WHY DID THE COLLEGE STUDENT CROSS THE ROAD?

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A Message from the CCSU Alumni Association President

President Judd Retires

After 40 years of service in a variety of leadership roles at Central, President Richard L. Judd ’59 retires in July. During that time he served as director of the Student Center (1964-70), dean of student affairs (1970-80), executive dean for institutional advancement and university affairs (1980-92), vice president for university affairs (1992-96) and, finally, president (1996-2004). In speaking of his plans upon retirement, Dr. Judd said, “I want to spend time with my family and continue to be of service to the University and community. I’m grateful for the honor to have led this University and for the mentorship of two great presidents, Dr. Herbert D. Welte and Dr. F. Don James.” A profile of Dr. Judd’s leadership at the University will appear in a future issue of Central Focus.

If you have not been back to campus in a while, it is now time to schedule a visit. The physical transformation of the University in recent years is nothing short of astounding. Gone is Wells Street, and in its place you will find the recently dedicated Campus Mall: a place adorned with flowers, ample park benches, and yes, flowing water with live fish; a place where students, faculty, alumni and visitors can congregate, talk about the day’s events and relax.

It is all part of Dr. Judd’s vision of creating a campus setting which “contributes to the sense of contagion of intimacy.” Dr. Judd’s vision is now our gift, and the physical transformation of the campus coupled with the many academic accolades the University has received has the University family brimming with pride. The completion of the Campus Mall comes on the heels of the recently constructed, state-of-the-art, Robert C. Vance Academic Center and the newly renovated Student Center. Your University is on the move.

Oh, by the way, you do not have to worry about parking when you visit—parking is easy now that the new parking garage is complete. The campus has truly undergone a transformation, and it is well-worth the visit.

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FROM US TO YOU
Change is the one constant, and perhaps nothing proves this axiom more than recent developments at CCSU. This issue of Central Focus celebrates the unveiling of a beautiful new pedestrian mall, which has completely transformed the former Wells Street that so many alumni remember as a physical and psychological barrier to campus life. This issue also announces the retirement of CCSU President Richard L. Judd, who leaves his office in July. While we will devote more attention to Dr. Judd in a future issue of Central Focus, we take this opportunity to thank him for his 40 years of dedicated service to the University community.

We hope you will take a moment to read about all the many other exciting things that are happening on campus and within the Alumni Association. And, as always, we welcome your thoughts and comments. Our email address is alumnidept@ccsu.edu, so please take a few minutes to write!

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Mention the phrase “Wells Street” and just about anyone connected to CCSU from the past half-century will offer an impassioned argument for why the road had to be closed. Never before, it seems, has there been such consensus on a college campus. So when the University needed to fulfill a $35 million bond obligation to upgrade its utilities, campus leaders saw it as an opportunity to achieve a long-held dream: to convert the former Wells Street corridor—which for years was a physical and psychological barrier to campus life—into a pedestrian mall that would serve as a place where students and faculty could gather, study, relax, and enjoy nature.

“The beauty of the mind should be reflected in the beauty of the surroundings,” says CCSU President Richard L. Judd. “[For as long as I can remember] there wasn’t a place on campus where someone could sit and relax. [So we wanted to create] a space where students and faculty could find peace and quiet and, at the same time, energize [their minds] to thoughtful, creative thinking and stimulating discussion.”

Anyone who has seen the new mall would agree the dream has been fulfilled. Stretching across five acres in the center of campus, it extends lengthwise from Maloney Hall all the way past the Kaiser sports complex. Walking down the mall, one’s senses are captivated by a myriad of landscape and architectural details, including a string of serpentine stone walls punctuated by rocks and boulders; an assortment of wild grasses, flowering trees, rhododendrons, and other plants native to Connecticut; a series of interconnected pools with trickling water and an eight-foot fountain; a maze of brick walkways that link together several circular amphitheater areas; and a network of old-fashioned street lamps.

If students and faculty are happy with the new space, alumni are truly in awe of it. Parking lot existed to the north, students would have to cross Wells at least twice a day to get from the parking lot to the classroom buildings.

Back then, “Wells Street was always clogged with traffic—with people coming from or going to work, and with hundreds—then later thousands—of commuter students trying to get in and out of campus. It was a very busy thoroughfare,” Odell says, recalling that students often feared for their safety.

