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I enjoyed meeting Adami. I attended the Financial Leadership Forum with Guy Adami, who was pictured in the last issue. While a student, I was on the “Face to Face” segment of CNBC’s “Fast Money,” the show where Guy is a trader. As an alumnus, I’m proud that we are able to get such distinguished speakers to give real market/timey information to students. These events also create a tremendous networking opportunity. It’s great to talk with current students and pass wisdom on to them. I would love to see more events, especially at night to encourage alumni attendance.—*Ted Koly ’07, MBA ’08*

**Another run at NCAA**

The 2009–10 season was historic for our men’s basketball program. We set a school record with 23 wins, captured our first Northeast Conference regular season championship with a 15–3 record, and earned the first bid in school history to a Division I national postseason tournament when we played at Virginia Tech in the NIT. We also set attendance records at the TD Bank Sports Center—we were undefeated at home (12–0) and in the state (16–0) in the regular season.

The culmination was a thrilling NEC championship game against Robert Morris on March 10 that aired on national TV. The estimated crowd of 4,500 created an electrifying atmosphere and showed the country the unique enthusiasm that defines the Quinnipiac University community. To all of you alums who have “come home” to see us play at the arena, thank you. For those of you who haven’t, we expect to make another run at the NCAA Tournament bid and we hope you can be part of the action.—*Tom Moore, head men’s basketball coach*

**Williams lauds Motley tribute**

Quinnipiac deserves a great deal of credit for hosting “The Celebration of Constance Baker Motley’s Life and Work” (covered in last issue). There are some special moments that thrill you and stay with you long afterward, and this tribute was such a moment for me. It was special on several levels. The most obvious was the presence of so many people who are stars in their own right, from Vernon Jordan to Henry Louis Gates to Calvin Trillin, Charlayne Hunter Gault and Doug Schone. Each told stories about different parts of American history involving the late Judge Motley. With their star power, they helped shine a light on her brilliance.

There are also moments when people like Judge Motley finally get their credit. To quote Dr. Martin Luther King from his 1965 Montgomery, Ala., speech: “...truth crushed to the earth will rise again. How long? Not long...because you reap what you sow. How long? Not long...because the arc of the moral universe is long but bends toward justice.” If that is the case, then what we saw at Quinnipiac was truth in the form of long overdue credit to Judge Motley come alive. It was not only a commemoration, but a moment of celebration that I found inspirational.—*Juan Williams, broadcast journalist*

**Greek Forever**

In the last issue, the article on Greek life painted a good picture of how it has grown at Quinnipiac. Greek organizations nationally have shifted paradigms, committing to developing members intellectually, physically and emotionally. The bonds shared between members go far beyond the observable camaraderie to shared values and beliefs that set fraternal organizations apart from other student organizations. My time at Quinnipiac was defined not only by the lessons I learned in class, but through the interpersonal and leadership skills I developed with Tau Kappa Epsilon. I hope QU continues to foster Greek life so that more students can have the opportunity to become future leaders and responsible members of society.—*Richard Wallace ’09*

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One Saturday in April, 750 students headed to 53 agencies from Wallingford to Stanford, cooking meals, collecting trash and painting as part of a nationwide community service program called The Big Event.

Jen Walts ’10, a Student Government Association officer, had looked into the program launched 27 years ago by Texas A&M University that has expanded to 200 universities. It took a year to plan the event and get community organizations and student volunteers on board.

“We’re benefiting so many people who need the help and making a large impact on how the campus views community service,” she said. Walts also wanted to do something to leave a mark on the campus community.

“I think the enthusiasm of college students really provides a valuable resource,” said Hamden Mayor Scott D. Jackson.

Junior Caitlin Guarino spent the day cleaning debris from the Long Wharf Nature Preserve in New Haven. “It always surprises me what little effort it takes to help out in a substantial way,” she said.

Sophomore Louis Durak felt “a surge of pride” when he laid down his brush to survey the benches and swing sets he painted at the Wallingford Community Day Care Center. “Just to know we helped somebody and took the time out of our day felt so right.”
Grads sport ‘green’ garb

Following black Commencement gowns may be traditional, but they’ve never been terribly fashionable or functional, especially on a warm spring day. This past May, however, the gowns worn by the 1,432 undergraduates were fashionably sustainable.

Each gown was woven from plastic pellets made from recycled drink bottles—about 23 in each to be exact. Quinnipiac’s Maria Bimonte, who works with vendors, asked some students to compare an old and new gown and guess which one was made from biodegradable materials. The one they thought was coarser, more wrinkle-prone and shiny turned out to be the traditional gown. This year, blue and gold tassels replaced the former black ones on their mortarboards, made of recycled cardboard.

Commencement speaker Bill Nye, “The Science Guy,” continued the theme in a lively speech in which he challenged students not just to conserve resources but to invent new methods of attaining, storing and sharing energy. Nye hosts three TV series: “The 100 Greatest Discoveries” on the Science Channel; “The Eyes of Nye” on PBS and “Stuff Happens” on Planet Green. Nye and Irish character actor Milo O’Shea received honorary degrees at the ceremony.

A week earlier, 573 graduate students received degrees at a ceremony where they were addressed by Patrick A. Charmel ’81, president and CEO of Griffin Health Services. Charmel, president of QU’s Alumni Association National Board of Governors, had good news for job seekers. “The current unemployment rate for those holding an advanced degree is under five percent,” he said.

The School of Law awarded juris doctor degrees to 100 students after an address by Connecticut Supreme Court Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers. She and Judge Samuel S. Freedman were presented with honorary degrees.

IRISH FAMINE EXHIBIT TRAVELS TO NYC

“Ireland’s Great Hunger, An Gorta Mór: The Quinnipiac University Collection,” is on display through Sept. 3 at the Consulate General of Ireland, 345 Park Ave., New York City. The exhibition showcases sculpture, paintings, and writings on the famine, which lasted from 1845-1850. The exhibit is permanently housed in the Lender Special Collection room in the Arnold Bernhard Library at Quinnipiac. For more information on this exhibit, visit www.thegreathunger.org.

