yrs with Valley
Hospital as Director of Public Health.

Arlene Kahn Cohen ‘57
Hamden, CT Adafycoix.com
Currently employed at
At Home Home Health.

Mary Ann Kendall ‘57
Gardens. Best toys: Ground children, Hockey, Tennis, Jewish
Women. Rosemary Dinyagwey Magee ‘56, Class Agent, Orange, CT.
Remember! Class of ’56 will celebrate
its 30th reunion in 2006.

I retired from Yale-New Haven
Hospital in 1990. Since then, for
the past 16 years I have served on
the SON Alumni Society Board. Voted
the university and programs and
faculty and leadership under the
discipline of Adoptions is impressive.
In October, Joan MacNorthfie, a
retired teacher and volunteer at Yale,
was the guest of honor at a tea with
coffee for local school friends.
Miss Margaret Keenan, Martha’s Vineyard,
and Barbara Byrne Levine. They
talked and reminded us of the
many hours of volunteer work.

Thank you to all who contributed
an amazing amount to the
discipline of Adoption.

We are missing information
about the following classmates:
Lucille McFadden, Rebecca McQuaide,
Elizabeth Rast, Margaret Crawford and
Alma Dougherty-Stephenson. Please
write me at 555 Tatum Lane,
Orange, CT 06477 or email Joan
Keegan at JKeegan@tatumlane.com.

You know the whereabouts of
the alumni.

We keep you informed
about your reunion plans.

Our first task is to update the
SON address list. Currently,

Mildred R. D’Apice ’55
Meriden, CT
I was employed in various areas of
home care and community health
nursing during my career as a RN.

I am a member of the
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Pamela L. Fahey ’51
Member, Charles Lewis Beach Society
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Charlene Bronson Benton ’53
Burlington, VT

Formally retired from the
Binghamton Group Health/Services Valley Mental Health Center in December ‘97, but worked two days/week until August ‘01. We have four children, and six grandchildren. Hobbit/Interests: Being involved with church, playing bridge weekly, reading, crossword puzzles, and gardening.

Elizabeth Keck buckley ’57
Doonick, CO n.buchholz@comcast.com
Retired from position at School Nurse. We have three children—six grandchildren—all in Colorado.

Madelene B. Capodanno ’53
New Port Richey, FL
Moved to Florida in ’82 after retiring from Waterbury Hosp. I retired from Bayview Point Medical Center in ’89. Working on my schedule at GulfCoast Regional Hosp in their Hospice house since ‘97. I am busy at church, yoga, exercise classes and more.

Maylene Bente Charet ’57
Coward, SC
Retired in 1996 after being employed in public health most of career, last 19 yrs with Waterbury Hospital as Director of Home Care Dept.

Afina Kahan Cohen ’57
Hamden, CT
afina.coil@gmail.com Currently employed at Middletown Home Health Service Home Care as a part-time VNA & RN to assist assisted living facilities.

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Constance Cindi Richardson
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School of Medicine & Nursing (I held similar positions at St. Luke’s U.D.H., teaching assistant, Associate Chair, Graduate Admissions, VA Med. CT.

Pamela M. Hoyt
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Did not work until our children were out of school - nine children, now grown. I have 17 grandchildren. Worked at Nursing Home (2-1/2 yrs), Pediatric Nurse in a four-door office (5-1/2 yrs), and Substitute High School Nurse five years. Roper, Goodwin College.

Ann Wakenak Neller
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I am a great grandmother to three children, two grandchildren and a step grandmother.

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Elizabeth T. Boui”74 ‘80
David D. Jurek, Jr. and Laura C. Jurek
Port, FL
Received MS from Russell Sage in 1967. Still in nursing, but now part time as a manager in our geriatric representative at TECO Arena. Was once officer and direct associate degree program. Taught nursing at Adelphi University. Preceptor sessions on pediatrics (med-surg summer). Volunteer at implant hospital. When not at clinics in Veteran’s Hospital saw patients and clients as adjunct as faculty at VCU.

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Second, to enhance research expertise, the School has established the School of Nursing Endowment for Excellence to provide the funding necessary to address its top priorities. Endowed chairs are a key to our future goals, providing flexibility for faculty research initiatives, and attracting and retaining outstanding faculty, critical for any outstanding school. The Basic Nursing Certificate program (or Master’s Entry Into Nursing—MbEIN) is a new 12-month program for students who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees in fields other than nursing. This program was initiated to increase the number of nurses practicing at the bedside in advanced practice positions and in nursing education and research. Webster Trust Co, NA, Trustee of the Paul L. Jones Fund, has recently made a multi-year pledge of $300,000 to provide scholarship support for this innovative program.