Students’ worries became reality when a girl was hit crossing the street. Then, with the opening of Welte Auditorium in 1963, followed by the Student Center and Kaiser Hall, it became more critical to get to the other side. The street became a real sore point among students, according to Odell. “We were frustrated that our campus, which had now grown to both sides of the road, was being intercepted by this shortcut road,” he says.

For alumni of Odell’s generation, the transformation of Wells Street to a pedestrian mall is a major triumph. “It has eliminated an artificial barrier and has allowed the campus to become a unified place,” he says. “[It] is the crowning jewel of that campus.”

Another alumna, Tracey Bonvicini ’89, agrees. “The new mall area looks one hundred percent better than it did, and I think it is a wonderful focal point. It gives one the feeling of belonging to something and actually being right in
Looking out from the Student Center and seeing the rolling hills and the tall buildings [beyond] makes it seem as if the Student Center is protected and supported by everything in front of it."

Although the aesthetic improvements are impressive, Judd emphasizes that an equally important goal was achieved with the creation of the concrete tunnel that runs beneath the mall. The tunnel houses water supply pipes and communications cables that connect all of the campus buildings to a new Energy Center currently under construction.

"[The tunnel] was not a glamorous project," says Judd, "but it is probably one of the more significant things we’ve accomplished [because it allowed us to] get our utilities underground and put them in such a way that we will not have the kind of interruptions we’ve sustained over the past six years. That’s clearly a major issue for the future. Without the new Energy Center, the campus would not be able to add another building. [In fact,] we could hardly contain what we are doing right now. So it’s as much for today as it is for tomorrow."

New Britain; it already has been installed and is situated in front of Memorial Hall. The second, titled “The Present,” is currently under design with input from the faculty; it will stand between Burritt Library and the Student Center. The third sculpture, “The Future,” which will express the students’ vision, will be positioned between Copernicus and Memorial Halls. The placement of the sculptures is such that “when you see one, you ought to be able to see the other two, forming a triangle,” says Judd.

Another less glamorous but significant addition is the new Welte parking garage located between Maloney Hall and Welte Auditorium. The six-level brick edifice can accommodate some 1,000 vehicles, making daily life a little easier for students, faculty and visitors.

Now that the warm weather has arrived for good, University leaders are thrilled to see the mall in full bloom and full use. But they are not simply excited that a dream has been realized; they are excited that, by realizing this dream, they may have created a place that will inspire the dreams of others, too.

The transformation of what used to be Wells Street to what is now the campus mall, from when I first came to Central as a freshman in 1962 to when I retired as Dean of Students in 2001, has truly been incredible. Over the years there were many plans put forth to improve it, but support from the State was always so irregular that it was hard to conceive that any of them would actually be implemented. In 1962, Wells Street was merely the northern boundary of the campus. It was lined with homes, and students needed to cross it only to get to the athletic fields. There was an old Quonset hut near the tennis courts where the Student Center now stands, and the street included a bridge, which crossed a stream that flowed through the site. Further up the street was Arute Field, with its impressive gated entrance, now the site of Burritt Library.

Up the hill where the Kaiser Athletic Complex is situated were the remains of a turkey farm, and nestled down in what is now known as the “up the hill quad” was an old orchard and farmhouse that was the residence of Professor Brobury P. Ellis. Heads turned when he drove his ancient right-hand-drive Rolls Royce down Wells Street.

The 60s was an era of growth, though, and soon Wells Street became a main thoroughfare with the construction of Welte Auditorium and May Residence Hall (1963), the Student Center (1964), Kaiser Athletic Center (1965) and Sheridan Residence Hall (1967). Student parking, which was never convenient or plentiful, was also located across Wells Street. Then, as now, most students commuted from off-campus, and both pedestrian and vehicular traffic could be overwhelming. If a pedestrian were daring enough to step foot in the roadway and get a car to stop, there would soon be hundreds of students crossing the street, forcing traffic to a standstill. This would recur at every class break.