EXPLORING “THE WALL”

In February, filmmaker Ricardo Martinez screened his documentary, “The Wall,” about building the controversial structure that stretches 700 miles along the U.S. and Mexico border from Brownsville, Texas, to San Diego, Calif., and how the wall affects people living and working near it. After, he took questions from the audience. During the three years he worked on the project, Martinez spoke with illegal immigrants, immigration lawyers and homeowners, and law enforcement officers in both countries.

EARTH DAY DRAWS CROWD

In the largest Earth Day event in University history, students poured into Alumni Hall in April to take part in a variety of activities focused on raising conservation and sustainability awareness on campus. In addition to perusing an extensive collection of eco-themed posters and presentations, event goers were offered organic food and plants. A “York Hill Goes Green” presentation highlighted the 25 wind turbines on the York Hill campus expected to generate 32,000 kilowatts of power annually.
Politics, peace and change discussed

This spring, campus audiences heard Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson, right, share his thoughts about the historic election of President Barack Obama and author and humanitarian Greg Mortenson, top right, discuss the importance of promoting peace through education in politically unstable countries.

In February, Robinson delivered the Black History Month lecture, “We’re Somewhere We’ve Never Been: Race, Diversity and the New America.” He discussed his own experience with segregation, the violence he witnessed in 1968 as young protesters fought for equality, and the pride he felt seeing a black man elected president. His series on the election earned him a Pulitzer Prize.

In March, the Albert Schweitzer Institute brought Mortenson, author of The New York Times bestsellers “Three Cups of Tea” and “Stones into Schools,” to discuss the benefits of education in poor regions, particularly for girls. Educating women reduces infant mortality and prevents violence.

Mortenson has helped build schools in some of the most volatile regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. His efforts were inspired by children he encountered in Pakistan. Without a teacher or classroom, they used sticks to write in the dirt. One child asked him if he could build them a school, which he did. Mortenson has been successful in building schools because he puts local residents in charge, which gives them a sense of ownership, he said. “We want to help people, but we also want to empower people.”

Women’s health concerns author

Judy Norsigian, right, executive director of Our Bodies Ourselves, a nonprofit women’s health organization, delivered the keynote address at the 16th annual Celebrating Women’s Creativity Conference in February. The organization’s book, “Our Bodies Ourselves,” first published in 1970, helped inspire a movement to improve women’s health and has been translated into 29 languages. At the conference, Norsigian discussed issues still affecting women, including misinformation in pharmaceutical advertising, the need for more midwives in healthcare and the growing popularity of cosmetic surgery among young women and its dangers. Other conference highlights included a talk by Mary Ann (Urban) Cordeau ’86, assistant professor of nursing, on nursing during the American Civil War, and a discussion moderated by Professor Sharon Kleinman titled, “Our Culture of Efficiency: Flourishing in a Time-Pressed World.”

IN FACT

Mummy gets high-tech exam

Last semester, two Quinnipiac professors examined a 4,000-year-old mummy from The Barnum Museum in Bridgeport, Conn., using powerful new diagnostic imaging equipment in the School of Health Sciences on the North Haven Campus.

Ronald Beckett, professor emeritus of diagnostic imaging, and Jerry Conlogue, MHS ’77, professor of diagnostic imaging, investigated what appeared to be a foreign object in the body, which some people thought might be a bird. They found that assumption not to be the case.

The mummy, named Pa-Ib, has been on display at the museum since 1896. The duo had examined it in 2006. This year, they used a 64-slice Aquillion CT unit that provided more precise data. The School of Health Sciences also has labs with an MRI and an Ultimax digital X-ray/fluoroscopic system. With the scans, researchers can learn more about the people whose bodies were mummified, including how they lived, how they died and the types of medical problems they had.

Conlogue said Pa-Ib was a woman who probably died of dental disease when she was in her early 30s. They unveiled their findings at the presentation, “A Night at the Museum: Secrets of the Barnum Mummy,” at the Barnum Museum in March.
In retrospect

Hundreds of alumni gathered at Reunion Weekend in late May. Highlights included a party at the Ratt (now the Bobcat Den) and singing along on the Quad to the tunes of Dave Binder.

1. President John L. Lahey, center, with, from left: Marc Jomini ’75, Robin Jomini, Duane Paul and Pamela (Lockyer) Paul ’80

2. Kristen (Stikkel) Nowacki ’99, MPT ’01, with daughter Olivia, 13 months.

3. John Lipka ’54, left, his wife, Eva, and Ed Gorman ’59

4. Louis F. Venturelli ’11, current Student Government Association president, with Marilyn (Villano) Lyons ’55 and Paul Falcone ’54, SGA presidents from 1955 and 1954 respectively

5. Scott Mirmina ’85 assists fellow alumni with photos.

6. Alumni relive May Weekend by doing Dave Binder’s version of “The Unicorn Song.”
What, if anything, should the U.S. or citizens do to improve education in less-developed nations?
(Question posed before humanitarian Greg Mortenson’s lecture)

“We all have the ability to make changes in education, communication, health care, economics and poverty. Imagine what we all could do together if we focused on helping a cause.” —JENNA ULIANO ’11, JOURNALISM

Lisa Kito, parent of Chris ’10, management, and Ken ’13, finance
“We should teach children about what’s going on around the world. I want them to think about humanity and get them to see what’s happening outside their little worlds so we’ll have a whole generation willing to help people in other countries.”

Hillary Federico ’10, journalism and political science
“We should be encouraging the advancement of developing nations because that is truly the only hope we ever have of achieving a universal peace.”

Jameson Cherilus ’11, political science
“To improve education in less developed nations, I believe U.S. citizens have to be much more politically engaged. Since we all are concerned with combating extremist activities, we must recognize that we have a responsibility to ensure that access to education is not a privilege, but a fundamental right. Assessing our foreign policy, questioning our elected officials, and not waiting to be told to take action is what needs to be done; that is, if we are truly concerned with improving education in less-developed nations.”

Derek Stanley ’11, political science
“We need to understand the culture to determine how best to help. I’m going to Nicaragua. I’m going to learn Spanish to be able to communicate and to ask the people there what they need instead of assuming what they need.”

Chris Tsagaris ’10, management
“We should continue to collect resources—pencils, paper, notebooks—and send them to these countries. Through my travels to Nicaragua and Guatemala, I’ve seen the conditions of their classrooms, and they aren’t very good.”