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Third, to increase scholarship support for undergraduate, master’s and doctoral students through endowed and restricted scholarships. During the past year, several new scholarships were established, including the Elsa Kongabwela Adnatum Nursing Scholarship; the Frank P. Chinigo Endowed Scholarship; the Connelly Endowed Scholarship, with gifts from the estates of Mary M. and Kathryn E. Connelly; the Julia Ireland Scholarship; the Nightingale Scholarship; and the Robert and Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

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Senior Business Analyst with Prudential Financial after working 22 years in Information Technology. Previous job description included project management of online system development and technology. Received Masters degree at Yale in So. Comm. University and MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Management.

Catherine Kiene Forrest ’63
New Haven, CT
I’m getting ready to retire/ to be on sabbatical with my husband next year. My youngest child is a freshman in college, my oldest is a 3rd year medical student. My middle is working for LEAP in New Haven. My youngest is working for Sigma Theta Tau. My husband is now working for the School of Nursing Campaign. I am currently working on the School of Nursing Campaign. I have also been involved with the City of New Haven and the University of Connecticut. My husband and I live in New Haven, CT. I am currently working on the School of Nursing Campaign. I have been involved with the University of Connecticut and the City of New Haven. My husband and I live in New Haven, CT.
For more information, visit www.nursing.uconn.edu/AlumniAwardees/6thalumnibqt.pdf
Innovative Longitudinal Research on Breast Cancer & Neurocognitive Status

Amy Kenefick, PhD, FNP, CNM, Assistant Professor

Dr. Amy Kenefick aids the battle against breast cancer with her new $200,000 Clinical Research Award from the Department of Defense (DOD). Kenefick has embarked on a longitudinal descriptive study of the relationship between neurocognitive function (NCF), symptom distress, functional status, and induced treatment-related cognitive impairment in women receiving chemotherapy for breast cancer. Her study will be compared to a group of women experiencing surgically-induced menopause. Kenefick found that while there has been some speculation about the role of chemotherapy-induced menopause in neurocognitive function, there has been no longitudinal studies with appropriate baseline and repeated measures that can provide meaningful information on the state. Women, themselves, express distress over perceived neurocognitive changes, yet there is little known about the subject.

Building upon her extensive clinical background in women’s health care and geriatrics (with previous research support from Sigma Theta Tau and the American Nurses Foundation), Kenefick is now preparing to become an independent breast cancer researcher. Kenefick’s Research Training Program in Breast Cancer was developed during her Post-Doctoral Fellowship, funded by a $38,712 grant in 2002-2003 through Dr. Ruth McCorkle’s DOD Breast Cancer Research Program. Kenefick’s Fellowship at Yale University promotes ongoing interdisciplinary collaboration between the University of Connecticut and Yale while building Kenefick’s advanced research skills under the mentorship of Dr. McCorkle, a world-renowned cancer researcher. Reflecting on her progress Kenefick said, “I am delighted to have the privilege of joining the cohort of talented nurse-researchers who have worked with Dr. McCorkle.”

Collaborative Research Focuses on Older Adult Pain

Deborah McDonald ’81, PhD, RN, Associate Professor

Older adults who communicate their postoperative pain are more likely to become partners in pain management with their healthcare providers, and obtain greater pain relief. Greater pain relief allows older adults to recover more quickly from surgery, and to regain an active healthy lifestyle. Dr. Deborah McDonald’s videotape, teaching older adults about pain communication and pain management, resulted in significantly less pain. Individuals who do not report their pain to their healthcare provider experience significantly more pain than those who do.

Upon completion of the provider education, 155 older adults will be randomly assigned across four hospital sites to the pain communication/pain management or the pain management only group. McDonald and her colleagues predict that greater pain relief will occur when older adults and their providers communicate well about pain problems and are more knowledgeable about effective pain management.

If funded, the study will involve collaboration between the University of Connecticut, Wayne State University, the University of Connecticut Health Center, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hospital of Saint Raphael, Middlesex Hospital and Bridgeport Hospital.