In between times, pedestrians could only stand in exasperation and watch the cars pass by. Occasionally, there would be an accident with cars damaged or, worse, a...
It isn’t often that someone gets a building named after them. But then, F. Don James isn’t just anyone. Having served as Central’s ninth President from 1968 to 1987, James is credited with a list of noteworthy achievements, including instituting the University’s first international exchange programs, attaining all-time high student enrollments, overseeing unprecedented growth in campus buildings and facilities, and helping Central gain its University status in 1983.

So while many alumni may recognize his name from James Hall—the newest and (some would say) most attractive residence hall on campus—Dr. James and his wife, Gerti, are more widely recognized for other contributions to the university.

Most recently, they helped to underwrite the bronze sculptures for the new campus mall. One of just a handful of donors to lend their support to the project, the Jameses signed on early during the planning process.

“Several years ago, my wife and I were down talking with Dick Judd,” recalls James. “He showed us how, finally, Wells [Street] was closed, and he described his dream of creating a central part of the campus. He said, ‘You know, I’m thinking [about] a fountain and a sculpture,’ and [Gerti and I] both said, ‘That’s marvelous. We would love to be involved in supporting it financially.’ What attracted them, says James, was the opportunity to create artworks that would stimulate the viewer to think about ‘where the university has come from, [where it is] now, and where it is going.’

When making philanthropic choices, the Jameses gravitate towards ventures that will have a long-standing impact. The sculptures fit this mold. So, too, does the James-Hauser International Exchange Fund, which they established years ago to encourage faculty and student international exchange.

“I was very fortunate, when I was in graduate school, [to receive] a Rotary Fellowship to study in Europe. That opened up my eyes to the whole international dimension of what education can be,” says James. “When I came to Central, I felt that one way to bring the international dimension to campus was to send students and faculty abroad, so we established this fellowship.”

Now retired 17 years, James and his wife currently divide their time between Boston and Zurich, with homes in each city. Although he has more time to devote to scholarly endeavors, James clearly treasures the time he spent at CCSU.

“I loved every minute at Central,” says James. “It was a thrill to be part of an institution that was growing and changing, and, for me, it is equally thrilling now to see the continual growth and change. [Central] is a very important asset for the State of Connecticut. We will always be deeply involved and deeply committed. We are very interested in what is going on, even though we are far away.”

**WHETHER NEAR OR FAR, CCSU WILL ALWAYS FEEL THE PRESENCE OF F. DON AND GERTI JAMES, WHO, THROUGH THEIR VISION AND GENEROSITY, HAVE MADE CENTRAL A BETTER PLACE FOR STUDENTS OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW.**

David Ross Remembers

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student pedestrian injured. Frustration grew, and finally we students stopped traffic for hours to demonstrate our concerns. This prompted a crosswalk to be marked on the roadway, but little else changed. It was some years later, in the 1970s, that the student government president, Peter Berry, met with the Mayor of New Britain and managed to have stop signs placed at that crosswalk.

There would be a gradual transformation to what is now the campus mall. It began with occasional closures of the street for special events, some planned (like homecoming parades and orientation concerts) and others spontaneous (such as rallies and demonstrations). By this time, the old Stanley School had become the Maloney Fine Arts Center, and the only property not belonging to Central consisted of two cemeteries. Then Wells Street was blocked off. The street was still there, but no vehicles were allowed—only pedestrians and the random skateboarder. But the transformation was not complete. One summer’s day, a huge machine appeared on Wells Street and ground it up. Wells Street—the actual pavement—had been sold. So, except for a short section that comes up the hill from East Street to the parking garage and the East Hall physical plant facility, nothing remains of Wells Street.

The front lawn of the Student Center could no longer be called Wells Street “beach,” so named for the dozens of students lounging and tossing Frisbees there on sunny days. I suppose the change was foreshadowed when the student literary magazine ceased to be called the Wells Street Gazette some years prior to the demise of the street itself. And what of the bronze sculpture which sat for some years at the crossroads of Wells Street and its myriad roads and walkways? Aptly named “Interchange,” to represent its being both the physical and intellectual nexus of the campus, this sculpture was created by one of Connecticut’s premier artists for that location. Hopefully, neither it nor Wells Street will ever be forgotten.