IFILL ACCEPTS FRIENDLY AWARD

Gwen Ifill never met Fred Friendly, but the former president of CBS news shaped her career. Ifill, moderator and managing editor of the PBS program, “Washington Week,” and senior correspondent for the “PBS NewsHour,” accepted the School of Communication’s annual Fred Friendly First Amendment Award at a June luncheon in New York City. She said she has Friendly to thank for her tenure at PBS. “He was the one who figured out that noncommercial television could be the smartest platform available, that it could be a home for news and information and for his Fred Friendly Seminars, too,” she said. Hoda Kotb, a host of NBC’s “Today,” said, “Gwen is the quintessential journalist, and the award reminds us of what’s important... The big ‘j’ in journalism needs to be preserved.” Visit www.youtube.com/quinnipiacuniversity to see the video.
Students create training video

Quinnipiac students collaborated with an advocate for rape victims to create a training video for law enforcement officers who work with victims of sexual assault. Communications Professor Rebecca Abbott recruited four seniors to team with Donna Palomba, founder of Jane Doe No More, an organization that works to raise awareness and improve the way society responds to victims of sexual assault.

Michael Billera, Curtis Conroy, Tara Gordon and Farrell Henneberry—all 2010 graduates—worked alongside veteran filmmakers Richard and Didi Dobb’s. Richard Dobb’s has directed episodes of “Law & Order” and “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.”

Exploring Nicaragua

In May, the Albert Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac organized four service trips to León, Nicaragua. A group of 20 School of Law students and professors and four Connecticut lawyers collaborated with their legal counterparts in Nicaragua during a three-day conference addressing domestic violence, mediation and human rights. The conference explored some of the changes in the Nicaraguan legal system, as well as the country’s legal challenges. Students from the law school at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua attended. During the conference, they heard from sugar cane workers who are experiencing health problems after working with pesticides.

Danielle (Robinson) Briand, JD ’10, co-president of the QU International Human Rights Law Society, was moved by the workers. “It’s powerful to meet with people who are suffering and have few opportunities to make a change in their lives, but are organizing against injustice nevertheless,” she said.

Seven Quinnipiac nursing students and two faculty members visited the city’s hospital and witnessed the challenges of working with aging equipment and limited resources. Theater professor Crystal Brian and six theater students created three plays based on Nicaraguan folk tales and performed them at two different schools.

Sean Duffy, associate professor, and seven political science students learned about the political economy of the region and visited a factory that makes parts for American car companies. The students also joined with Nicaraguan veterans to paint the first of three panels in a mural that represents reconciliation efforts in a country that remains politically divided. “We’re helping this group of veterans tell their stories as a way to move beyond the conflict,” said Duffy.

Crescendo!

Fred Rossmando, who teaches music appreciation at Quinnipiac, remembers his first year directing the QU Singers, when four people showed up for practice. Undaunted, he told them to invite their friends. Each year, the group has grown larger and more talented. This year, almost 60 sopranos, tenors, altos and basses filled the Clarice L. Buckman Theater stage for the April concert, belting out such numbers as “One,” from “A Chorus Line,” “Somewhere Out There,” “Band on the Run,” “Africa” and a medley from “Man of La Mancha.” Watch for their next concert in December.

Top: Political science students helped paint this reconciliation mural; left, nursing student Kristen Kozlowski; right, Law Professor Jeffrey Meyer in Nicaragua with Sheila Hayre, a lawyer with New Haven Legal Assistance.
The women’s ice hockey team led the nation in scoring defense on the way to its best overall record (19–10–8) and conference record (11–4–7) in program history. The single season turnaround from the 2008–09 season—when the Bobcats went 3–26–5—marked a first in college hockey history. After finishing this season in a third-place tie in ECAC Hockey, Quinnipiac hosted its first-ever postseason series in February and picked up its first tournament win. Head Coach Rick Seeley was named the ECAC Hockey Women’s Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. Victoria Vigilanti, who finished the year ranked first in ECAC Hockey in goals-against average (1.24), save percentage (.951) and saves (901), was named one of two goaltenders on the New England Women’s Division I All-Star Team. She also was named the ECAC Hockey Goaltender and Rookie of the Year in the postseason.
They had a shot

Their NCAA dream dashed, the Bobcats are regrouping for next year  By Stephen P. Schmidt

Tonight’s the night. That was the simple message on the sign clasped by one of the spirited 4,500 fans who attended the NEC Championship game in March. The men’s basketball team was poised to win both its first NEC crown and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

The national TV audience must have shaded their eyes from the glare of the yellow T-shirts. The atmosphere in the TD Bank Sports Center was electric, the energy palpable and infectious.

Forward Justin Rutty, now a senior, remembered thinking, “This is something that this Quinnipiac team has created, and it’s something that’s always going to be remembered.”

The Bobcats had all the elements required for “the big dance”—except experience on such a grandiose stage. Quinnipiac’s opponent, a seasoned group from Robert Morris, showed how crucial that missing ingredient can be by handing the Bobcats a crushing 52–50 loss in the championship game.

“We were so close… We could taste it,” said James Johnson, a guard entering his junior year.

“I’ll never forget it,” added Quinnipiac coach Tom Moore, who led the team to a 23–10 record in just his third year at the helm. “It was an incredible atmosphere. It made for an incredible range of emotions.”

Although the Bobcats did not accomplish their ultimate goal, the team participated as a No. 8 seed in the school’s first Division I appearance in the National Invitational Tournament by winning the regular season NEC crown with a conference record of 15–3. Quinnipiac ended up losing to No. 1–seeded Virginia Tech just a week after the Robert Morris game.

When the season came to an end, Moore had been named the NEC Coach of the Year, while Rutty earned NEC Player of the Year honors after averaging 15.3 points and 10.9 rebounds a game. Anchored by Rutty’s efforts, the team ended up second in the country in rebounding margin (plus 8.6).

Heading into the Robert Morris game, Quinnipiac had won 17 of 19 games and 14 consecutive home games.

As the wins were piling up, Moore had little time to reflect. “It’s always tricky during the year because you have the next practice, the next game, the next challenge ahead of you, but as we were going through it, I was enjoying it a great deal,” he said.