University of Connecticut

Members of the Class of 1963 at Alumni Banquet on Oct. 23, 2003

Patricia Kowal MacGrandle-Billings

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Employed as a Senior Neuroscience Scientist for Novo Nordisk, I have had sales trainer position as well as BMS. Just celebrated 77th anniversary with husband Don Billings (1st husband died). I have five grandchildren.

Lillian R. Rash Melody ’63

Romney, WV

My husband Rick and I moved from CT, ’02 to Romney, WV. After I retired from several years with a notaristic physician. We plan on enjoying more camping, hiking, and sitting with son & daughter, to continue to be a practitioner of Therapeutic Touch & Reiki Therapy.

Susan Wheeler Olson ’63

Sunset Beach, MO

After retiring in ’95 from my last position as supervisor of an eye clinic, out patient, surgical center, I have not been professionally involved. What kept boredom away was raising my three grandchildren, unattached children, the subsequent birth of six grandchildren, a move from LA to NE, and the pleasure of our lake retreat home. Other interests include gardening, growing and the use of herbs, cooking, baking, painting, and traveling.

Janet Thibault Rich ’63

Bedford, NH

I am busy as well. Other degrees: Received MSN at Emory University in 1967, CNM from New York Medical College in 1968, and PhD from University of Texas, Austin.

Jeannette Gaizutis Tedesco ’63

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Received PhD from UConn. Post- doctoral research concentration in the theory of eoca, focusing on viewing that “moving power” within each human being from a holistic (mind-body-spirit) perspective. MAINTAIN a private.

Kindred practice in Waterbury, since ’87. Postserver emeritus at Western Connecticut State University where previously served as the director of The Institute for Holistic Health Studies. Currently joi with husband Tony (retired school administration) and playing with two- year old granddaughter, Dillon. Older son, Darren (UConn grad.) is a systems analyst with Commonwealth Security in Waltham and younger son, Dan is a pilot and police officer.

Nayantara Sharma Upreti ’63

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(P’2003 Alumni Award see pg. 15) My husband, Upreti, is a Monte Carlo 5- month-old granddaughter and a six- year-old grandson from our son and daughter-in-law Kavis Gun and Carbal Upreti. They live in Huntington, WV

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Currently Dean and Professor of Marshall University College of Nursing and Health professions. Received MSN from the University of America in 1968; Doctorate in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1979; and Post Master’s Certificate as a Nurse Practitioner from Marshall University in 1989. I went on a month’s holiday to the Caribbean. I will be director of WV University beginning in 2001. I am a family nurse practitioner in a women’s health and family practice and a volunteer at the Ehrenza Medical Outreach—a “free” clinic.

Michael A. Tardicchio ’72

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Employed at Medical Digital LLC as Manager of Training and Development. I develop, evaluate and develop employee training and educational programs. I am providing professional development; facilitate new avenues of training to keep our workforce current and relevant through a variety of new technologies like web-based asynchronous and synchronous training sites and knowledge networks. At Western Connecticut State University of Ypsilanti Club I was surprised with the Paul Harris Fellowship and the “Senior above 60”. I enjoyed by eating asian foods, vegetables organically, seeing foreign fi, and enjoying our 10- year-old Labrador retriever, Kiva, who cheers up hospital patients with Therapies, Inc.

DE. Our daughter is working on a Master’s in Counseling at University of Arizona.

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Joyce Williams ’80

Ypsilanti Township, MI

Joyce Williams, MSN, RN, has been working as a public health nurse. She completed a Masters degree as an All-in-one Telecommunication Arts, and took on a new challenge as an officer for the Ypsilanti Club. At Chair of this year’s Group Study Exchange Committee and President-elect for Ypsilanti Club I was surprised with the Paul Harris Fellowship and the “Senior above 60”. I enjoyed by eating asian foods, vegetables organically, seeing foreign fi, and enjoying our 10- year-old Labrador retriever, Kiva, who cheers up hospital patients with Therapies, Inc.

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In Memoriam

We remember those individuals who have been instrumental in nursing education and practice in the state of CT and beyond.

Yvonne A. Alvarado was an outstanding medical surgical nurse with a wonderful sense of humor. He was well known and will be remembered fondly.

Georgette Brochu was a retired Faculty member instrumental in advancing technological and simulated learning experiences for our students.