Indeed, future generations will hardly discern that Wells Street once bisected the campus, or that it was a force of its own that impacted greatly on campus life. The new mall offers such a change to what we had. It is positioned to become a grand park along the lines envisioned by traditional community architects. It is now the heart of the campus and, hopefully, will be well used and well remembered by future generations.
Happenings

CCSU Alumni Association Grants

In 2003 the CCSU Alumni Association established a grant program to provide funds for projects that will increase visibility of the CCSU Alumni Association while, at the same time, help the University achieve measurable gains toward objectives of its strategic plan. Deans and faculty were encouraged to formulate a project and apply for funding of up to $5,000. Three grants of varying amounts were awarded for the period July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004.

The English Department received a grant of $4,000 for its proposal "I Could Write A Book: Readings by Recent CCSU English Alumni." Alumni would read and/or discuss their own work (poetry, fiction, non-fiction, drama, or work in journalism and related writing fields) at panels to be presented on three different occasions, the panels to be open to all interested participants.

The CCSU Cheerleading Team was awarded $5,000 for the purchase of new uniforms, supporting the improved appearance of a very visible component of CCSU athletic events. $2,500 was committed for "Strengthening Ties with Graduates of Molecular Life Sciences Programs" to prepare and distribute two newsletters (Fall and Spring) and support an alumni reunion with graduates of the programs.

Applications have closed for the period beginning July 1, 2004 and grant applications are being considered by the CCSU Alumni Association Management Committee.

Central Calling...

On any given night during CCSU’s phonathon, real fingers push real buttons as twelve Central students introduce themselves to approximately 250 alumni, inform them of campus events and initiatives, explain the happenings in the lives of current students and appeal for their support of the CCSU Annual Fund. “Alumni genuinely appreciate a call from a student; they are interested in hearing about Central from a student's perspective,” says Kate Nealon ’03, phonathon supervisor.

State appropriations currently cover 37 percent of the cost of educating each student, with tuition and fees providing the remaining 63 percent. Annual fund gifts provide supplementary resource income for a myriad of areas including the library, scholarships, as well as the athletic and academic programs and cultural events.

As of 5/11/04, nearly $32,000 was either pledged or already given during the spring phonathon, according to Assistant Director of Development Joe Gordon. “We strive for 100 percent alumni participation and hope each graduate can help us reach that goal before the close of the fiscal year on June 30th,” says Gordon.

According to Gordon, the phonathon raises more than just donations. He notes that as the percentage of alumni giving increases, so does the University’s rank in publications such as U.S. News & World Report, thus increasing the value of a Central degree. “The act of giving is just as important as the size of the gift,” says Gordon. “Every gift, regardless of amount, makes CCSU better.”

The Hoop Group

For the fifth year Blue Devil Basketball fans have flocked to Angelico’s Café once a month, through the basketball season, to hear Coach Howie Dickenman discuss various aspects of college basketball and report on the progress of the CCSU Blue Devil team. The enthusiastic audience at the CCSU Alumni Association-sponsored Hoop Group Lunch Series enjoys a buffet lunch; Coach Dickenman’s informative, often humorous, report on prospects for the upcoming season, the NCAA’s tough new standards, and other topics; as well as prizes, surprises and networking opportunities. Hoop Group has become one of Blue Devil basketball’s most exciting traditions.

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March 2, 2004 marked a birthday celebration that stretched from one end of Connecticut to the other when the Central Connecticut State University Alumni Association joined the National Education Association, for the second year, to promote Read Across America Day and the 100th Birthday of Dr. Seuss. A very successful initiative of the CCSU Alumni Association, to reach into the community and inspire students to read, stay in school and seek higher education (hopefully at CCSU!), counted participation by 434 alumni who read to students in 128 schools in 67 towns from Greenwich to Enfield. Alumni readers presented a bookmark noting the celebration of Read Across America to the children to whom they read; 45,842 bookmarks were distributed, an increase of 10,000 from the first year.

The program’s alumni honorary chairpersons were Superior Court Judge, State of Connecticut, Carmen E. Espinosa ’71; CCSU President Richard L. Judd ’59; Congressman John B. Larson ’73; and Hartford Courant Columnist Stan Simpson ’84.

Alumni Office staff and members of the CCSU Alumni Association Board of Directors joined alumni teachers at Burr Elementary School in Hartford for a celebration of reading and education.
Mentor Connections Program

The CCSU Alumni Association, along with the CCSU Office of Career Services, announces a new service, Mentor Connections, a career advising network which promises to be an important resource for students and alumni.