Following the Robert Morris loss, Moore asked standout guard James Feldeine ’10 and other seniors not to dwell on the loss, but to think about the hard work they put in to create that magical night.

“On the flip side, to the guys who are returning, you want them to remember 52–50. You want them to remember the crowd not being able to run out onto the court because that’s something you want them to carry through the offseason.”

That should not be a problem.

“It will be great motivation,” Rutty said. “All we’ve got to do is think about when that horn went off, when we were only down two points.” When the arena went silent.

With Rutty, Johnson and a host of other key players returning, the team will strive to surpass the impressive season.

“The challenge for every team here on out is to maintain being a top team,” Moore said. “You don’t ever want to take a step back, so every time we accomplish something, I’m just going to keep raising the bar higher.”

Just like the fans’ voices on that memorable night. “I just hope that last game will be like every game next season,” Rutty said. “That would be beautiful.”
NCAA hockey referee Pete Torgerson ’81 in action at the TD Bank Sports Center
Within the wide world of sports, the spotlight shines most often on the players, coaches and fans. Yet there is a fourth person involved, indispensable but rarely celebrated: the referee—or the umpire or linesman—who ensures the rules are followed and the outcome is fair.

The anonymity of his job never bothered Pete Torgerson ’81, who retired in December from a 25-year career as an NCAA hockey referee. “The best thing I could do was to make it so people didn’t even know I was out there on the ice,” he said.
Torgerson was celebrated at his last game as a referee—the Dec. 12 clash between the American International College Yellow Jackets and the Quinnipiac Bobcats at the TD Bank Sports Center. Officials with ECAC Hockey presented him with a clock and a plaque before the faceoff, and family and friends threw him a postgame party. Fittingly, the Bobcats won 5–2.

“Being a referee kept me young; it kept me involved,” said Torgerson. “It’s a ton of fun, and I will miss it.”

Torgerson is not leaving the game completely. He has signed on as a referee supervisor for ECAC Hockey and will train new referees. He also serves as director of a weeklong Nantucket summer youth camp and coaches his two daughters’ youth hockey teams on an alternating basis.

“Hockey is in my blood,” he said. “I’ve been playing since I was 6 years old. I have a passion for it.”

In fact, those who referee ECAC Hockey games consider themselves to be the league’s “13th team,” Torgerson said. “I would look forward to my Friday nights. I would be just as excited as the players when I hit the ice.”

Officiating at Quinnipiac games never felt like a conflict of interest for him, and no one ever suggested it might. “I’m out there to do the best job I can, and I have my professional integrity on the line,” he said, noting that nearly every referee played for a team at some point.

Torgerson, who lives in East Walpole, Mass., grew up in East Haven, Conn., and played hockey at East Haven High School. He played center for Quinnipiac, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing. Refereeing has always been a second job—he sold sporting goods and later entered the health care industry. Today he is a marketing consultant for MEDITECH, which makes software for the health care industry.

After he tore a hamstring and some abdominal muscles over the last few years, Torgerson noticed his recovery time was longer. He realized he could no longer keep up with the players flying around the rink and decided to hang up his skates after turning 50.

“I always strived every night to have a perfect game,” Torgerson said. “It was a competition for me as much as for the players. No one felt worse than me if I missed a call.”

He refs for kicks

NCAA soccer referee Lou Labbadia ’81 feels the same way. He is still coaching college soccer matches nearly 30 years after graduating from Quinnipiac with a BS degree in legal studies. He was a midfielder for the Bobcats and played in the state championship his senior year.

“Playing at Quinnipiac was a great experience,” said Labbadia. “We had great guys who were very passionate about playing. It becomes a part of your life.”

Labbadia, who grew up in Middletown, Conn., and now lives in nearby Wallingford, played baseball, soccer and basketball at Middletown High School. He plans to continue as a soccer referee as long as he is physically fit.

Labbadia and Torgerson were friends at Quinnipiac and remain friends today. Labbadia became a youth and high school referee after Torgerson encouraged him to do so and introduced him to Torgerson’s brother, Lev ’70, who was a high school soccer referee in New Haven.

Labbadia started officiating high school games and then moved on to college games, joining the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials’ Association in 1990. Since then he has refereed 16 final-four matches, the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and the Big East championship twice.

“What started as a lark and a way to get a little exercise and make extra money turned into a 20-year career,” Labbadia said. He considers himself a “player’s referee,” meaning that he understands the passion of the players and the coaches. There is irony in that, however.

“If you talked to my former teammates or coaches, they would never have believed that I would get into the officials’ world. I was an official’s nightmare. I argued all the time and gave referees a lot of trouble,” he admitted with a laugh.

Both Torgerson and Labbadia agree that the downside of officiating college sports is the travel and time commitments that can take a toll on the personal lives of many referees. Torgerson, who is married and has two daughters, brought his family along with him on weekend trips during the season, but as his daughters got older and more involved in sports and activities of their own, that strategy became more difficult. He said the need to spend more time with his family was part of the reason he retired.
Labbadia, a paralegal, said the constant travel during the soccer season is wearing. “It’s challenging to work full time, because we referee a game nearly every day from September to November,” he said. “My employer, Evans, Feldman & Ainsworth in New Haven, is very understanding.”

Working as a referee is a competitive endeavor. Both alumni started at the high school level and moved on to officiate at college games at the Division II and Division III levels before moving up to Division I. Only after several years of refereeing Division I games were they able to oversee playoff and championship games.

“There are always observers at your games who recommend you based on your conditioning, your knowledge and your performance,” said Torgerson, who primarily worked for ECAC Hockey but also did games for Hockey East, the Atlantic Hockey League and MAAC, all East Coast leagues.

Labbadia officiated at NCAA soccer games throughout the country and worked for leagues ranging from the Big East and the ACC to the Ivy League and the America East Conference.

When asked which games as a Quinnipiac midfielder stand out in his memory, Labbadia has a ready answer: “I remember one match against Bryant College that was played in a terrible rain storm,” he said. “It was the worst conditions I ever played in, and I think it might have been Parents Weekend, but we won in a very sloppy, ugly game. Another game was against Eastern Connecticut State University when we were trailing by two goals and my teammate, John DeMezzo ’82, scored three goals in the last six or seven minutes to win the game — it was incredible!”