Sherry Basi, 91'93, EdD, RN, CNS, Assistant Professor - since September 2002

Appointed to the President’s Task Force on Substance Abuse shortly after being hired at UConn in 2002, Dr. Sherry Basi's contributions stem from a significant nursing career in substance abuse education, prevention, and policy.

Bassi adds to the School’s efforts to support streamlined nursing education by directing the Compact Agreement with Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. Bassi leads the cohort of nursing students at the UConn Avery Point Campus and assists in working with qualified students from Three Rivers Community College in Norwich who have gained admission to the School of Nursing. Through the Compact Agreement these students are eligible for transfer to UConn for upper division nursing coursework upon completing prerequisite coursework for nursing at Three Rivers. Bassi’s leadership role exemplifies UConn’s goal to make nursing faculty and clinical resources more available to students statewide. Most recently, Bassi has been expanding the School’s clinical sites in community health to southeastern Connecticut.

Chanyeong Kwak, PhD, CCRN, Assistant Professor - since September 2003

Raised in Korea, Kwak earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing at Seoul National University while dreaming of one day becoming a teacher. In 1990, Kwak moved to the United States with her husband and two - now teenaged - daughters.

She enrolled in Yale University and completed her Master of Science as a cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist in 1996. Early in her nursing career, when working at various health care settings as a clinical educator, Kwak became interested in health policy. Kwak’s path to become a nurse scholar led her to a Health Policy Internship in South Korea with the Ministry of the Department of Health and Welfare in 1999, and the completion of a PhD from the University of Massachusetts/Boston in 2001. Before joining the faculty at UConn, Kwak was an assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island School of Nursing.

Kwak's research focuses on efficiency and equity in the health care delivery system and examines the cultural/racial differences and disparities in health status and health care services. In 2002, the second edition of Kwak’s Asian and Asian American Health Educators Speak Out: Long term care delivery system in Korea was printed by Jones & Bartlett Publishers. In 2003, Kwak was invited to become a reviewer for the Journal of Nursing Research. Her expertise in quantitative and survey research methods and her knowledge of advanced statistical techniques are an asset to UConn’s graduate nursing research curricula.

Kwak enjoys reading, spending time with her family, and embracing the two distinct cultures of Korea and America.

PhD Program Welcomes Visit from Dr. Patricia Benner

International Nurse Researcher & Theorist Patricia Benner, PhD, FAAN, FRCN, Professor in the Department of Physiological Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco was a special guest of the PhD program on May 1, 2003.

Juliette Shellman ’99 MS, ’03 PhD, CS, RN, Assistant Professor - since September 2002

Building upon her successful reminiscence research program, Dr. Juliette Shellman’s newest study, The Effects of a Structured Reminiscence Program on Depression and Life Satisfaction in African-American Elders, received funding through a UConn Research Foundation Large Grant ($23,224). Shellman’s research program addresses challenges nurses face in delivering culturally competent care to a growing and aging elderly population. The projected rise in elders’ cultural and racial diversity prompted Shellman to find support for the use of reminiscence as an intervention to decrease depression and improve the quality of care provided to elders.

In her previous research, Shellman demonstrated that using a reminiscence education program had a positive effect on nursing students’ perceptions of eldercare cultural self-efficacy. Shellman is a consultant to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Connecticut, Inc. supporting the continued development of the CareLink Program. CareLink is an award winning, campus-community partnership through which undergraduate students provide supervised services to a community of elders. Through the CareLink Program, students have delivered about $303,000 of uncompensated care to over 420 elders in the central Connecticut area.
Neafsey & EPA look at Xenobiotics/Polyorphism Research

Pat (P.J.) Neafsey’s best known work is aimed at reducing adverse drug- medication practices in older adults. However, she also has another line of research – developing mathematical models to predict the effects of currently prescribed drugs. Recently she has been working on an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) project headed by Gary Ginsberg, PhD, State Toxicologist (CT State Dept. of Health) and Dale Harris, PhD, Professor, Clark University. The purpose of the project is to develop a database of information concerning the frequency of various ‘polyorphism’ or genetic variants in human enzymes that metabolize drugs and other foreign known compounds known as xenobiotics. Xenobiotics include such substances as pesticides, drugs, radiation, and even soy. The researchers have concluded that patients metabolizing soy isoflavones in toto, and street drugs such as ecstasy. The research team has poised genotype and enzyme function tests for CYPI2D6 and CYPI4F2 to determine the effects of xenobiotic metabolism of CYP2D6. Adverse side-effects may be more likely.