The Mentor Connections program will consist of a strong network of contacts, in a wide variety of careers, who offer advice, pertinent occupational information, and professional insight to assist students and alumni in their professional development. Individuals who access the network must be registered with Career Services and will be instructed to ask for advice and information only.

For further information contact Pat Deloy at (860) 832-1638 or deloyp@ccsu.edu.

Picture This!
1. CCSU Alumni Association president Wendell Davis ’89 and son, Garrett, enjoying the Big Slide at 2003 Homecoming.
2. 2003 Homecoming Parade
3. Class of ’53 reunion
4. Tom ’89 and Ann (Hogan) Evanko ’86, with daughter Nicole, enjoying homecoming.
6. (l-r) Bill Detrick ’50 and Bob Skinner ’55 at 2004 Florida reunion.
7. (l-r) Murva Ennis Deneen ’56 & Don Deneen ’56, Joan & Mike Perrone ’59 at 2004 Florida reunion.

Save the Date!
Saturday, October 2, 2004
Homecoming
Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno on Campus

Criminology and Criminal Justice students had a special opportunity to hear former Attorney General Janet Reno on the CCSU campus on March 30, 2004. Ms. Reno, the first woman to serve as U.S. Attorney General, spoke on “Public Service and Problem Solving” at a colloquium that was also open to the community. Reno’s appearance was jointly sponsored by Criminology and Criminal Justice, the Department of Geography, and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Members of the Criminal Justice Honors’ Society and the Criminal Justice Club met with Reno personally before the event.

Reno, one of 16 women among 500 graduates of Harvard Law School’s Class of 1960, described public service as “a wonderful calling, and far better than earning billable hours” in private practice. Drawing on her own experience in public service since 1971, Reno challenged her CCSU audience “to get involved, work together, listen to others, hear the nuances” and “touch lives and make a difference.” She pointed out the need for public servants from a wide variety of academic disciplines.

As the 78th Attorney General of the United States, leading 125,000 employees of the nation’s largest law enforcement office, Reno was the longest-serving attorney general since the Civil War; she served during both terms of former President Bill Clinton. The daughter of two Florida journalists, Reno is often praised for her integrity, independence and devotion to the laws of society. In recognition of the impression she made at CCSU, she was given a standing ovation at the conclusion of her remarks.

CCSU Celebrates Women’s History Month

Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, former United States Senator and Democratic presidential candidate, presented the keynote address at the annual Women’s Day Luncheon on March 10, 2004, speaking on why women should be involved in the political process and major issues currently encountered by women working in Washington, D.C. Moseley Braun also presented a second lecture that focused on why political activism is important for today’s generation of college students.

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Women’s Soccer Sets the Pace

Head women’s soccer coach Mick D’Arcy can say he was the first. His women’s soccer team at Central Connecticut did something no other team in the Division I era had done, and they did it convincingly.

After winning its second straight Northeast Conference tournament title in 2004, and advancing to its second straight NCAA Tournament, the women’s soccer team defeated host Boston College in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the program and schools first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament victory. Following the thrilling 1-0 shutout victory over Boston College, the Blue Devils advanced to face Connecticut in the tournament for the second straight season.

The Huskies and Blue Devils were tied at two before UConn scored the game-winning goal with 3:25 remaining in double overtime, ending the Blue Devils’ season with a school record 16-3-3 overall mark. The Huskies advanced to the National Championship game and were never threatened again until their loss in the final game, making CCSU performance all the more impressive.

The success of the women’s soccer team spring-boarded what would be an incredible ride for the Blue Devil athletics teams this year. The volleyball team also advanced to the NEC Championship game and Head Coach Linda Sagnelli was named the NEC Coach of the Year. The men’s soccer team also played for the NEC Championship. Head Coach Shaun Green was named Coach of the Year while freshman Alex Harrison was named the conference’s Rookie of the Year. The women’s soccer team, following its impressive ride to the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament, earned the conference’s Coach of the Year (D’Arcy), Player of the Year (Kelly Shimmin, her second straight honor) and Rookie of the Year (Jess McCavanagh).