Torgerson remembers a game against Connecticut College in New London in which he scored the winning goal in overtime. “That was a pretty big win for us,” he said.

What about the insults?

Of course, there are some abusive fans who scream obscenities or throw objects from the stands.

“You try not to let it affect you,” said Labbadia. “It’s human nature to hear things that are said about you, but you are so focused on the game that you become thick-skinned. The players’ and coaches’ dissent bothers me much more than the fans—they are participating in the match. The fans are not playing. We’re not always right, either.”

Torgerson said fan abuse is “part of the game. We get an occasional knucklehead who’d cross over the line, but mostly it was just people out there having a good time.”

Labbadia said the hardest part about being a referee is the fact that someone has to lose. “It’s tough when both teams play at a very high level—you can see the losing team’s disappointment. It’s tough to know these guys played their hearts out and didn’t get the result they wanted.”
As a medical student working in the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. Kelly Loftus ’06 routinely treated patients who waited until they were extremely sick before going to the emergency room. By then, treatment options were limited—and expensive.
Most of the time, these patients waited because they didn’t have health insurance or the money to pay for doctor visits. “People had diseases that were in far worse states than if they had access to health care. We would see people with stage-three bladder cancer because they didn’t have anywhere else to go,” said Loftus, who graduated from Temple School of Medicine this year and in June started her residency program in urology at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C. At Quinnipiac, she majored in biology.

Even with the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, which is expected to add 35 million to the rosters of the insured, the sick may continue to flood emergency rooms. There just aren’t enough primary care physicians—and the numbers are dwindling. A health insurance card won’t help people who can’t get a doctor’s appointment, health professionals say.

Quinnipiac University intends to be part of the solution. Citing Quinnipiac’s strong foundation in health sciences education, the University in January announced plans to create a medical school focused on training primary care physicians. The goal is to welcome the first class in 2013 or 2014.

Currently, about a dozen new medical schools across the country are in the works. University President John L. Lahey envisions a more innovative approach for Quinnipiac’s School of Medicine—one that provides more clinical opportunities earlier in medical school, incorporates collaborative work with other primary care health professionals, and encourages doctors not only to stay in primary care, but also to take positions in underserved urban and rural areas.

“We’re not going to re-create a Harvard Medical School or Johns Hopkins Medical School,” explains Lahey. “We’re not training people who are going to do pure research or become medical educators. We are talking about a new kind of prototype of medical school that both addresses the needs that are out there, but also one that fits into our mission of preparing and educating people who actually will practice.”

He anticipates that the addition of a medical school will boost the University’s reputation and provide opportunities to enhance and expand existing health sciences programs.

“We’ll be in a fairly select group of institutions, mostly major, nationally known universities,” says Lahey, noting that fewer than 100 universities have both a medical and a law school. “I think that will certainly boost the reputation and quality of all of our health sciences programs.”

The doctor isn’t in

The need for primary care physicians is dire. Currently two-thirds of all physicians are nearing retirement age, and given the anticipated health care needs of the aging baby boomer population and the millions of newly insured who will be seeking a doctor, demand is expected to escalate. Plans for the medical school have been enthusiastically welcomed by many hospital administrators and health care providers, many of whom are grappling with the rising costs of doing business.

“Right now, many primary care doctors don’t have room for new patients,” says Joseph Pelaccia ’67, president and CEO of Milford Hospital. “That does affect hospitals. Unless the primary care doctors are available, patients will either have to travel outside their area, or they are going to get really sick and end up in our emergency rooms.”

Those expensive ER visits contribute to the rising costs of health care and put hospitals into debt, says Pelaccia, who was the hospital’s chief financial officer for more than 30 years until he took over his current post in January.

“The challenge is to keep this institution financially viable in an era when the demand for care really outweighs the availability,” he says.

The next logical step

Quinnipiac’s strong programs in health sciences, as well as the acquisition of the North Haven Campus, make it possible for the University to open a medical school.

“It’s not a big leap forward for us. It’s a quite logical next step for Quinnipiac,” explains Lahey.

Constructing a medical school building from scratch could cost between $150–200 million, which for most institutions is virtually impossible to fund in this economy. Quinnipiac expects to invest about $75 million of its own resources—$40 million to renovate an existing building on the North Haven Campus and the remainder to subsidize the medical school’s operating budget during its initial years.
The campus, which the University purchased for $32 million from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield in 2007, will have two buildings dedicated to health education. The 180,000-square-foot School of Health Sciences building is home to all health science programs and highly sophisticated labs and equipment, including a state-of-the-art MRI and a CT scanner. This equipment could be incorporated into the medical school curriculum.

The campus also has a 160,000-square-foot building, which is set to house the future medical school. The required resources and equipment are expected to enhance existing health science programs and encourage growth of new programs. The University currently is developing an anesthesiologist assistant program and a doctorate of nurse practice program.

The proposed school also could benefit from the strong relationships the School of Health Sciences has cultivated with its 1,500 clinical affiliates. Several hospitals already have voiced interest in working as clinical partners with Quinnipiac.

“If you’re a health care professional, the North Haven Campus will become a destination for exceptional primary care education,” says Lynn Price, associate professor and chair of nursing.

Primary care often is compared to a stool supported by three legs: physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Quinnipiac already has two, and the medical school will complete the triad.

More often, hospitals and clinics are turning to registered nurses and physician assistants — health professionals who provide primary care — to compensate for the dwindling number of available doctors.

“We could be one of the first to develop a new model of a medical school that emphasizes primary care to a much greater degree and also allows Quinnipiac to integrate the education of our nurse practitioners and physician assistants with our medical students,” Lahey says.
**Team medicine**

The Institutes of Medicine of the National Academies, a nonprofit health think tank, reported that training health professionals to work in teams can improve the efficacy of patient care, but they need to begin working in teams during their education.

Loftus says working in teams is crucial in the surgical intensive care unit, where nurses and pharmacists join the medical team rounds. Temple, where she attended medical school, is trying to incorporate more team rounds on the general care floors. Having all of the care providers present at the same time allows them to collaborate on how best to treat the patient and prevents miscommunication, she says.