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Dynamic Faculty Defining Nursing


Cameron D'Avanzo


4 significant nursing shortage is of concern nationwide. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human Services projects that by 2020, 44 States and the District of Columbia will have nursing shortages (2002). While Connecticut had a 12% shortage in Year 2000 (supply: 26, 407; demand: 30,137), HRSA projects that Connecticut will experience a 54.9% shortage by Year 2020 (supply: 17,870; demand: 39,661).

Nationwide impacts on nursing field Factors influencing the shortage nationally are broad, and include declining numbers of nursing school graduates, declining average earnings, and the emergence of alternative job opportunities for women, who make up the largest segment of the nursing workforce. Data on the growth in new RNs, as measured by those passing the RN licensing test (NCLEX), show that while growing steadily during the first half of the 1990s, the numbers fell annually in the last half of the decade, resulting in 26% fewer RN graduates in 2000 than in 1995. Declines in graduates across all degree programs – diploma, associate degree, and baccalaureate – occurred during the last half of the 1990s. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) reported a 4% increase in baccalaureate enrollments between 2000 and 2001, however, students in these programs will not complete their programs for roughly two to four years, depending on their academic history and progress (HRSA, 2002).

SON addresses growing concern Although the School of Nursing cannot manage the shortage alone, faculty and staff have made significant contributions to stemming the shortage. First, the School admitted the first class of 24 students to a newly-established Master’s Entry Into Nursing (MeEIN) program in January, 2002. Granted full approval on February 6, 2002 by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, the MeEIN program is a 45-credit, one calendar year program in general nursing, culminating in a certificate that establishes eligibility for both the licensing examination (NCLEX) in Connecticut and the admission examination (CSRN) in baccalaureate programs in nursing at UConn. This program is for a restricted pool of applicants who hold bachelor’s degrees in non-nursing fields and have completed a comprehensive set of science and liberal arts prerequisites. Candidates’ undergraduate GPAs must be greater than 3.0 for admission consideration. The inaugural class entered nursing practice and/or graduate work in January 2004 when the 2nd class of 20 students entered the program. On graduation of the first class (of all whom have been successful in their NCLEX examinations to date), the Board of Nursing scheduled an initial program review.

Leadership serves on statewide committees, taskforces The Dean represented the School in evaluating the existing model of articulation for nursing education Year 2002, serving on the Connecticut League for Nursing Articulation Oversight Committee, the Statewide Advisory Council on Student Transfer and Articulation, and the Nursing Articulation Sub-committee of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education. Following a December workshop with Mary Rapson, PhD, RN, PA-C, a national expert in articulation, Connecticut’s Council of Deans and Directors

A Salute to Our History

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Nursing History
generously shared, gratefully received

The School of Nursing Josephine A. Dolan Distinguished Service Award was established in 2002 to honor Josephine A. Dolan, MS, RN, PhD, DNSc, Professor Emerita. The award will be given annually in her honor.

Josephine A. Dolan, a graduate of St. John’s Hospital School of Nursing (Lowell, MA), received her baccalaureate and master’s degrees from Boston University, and honorary doctorates from Rhode Island College and Boston College. She achieved a national reputation as a nurse historian and her contributions to nursing education and nursing scholarship. Best known as the author of the history text, Nursing in Society, in 1958 Dr. Dolan succeeded Minnie Goodnow as author of the nursing history series. Dr. Dolan’s beloved first professor has an enviable record of professional service at the local, state, and national levels. Her teaching, journal articles, reviews, keynote addresses, consultancies, and committee memberships, and general presence have positively influenced many people - Thank You Jo!

Devoted to Dr. Dolan and the history of the nursing profession, the School of Nursing is pleased to showcase the newly renovated Dolan Room - one of the premiere collections of nursing history in the nation! The majority of nursing artifacts displayed in the room are permanent gifts to the School from Dr. Dolan’s extensive and prized collection. Join us and learn more about Dr. Dolan, her collection, and the history of nursing. Nursing History … generously shared, gratefully received.

Visitors welcome! See the Dolan Collection in its newly renovated location, Storrs Hall 2nd floor.