The honors weren’t just limited to success on the field for the Blue Devils last fall. Junior goalkeeper Sabrina Mariani, the NEC Student-Athlete of the Year in 2003, was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America third team for her performance in the classroom as well as her athletic prowess this past season. Mariani also earned regional recognition for the second straight year and was the NEC Scholar Athlete in her sport. The honors and awards earned by the women’s soccer team earned during the 2004 season are too numerous to list here and they continue to roll in.

Basketball Blue Devils Finish Strong

Adding to the continued national exposure for the Blue Devils, the men’s basketball team finished the season with an overall record of 14-14, winning nine of the last 13 games, and made another appearance on the national stage when it played in the nationally televised NEC Championship game on March 10, on ESPN2.

Despite the loss to Monmouth, the Blue Devils put together their sixth straight season with a record of .500 or better, the first time in school history the Blue Devils can make that claim.

NEC Player of the Year Ron Robinson became the conference’s all-time leader in career rebounds, as well as only the second player in conference history to record 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. As the only senior on a team that proved to be one of the best in the NEC, Robinson leaves the Blue Devils in good hands for next season.

Masella Named Football Coach

Tom Masella, a former Defensive Coordinator at both Massachusetts and Louisiana Tech, was recently named head football coach. Masella spent the last two seasons at UMass and helped lead the Minutemen to the 2003 Atlantic-10 championship and a berth in the Division I-AA playoffs. The team finished 11th in the final Sports Network I-AA poll with a 10-3 overall record. The Wagner College graduate will face his former team at home on September 25, 2004 in his first season with the Blue Devils.
49. Rory (Delucy) Helbing is retired and enjoying boating on Long Island.

51. Paul J. Sorbo, Jr. is retired at age 75 and active in a Parkinson’s Disease support group. Lillian (Olson) Thomsen is retired and serving as secretary of the steering committee of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Rutland, VT.

54. Nellie F. Shepard is retired after 34 years of teaching chemistry and science in Canton and Southington schools, but teaching computer classes at the Calendar House Senior Center in Southington, CT. She also visits nursing homes with her therapy dog, Sirrah, a Brittany spaniel.

56. Allyn Hartman Rule is retired from teaching at Boston College.

57. Janet (Sinkiewicz) Sola received a grant from UBS Warburg to attend the NYSE Graduate Teachers Workshop, and was chosen to “ring the opening bell” above the exchange.

59. Joan (Aakjar) Schultz and Eugene N. Schultz, Jr. have retired from teaching in East Lyme, CT, but Eugene has stayed on as Director of Adult Education. They enjoy extended stays at their vacation home in South Newfane, VT.

62. Russell (Spike) Marcotte lived in Tenerife, Canary Islands for several years after retiring from Sedgwick Middle School in West Hartford, CT. He and wife, Valerie, currently reside in Pompano Beach, FL.

63. Bob L. Gioscia (MS) has published his second book, Cutter Lives (The Principal Assassin Returns), a sequel to The Principal Assassin: Genia (Pauli) Haddon/Corrie L. Triewth has also recently published another book, Through a Stroke of Luck: Seeing Simple Mysteries of the Universe chronicles Triewth’s experience of paralysis as a result of suffering a stroke and the process of recovery, and challenges conventional understanding of how human and divine interface. Her hometown’s volunteer ambulance corps is the recipient of all royalties.

64. Pamela (Robbins) Quinn retired in June of 2003 after 39 years of teaching, the last 36 in the San Francisco bay area. Philip J. Spring retired from Montville Public Schools, CT and resides with wife, Karen, in Winston-Salem, NC for the winter and Frye Island, ME for the summer.

65. Joseph B. Geraci (MS ’70) retired from New Britain Public Schools but is on the adjunct faculty at Mitchell College in New London, CT and University of New Haven. He is a hearing officer for the Town of Waterford and is active in the boating community.

66. Beverly (Parizzo) Pelletier has retired from Newington Public Schools after 35 years of teaching.

68. Jamie (Yimoyines) Newman (MS ’71, 6th Yr ’88) and William J. Newman ’71 have retired and moved to Savannah, GA. Jamie was principal of Sedgwick Middle School in West Hartford, CT and Bill was a consultant for the Hartford Insurance Group. Jo-Ann M. Olsen was awarded a grant of $7,000 from Toyota to create a booklet, A Mathematical Walking Tour of Historic Fairfield Center, with her 8th grade students. She retired in June, 2003 after teaching 35 years at Tomlinson Middle School in Fairfield, CT.