The nurses, for example, really get to know the patient, she explains. “We get 15 minutes with them; the nurse sometimes spends a whole day with them.”

Loftus recalls treating patients who were so anxious to leave the hospital that they would not mention pain or problems—or sometimes lie. Nurses often knew the true state of patient’s condition. Not all physicians and nurses have good working relationships, she admits.

“If we worked with nurses from day one, I think there would be more of a mutual respect and understanding of each other’s professions,” Loftus says. “The first thing we learn is be nice to nurses because they’re going to tell us most of what we need to know.”

School of Health Sciences program directors and chairs are currently developing collaborative projects that could be expanded to include medical students.

“You get an idea of what nurses bring to the table and what physician assistants and other professionals, such as those in physical therapy, occupational therapy and diagnostic imaging, bring to the table,” says Price. “Each one of us looks at the patient through a different lens.”

Nurses, for example, are trained to be aware of the psychological and social concerns of the patient, such as being aware of financial or emotional problems that might affect a person’s recovery, she explains. Quinnipiac’s physician assistants already collaborate with nursing, medical, dental and pharmacy students in service projects, such as migrant farm worker clinics.

Edward O’Connor, dean of the School of Health Sciences, is interested in a program used at another medical school that involves assigning a team of health professionals—often including a nurse and a medical student—to a multigenerational family. The team monitors the health of the family members, provides information on preventive medicine and connects them to resources.

“Understanding what other health care professionals do can make the team more efficient and improve the quality of health care,” says O’Connor, who serves on the dean’s search committee. “I envision working closely with the dean of the school of medicine to embrace this idea of inter-professional education.”
Quinnipiac administrators are investigating ways to give medical students more experience working in an emergency room or clinic, and as early as the first year of medical school.

MD in charge

The School of Medicine’s founding dean will spearhead the direction of the new school, which makes finding the right person to lead the school a priority.

“In order to have a medical school with a culture consistent with a mission of training primary care physicians, you have to take great care in how you build it from the ground up,” says Mark Thompson, senior vice president for academic and student affairs. “Once you have a medical school up and running, it’s very difficult to change direction.”

Thus far, Quinnipiac has received more than two dozen applications from candidates who already hold leadership positions at other medical schools, says Thompson. The University expects to have the dean in place by Fall 2010.

The dean will help navigate the University through the accreditation process and meet with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting body of medical schools. The job will include recruiting faculty and administrators, defining the admission policies and designing curriculum, as well as collaborating with clinical partners.

In touch with patients

Being immersed in a clinical setting is where physicians-in-training learn the most, Loftus explains.

“Working with patients, some of whom are very ill, can be challenging and intimidating for a medical student,” she says. Loftus remembers how nervous she was the first time she was evaluating a patient—even though “the patient” was an actor playing the role of an injured man.

“I remember being alone in a room with him and I was literally shaking like a leaf when I was trying to put the stethoscope on him,” she explains. “As a physician, you’re going to be dealing with people who are in physical pain. You want to touch someone in a way that is going to make them feel comfortable and not cause them more pain.” Ease and comfort come with experience.

Quinnipiac administrators are investigating ways to give medical students more experience working in an emergency room or clinic, and as early as the first year of medical school. Traditional medical schools usually have classroom work during the first two years and clinical work in the last two.

“There’s a wall that has traditionally separated those parts of the education,” Lahey says. “Particularly with the emphasis on primary care, we think that needs to be broken down and changed.”

Quinnipiac’s School of Medicine likely is not going to remain within the boundaries of traditional medical schools. There is even talk of perhaps researching alternative educational timelines that might shorten the time it takes to get a medical degree. This could get physicians in the field faster and reduce the cost of medical school. It also could make it appealing—or at least more economically feasible—for physicians to enter primary care medicine. Many medical students select specialties over primary care because of the wide difference in pay. According to an article in the May 2010 issue of Health Affairs, a cardiologist could earn about $3 million more than a primary care physician over his or her career.

The goal, Lahey emphasizes, would be to produce well-trained physicians, and simultaneously inspire them to stay in primary care. Moreover, it might be attractive to nontraditional students, perhaps adults working in another health care profession.

Back to basics

Quinnipiac’s medical school with a focus on primary care medicine is what many health care providers hope is part of a return to an emphasis on preventive care.

“Creating a medical school with a focus on primary care, you’re going back to basics,” says Cynthia Lord, MHS ’97, director of the physician assistant program. “It’s not just about making health care affordable, it’s about changing how we deliver health care.”

For many years, the medical community responded to health problems with medications or new procedures. With more primary care physicians—and the anticipated growth of physician assistant and nurse practitioner programs—the medical community can work harder to prevent illnesses, says Lord. In the spring, she took several students to Washington, D.C., to advocate for the government to expand the role and responsibilities of PAs.

“It’s clearly going to have a big impact on the health of our nation and on our fiscal health,” she explains. “If we didn’t spend billions of dollars treating people with diabetes, we could spend that money giving every child a well-child visit and immunizations or counseling someone who is overweight before they become obese.”

The medical school is another milestone for the University, which has grown and expanded programs to meet society’s educational needs.

“It’s stimulated a lot of excitement,” Lord says. “It’s renewed the passion we have in health care about how we can really make a difference.”

The proposal has instilled a sense of pride in alumni and members of the University community who have watched the University’s transformation. Pelaccia, who was a member of Quinnipiac’s first class on the Mount Carmel Campus, calls the plans for the medical school impressive.

“It’s good for the community, it’s good for the state, and it’s good for my alma mater.”
PHOTO OP

Alumnus uses talent to raise awareness of global poverty

BY STEPHEN P. SCHMIDT • PHOTOS MATT ANDREW ’10
AS A BOY, MATT ANDREW ’10 would stand at the window, camera poised, and attempt to catch a lightning bolt on film. His mother explained it would be nearly impossible, but that didn’t stop him from trying.

“For some reason, wherever I am, I just enjoy capturing that moment,” says the native of Naugatuck, Conn.
WHEN ANDREW TRAVELS, HE BRINGS HIS CAMERA to capture lightning bolts of a different variety: people who face dire situations, but are surviving and sometimes contentedly thriving. He’s photographed Nicaraguan children receiving school supplies for the first time, the empty stare of a Guatemalan girl working a loom of green yarn to raise money for her family and a teenage student holding a cardboard sign with the word “hope.”