The Carolyn Ladd Widmer building, built in 1939, was the University of Connecticut’s first infirmary. It contained an open ward for patients, several private rooms, office space and a large sitting room with a fireplace. The School of Nursing first occupied the Widmer Building, also known as “the cottage”, in 1950 when the present day infirmary was constructed. Conversion of the building’s open ward into a classroom, and the private rooms into offices, made the space suitable for academic purposes. For the Nursing School, this relieved a decade of being in confined quarters in the Home Economics building. From the mid 1950s until the 1968-69 academic year, the building was shared with the School of Physical Therapy. The significant structural deterioration and potential exorbitant costs to relocate the building prompted a decision to demolish “the cottage” in December 1996.

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The Carolyn Ladd Widmer Building was painted by Allie Eadoksh in 1919 for her class reunion in September 2001.

A timeless commitment to an ever brighter future for nursing.”

Laura Cox Dzurec
’74, PhD, RN, CS
Dean and Professor

Significant growth and change in the 2003-2004 academic year characterize the School of Nursing. Interest in nursing at UConn has soared, with increases in student numbers throughout our programs. Designed to help meet the needs of our State’s nursing shortage, new initiatives like the Master’s Entry Into Nursing (MeEIN) program are underway.

Enthusiastic MeEIN Students from the 2004 class began their studies in January. This second class of MeEIN students will be eligible to sit for the licensing examination in January 2005. The tremendous public appeal of our MeEIN program is evident, as our applicant numbers continue to increase.

Eager to Enter the World of Nursing, students will have better access to nursing education statewide because our commitment to learning encompasses seamless opportunities and collaboration with regional campuses to increase nursing presence statewide.

Excellent Advising helps students progress efficiently toward their professional goals, with the support of Assistant Dean Kathleen A. Hiatt.

Encouraged by Our Progress, we are expanding support for our faculty, students, and programs. UConn nursing is a great investment! Every dollar counts in helping us reach our campaign goal by June 30, 2004.

Our dynamic students and faculty are advancing the health and well being of our State and region. Faculty and student scholarship make significant contributions to nursing science. Please contact us at any time to learn more about the School.

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Un singers
Both Bob and Margaret Patricelli are health care administration professionals in the true sense of the word. They have immersed themselves in the field, contributing to it at every level but actual clinical practice. “I love this field!” said Margaret. “Health care - or its absence, affects everyone. It’s constantly changing field, in which technology and demographics play major roles.”

Health care serves as an integral part of their lives, as it was fitting to Bob and Margaret that they establish the Robert & Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation Scholarship for the School of Nursing. John William, Schofield’s executive director, believes the program is a testament to Hartford community service organizations. Margaret and John make frequent site visits to their grants.

“Reversing the shortage of nurses and maintaining excellence in nursing training are critical issues in today’s health care system.” Margaret affirms. “We find it especially gratifying to meet with those responsible for providing health care services that truly benefit the community.” She went on, “Having the opportunity recently to meet Stacey Renil, the current recipient of the Patricelli Family Foundation Scholarship gave us a deeper appreciation for how her gift to the School of Nursing is opening doors to Hartford students with strong interest in the field.”

Margaret Patricelli with Stacey Renil, the current recipient of the Patricelli Family Foundation Scholarship.

When she moved to Connecticut to work at CIGNA in employee benefits and health care, Margaret was accepted at medical school, but decided to attend Harvard Law School. Margaret majored in art history as an undergraduate. She then pursued, through, earning her Master of Public Health at UCLA. Following graduation, she started her career in health services research at Harvard and, advanced her knowledge at a hospital regulatory agency in Massachusetts. After law school, Bob, a former Fulbright Scholar, worked for a time in government, serving as a deputy undersercretary of the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and as a minority counsel to an Senate and House hearing before later joining the field of policy and regulatory issues. He is now founder, chairman and CEO of Evolution Benefits, Inc., a young company that helps companies manage defined contribution benefits, providing electronic payment technology services. Bob then worked as Senior Vice President of Websure, which provides a broad array of services to the health care industry, from clinical trials to industry consulting to practice management services.

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JUST PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL 2002 SEMESTER, the faculty and staff of the School moved into the newly renovated School of Nursing. The unprecedented transformation and success of UConn 2000 fostered legislative support for the newest legislation, 21st Century UConn, that will enable us to plan for an addition to Storrs Hall.

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE COME SEE THE IMPRESSIVE WORK THAT IS UNDERWAY AT THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.