69. Donald R. Hallin is retired from New Britain High School.

70. Beverly (Nelson) Perotti visited Japan for three weeks immersing herself in Japanese culture and learning about how the country’s school system works as one of 200 teachers nationwide selected to participate in the program sponsored by the Japanese government and the Fulbrights Teacher Memorial Fund.

71. Margaret (Berger) Morse (MS), a retired elementary school teacher, has published her fourth book, Vermont Life Stories—Memories of Summer Living in the Green Mountain State Revised, the proceeds of which (and all of Margaret’s books) fund a not-for-profit account for cancer patients who are in financial need.

72. Justice Yaw Akrofi was elected Archbishop of the Church of the Province of West Africa (Anglican Communion) at its ecclesiastical college in September, 2003.

74. Alan B. Goldstein, retired after 22 years with Northeast Utilities, is teaching at Manchester, CT High School. Peter R. Laroche recently relocated with his wife, Peggy, from Asheville, NC to Winston-Salem, NC to accept the position of President & CEO of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Forsyth County. Dr. Denis M. Medeiros is professor, and head of the Department of Human Nutrition, at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

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73. John J. Nowobolski, golf pro at Tallwood Country Club in Hebron, CT, was honored by the Connecticut Section PGA, with the President’s Trophy for his fund-raising efforts to benefit its golf foundation.

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Matthew T. Dillon is engineering and project manager for P & O Ports North America in Iselin, NJ.

Dr. John A. Kelmelis, chief scientist for geography at the U. S. Geological Survey, has accepted a temporary assignment as senior counselor for earth science at the U. S. Department of State to provide policy level advice on using geography, geology, hydrology, biology, oceanography, climatology, and related sciences and technologies in establishing and executing U. S. foreign policy and in building confidence in science and technology in foreign regions of interest to the United States.

Keith T. Hall was promoted to transportation supervising planner for the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Drake L. Waldron was elected to city council in Torrington, CT. He teaches business and coaches cross country at Torrington High School.

Edward L. Sheehan, Jr., the former postmaster of Beacon Falls, CT, retired from the U. S. Postal Service after 37 years and went back to school. He received a Master of Arts degree from Wesleyan University in May, 2003, and is now a substitute teacher in regional school districts 14 and 15.

Michael M. Meade was elected to a third term on the Farmington, CT town council. Richard P. Price (formerly Pricone) is self-employed as a freelance broadcast journalist. Christopher G. Barlow received his master’s degree in Educational Technology from Fairfield University. He is the library media specialist for John Winthrop Elementary School in Bridgeport, CT.

Andre L. Beaudoin, profiled in Hartford Business Journal for his role as co-host of ProSchnooze, a new business networking organization and his most recent venture, is founder of Andre Inspires, a motivational speaking business, and is building a pre-paid legal services business. Beaudoin, who contracted polio in childhood, conducts workshops either on crutches or in a wheelchair. Advantages Disadvantages draws on the grueling experience of recovery, and building up lung capacity, that involved tremendous physical challenge and discipline.

Katherine (Sackett) Sniffin received the Miriam Joseph Farrell Distinguished Teacher Award for New England from the National Catholic Educators Association. She has taught at St. Gregory the Great School in Danbury, CT since 1984. Alan A. Waker is director of finance and operations at El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission in Austin, TX.

Glenn R. Gieve was promoted to assistant vice president and assistant branch manager-New Jersey at the PMA Insurance Group. He and wife, AmnMarie Gieve are reside in Cherry Hill, NJ. Anthony J. Switajewski, senior tax manager with the Hartford office of Deloitte & Touche LLP was appointed chair of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants-State Taxation Committee, for 2003-04.

Karen B. Phelan (MS) is the children’s librarian assistant branch librarian at the Spuyten Duyvil Branch of the New York Public Library.