“He has a vision for it. I think he has a gift,” says David Ives, the director of the Albert Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac.

From November 2009 through this past March, 21 of Andrew’s photos were displayed at the institute to provide a glimpse of life in impoverished regions of Nicaragua, Guatemala and Kenya. His photographs provide a window into lives most Americans never see.

Andrew was a sophomore when he went on an alternative spring break trip sponsored by the Schweitzer Institute. “I wanted to travel and experience different cultures and see how other people lived,” he says.

Before graduating in May with a bachelor’s degree in media production, Andrew had traveled to Nicaragua five times, Guatemala once and spent six weeks in Kenya as a delegate of a select group of college students representing the Student Movement for Real Change. Days after he graduated, Andrew returned to Nicaragua a sixth time with a group of Quinnipiac law and nursing students to capture their trips in photos.

His dream job would be to take photos all over the world for a publication such as National Geographic while using his images to raise social awareness of the poor conditions a large percentage of the world’s population endures. “These trips have helped me develop into who I am today and who I want to be,” he explains.

In a restaurant on a Nicaraguan beach this past May, Andrew encountered a group of children he recognized from previous trips. They were selling jewelry and trinkets. The boys grinned when they saw him. Despite the restaurant manager’s glare, Andrew brought each of the boys a napkin with food.

“I don’t know when they last ate,” he explains, recalling the harsh conditions of their home life. “It’s just a terrible childhood.”

ANDREW’S PHOTOS TRANSLATE EXPERIENCES that language barriers usually stymie. His gentle smile and youthful laugh helps open communication lines between him and his subjects. He recalls in particular all the times that he tried to overcome his lack of Swahili and the Kenyan children’s lack of English. “I’m sitting there and I’m just trying to think of other ways to communicate, whether it’s through hand gestures or I would point at pictures. Whether I’m with the kids in Kenya or the kids in Nicaragua, I feel like I develop the same relationships and friendships.”

Andrew’s exhibition showed the exuberance of children running and playing, as well as a Guatemalan woman with spina bifida tethered to a wheelchair. He uses discretion and judgment for each situation.

“I try to be as respectful as possible because I try to think about it the other way: If I’m them, do I really want a camera in my face?” Andrew says.

His humanitarian interests inspired Andrew to apply for Student Movement
for Real Change—now called ThinkImpact. The organization takes young leaders abroad to investigate ways to curb poverty. He was only one of eight students chosen to live in various parts of Kenya for about six weeks in the summer of 2009. Andrew raised $5,500 to go, collecting donations from friends, including the Quinnipiac community, and making appeals in local news media. He also used some of his savings and sold a few of his possessions, including his dirt bike.

He created the photo exhibition and gives presentations to share his experiences. “My goal was never to just go to Kenya, and then come back and forget about it,” explains Andrew. His dedication to publicizing the plight of and bringing positive change to people he has met in other countries has not gone unnoticed. Andrew received the 2010 Student Government Association’s Eubie Blake Humanitarian Award and the 2010 School of Communication’s Overall Achievement Award this past spring.

In addition, he and two friends founded a grassroots organization that is awaiting approval of its trademark and nonprofit status. Andrew, Christian Nielsen ’08 and Truong Nguyen ’08 were motivated to start the organization after their first trip to Nicaragua in 2008.

**THEY RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS** to enable children to attend Alianza Americana, a bilingual academy that has had a long-standing relationship with the Schweitzer Institute. Their organization currently sponsors four students at the school. The trio also has ideas simmering for projects in Kenya and South Africa.

Their efforts all began with a boy named Pedro after a group of Quinnipiac students chipped in $10 each to pay for his $250 tuition at the school. They were impressed by Pedro’s ability to speak self-taught broken English, courtesy of an English dictionary he had borrowed from a cousin. Pedro, who currently is studying biology at a local university in the hope of one day being a doctor, turned out to be the best student in the academy’s history.

On Andrew’s last trip to Nicaragua, he had dinner with the budding scholar. Pedro was the same young man Andrew had photographed years before with the “hope” sign.

“It proves to us the power of opportunity that you can give people,” Andrew says. “You give somebody a little opportunity, and they can go anywhere with it.”

To learn more about Andrew’s humanitarian endeavors, visit his website at www.mattandrew.com
Assistant Professor Mary Ann Cordeau '86 preserves nursing history by collecting artifacts including the antique dolls and first-edition book pictured.
Historical background has always fascinated Mary Ann (Urban) Cordeau ’86. “Not knowing the history of something is like starting a book in the middle—there is no context to understand the story,” says the assistant professor of nursing.

As a child, her curiosity for historical artifacts blossomed on her grandfather’s farm in Wolcott, Conn. “The shed was filled with old stuff, which was junk to other people, but I loved spending time there looking at all the treasures,” she explains. Today, she collects dolls, books, images and objects related to nursing. She feels that it is important for her to preserve and share nursing’s rich history.

Her doll collection shows the evolution in nursing uniforms and caps and gives insight into how nurses have been viewed over the years. She has a cherub-faced Madame Alexander doll with a white smock, a candy strip, and a Red Cross doll with a blue cape and the traditional red cross on its apron. The dolls fill a case and the shelves in her office, which also displays newspaper clippings and historic posters.

Cordeau serves as co-curator of the Josephine A. Dolan Collection at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing. She showed some of the items from the collection, including nursing uniforms, antique bedpans and syringes, on “The Martha Stewart Show” in 2008.

Her collection of rare nursing textbooks begins with an 1804 edition of instructions for nursing the sick and includes the 1860 first American printing of Florence Nightingale’s “Notes on Nursing,” a Civil War collection of books and an 1885 edition of the first nursing textbook written by a nurse, Clara Weeks. She named Quinnipiac’s first patient simulator Clara Weeks, and weaves her findings into her courses.