Susan (Anderson) Fuhr and Kevin J. Fuhr announce the birth of their second son, Weston Matthew on June 27, 2003. West’s older brother, Owen, is two years old.

Sally (Bergen) Biggs (MS, 6th yr ’95), assistant principal at South Windsor High School, was honored by the Connecticut Association of Schools as a 2004 assistant principal of the year. Sally has been an educator for 19 years and vice principal at South Windsor High since 1995. Elizabeth (Tosches) Nolan and Scott J. Nolan announce the adoption of a son, Derick John. Cassandra Voriseck-Creto is currently on sabatical from the corporate world and starting her own business, The Wholesome Horse, as well as spending more time with her family and her horse, Gigi.

Jeffrey W. Foch has been appointed dean of business and technology at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA. Michael J. Guinan is publisher and editor-in-chief of Hartford Magazine. Stewart J. Miller is an optician, and the new owner of Opticians Unlimited, LLC in downtown Hartford, CT. Laura (Crawford) Provencal married Thomas Provencal, Jr. on June 14, 2003. Laura is the office manager for Phoenix Systems in Westport, CT.

Nancy (Puglisi) Rolfe and Thomas A. Rolfe ’88 announce the birth of twin boys, Benjamin and William, who join big brother James. Tom is a case worker for the CT Department of Mental Retardation and Nancy is an assistant project engineer with the CT Department of Transportation.

Michael J. Coppola married Patricia Norton on September 5, 2003. Michael has relocated to Hong Kong and is working in Product Development for Timex Corporation. Michele (Melillo) Dellipoali and Thomas A. Dellipoali announce the birth of Lydia Grace. Tom has completed a master’s degree in Business Management at Albertus Magnus University and Michele completed her master’s degree in Business Administration at SCSU. Dariusz Orłowski and wife, Leanne (Sabin) Orłowski announce the birth of Isabella Marie who joins brother, Alex, and sister, Olivia. Carrie (Martin) Rametta received a master’s degree in Nursing from the University of Hartford and is currently the nurse case manager of the sub acute unit at Britanny Farms Health Center in New Britain, CT. Vanessa E. Rossitto, CPA of Blum Shapiro in West Hartford, CT has been appointed director of governmental services. She is also chair of governmental accounting and auditing for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants for 2003-04.

Susan J. Slaga earned a master’s degree in library and information science from Simmons College, and is now a reference librarian for business services at Nashua Public Library in Nashua, NH. She is also a contributing author for the Encyclopedia of American Business.

Lisa (Bartush) Collins and husband, Richard, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Mae. Lisa is a case manager, worker’s compensation, for Liberty Mutual. Tracy A. Dumont was honord at the Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity annual awards dinner. Tracy is employed by Aetna and Mark W. Gardner is working as a teacher with the Urban League of Greater Hartford in Hartford, CT. Clifford A. Rankin, a manager for Harper & Whitfield, PC in Farmington, CT was recently appointed chair of the bylaws committee of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants for 2003-04. Kimberly Zanini-Bryant, her husband, Rob, and son, Kurtis...
In Memoriam

Cletus A. Clow, Vice President, Emeritus, died on October 12, 2003. Clow joined Central in 1965 as an associate professor of business education. He was promoted to Vice President of Administrative Affairs in 1974, before accepting a post with the State Colleges Board of Trustees to oversee financial and management planning for the four state colleges. He served the University for nine years and retired from the state in 1976.

Cynthia C. Guerlin, Administrative Support Coordinator, English Department, died on December 4, 2003. Guerlin joined the CCSU faculty in 1987 as a university assistant and was promoted to Administrative Support Coordinator in 1998. The Cynthia Guerlin Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established in her memory to benefit undergraduate students at CCSU.

Patti Lynn O’Brien, Professor of Reading and Language Arts, Emerita, died on November 5, 2003, at the age of 63. O’Brien joined the Central faculty in 1970 and retired in 2003. She was dedicated to helping children learn how to read and to showing teachers how to help them learn. O’Brien was an avid traveler and photographer.

Marie E. White, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Emerita, died on August 27, 2003. White retired from CCSU in 1986 after 17 years of service to the University. She was an advocate for women’s rights and equality for minorities at Central and in the community. She helped start the Women’s Center and established the Educational Opportunity Program at CCSU.
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