While working on her dissertation on American Civil War nursing, Cordeau examined primary sources including letters, diaries, journals, reports, government records, art, as well as nursing, medical and allopatic textbooks. She unearthed the conditions and the intellectual, physical and spiritual challenges of providing nursing care during that war. Cordeau, who completed a doctorate in nursing from the University of Connecticut, shared some of her findings on the experience of caring for soldiers during the American Civil War at the Women’s Creativity Conference in February at Quinnipiac.

In medical camps during the Civil War, the humid air was thick with the odor of spoiling food, human waste, decomposing horse carcasses and rotting flesh as hundreds—sometimes a thousand—soldiers lay injured and diseased.

Despite the devastation, from 1861–65 approximately 9,000 women left their families and traveled south to become nurses and care for the ill and wounded. They went for patriotic reasons and because they felt they had a calling, Cordeau says. They had no training, and those who were familiar with healing practices of the day were not familiar with bodily harm caused by “minie ball” rifle bullets first used in this war.

“These were very courageous women who stepped out of their normal roles to care for strange men in a strange place. Just as the soldiers were marching off to war, so were the women,” says Cordeau. She looks over at a glass case with some of her collection of nursing dolls dressed in pristine uniforms from several eras—a stark contrast to the difficult and harsh conditions she describes.

The nurses endured the conditions because they had a sense of patriotic duty, Cordeau explains. In a letter describing the amputated legs, arms, feet and hands that littered the ground around the amputation table, nurse Sophronia Buckland stated, “They were strewn promiscuously about—often a single one laying under our very feet. White and bloody; the stiffened members seemed to be clutching at our clothing.”

Ella Wolcott, a nurse, was one of the first to write about sanitation. She observed how quickly diseases spread when buckets and sponges were shared. “They were unaware of the germ theory yet knew certain signs and symptoms were ominous. They used scientific reasoning and trial and error in caring for the soldiers,” Cordeau explains.

Nurses often challenged authority—bucking their expected role as women—to advocate for soldiers. Mary Newcomb, a nurse, once refused to allow a surgeon to cut off a soldier’s arm because she knew from experience that the arm could heal and that the young man was at greater risk of infection and death with an amputation. Despite facing a possible dismissal from duty, “Newcomb informed him, ‘As long as I am here, this arm stays,’” recounts Cordeau with a wide smile.

Over her shoulder on a bookshelf, a framed quote states, “Well-behaved women rarely make history.”
What's the catch?

Fishing fanatic makes splash in entrepreneurial waters on Cape Cod

BY JANET WALDMAN
Tim Folan ’03 casts for stripers in Squeteague Harbor off Buzzards Bay. Inset, at left, he shows the Quinnipiac lure that sports the University’s colors.
here may be plenty of fish in the sea, but some bait shops like to keep that a secret. Bad Fish Outfitters in North Falmouth, Mass., is not among them. Founders and fishing buddies Tim Folan ’03 and Kevin Malone know that the more their customers catch, the more bait and gear they’ll need.

“Our approach separates us from the other, more unfriendly bait shops that won’t give you the time of day unless you’re a salty old regular. We greet you with a smile, tell you about the tide and give you the latest fishing report so you come back,” says Folan as he studies a Massachusetts coastal waters map spread on the shop’s counter.

Located on the Cape’s Route 28A, the three-year-old shop’s dark-shingled exterior looks like a cottage, but the fridge contains no eggs or milk. It’s crammed instead with crabs, eel, night crawlers and other bait. Running water bathes a tank of eels and shiners nearby.

Bad Fish does not fit the mold of “stinky bait shop,” according to Folan. Customers will find fishing tackle, including homemade lures; shirts and hats with the Bad Fish logo; rods, reels and boating gear. The staff can repair your broken rod or sell you a shiny new one, and outfit your new boat for fishing or get your old one seaworthy. Both Folan and Malone are willing to hop aboard to show you where the fish are.

No boat? You can charter one of Bad Fish’s two vessels and choose to fish the waters around Falmouth for striped bass and bluefish or head offshore in search of shark, tuna and mahi mahi.

“These offshore fish fight differently; swim faster and harder, and you need to hunt them and know how they behave.” There is more skill involved, more trial than error. “There are more thrills, and there’s nothing like it,” Folan says. The largest shark he’s caught weighed 450 pounds; the biggest fight he waged was with a 350-pound shark that hit him in the chest and left him battered.

On this Saturday, the first day of May, Folan is off to hunt striper and blackfish in Buzzard’s Bay. Aboard the Bad Fish, a 30-foot Cobra Cat, a blue panorama surrounds us. Cruising at 40 miles per hour, the sparkling water blinds us and the wind pins us to our seats as we speed toward the horizon in pursuit of the perfect fishing spot.

Seagulls dive for baitfish as we circle the area, make some casts, and continue our quest for more fertile waters. Randy Masters, another partner of Folan’s, cuts the engine as we approach a small fleet of boats. Folan’s body sways slightly as he grabs the marine radio.

“I don’t see any bent rods here, Kev, how about where you are?” Folan queries. Malone is also somewhere in the bay aboard the Diablo, a 28-foot Carolina Classic. Both Folan and Malone go fishing as often as they can. “It’s important. People want to hear that we were out yesterday catching fish—it adds to our credibility.”

Folan often logs 12-hour days, but he confesses that it sure doesn’t feel like work.

“We take a more proactive approach to the customer,” says Masters, hands on the wheel and eyes scanning the water for fish schools boiling to the surface.

Store manager Chris Parisi is minding the shop meanwhile and preparing for a late-morning seminar on kayak fishing. Free Bad Fish Saturday seminars educate fledgling fishing enthusiasts in trolling and bait-ripping techniques, knot tying, surf fishing, bottom fishing, cooking and cleaning your catch, among other topics.
Lures of all sizes in sherbet colors of raspberry, orange and lime give the shop a festive atmosphere. Parisi even fashioned a blue and yellow lure in honor of Quinnipiac. It’s designed to catch sea bass once a piece of squid is attached. Hanging spreader bars and daisy chains catch the eye. They are designed to resemble a school of bait fish and consist of about 30 rubber faux fish connected with nylon netting. Fishermen sling the contraptions over the side of a boat to fool mahi mahi and marlin into sensing that easy prey is within reach.

Rather be fishin’

Folan, a native of Mansfield, Mass., moved home after graduating with a marketing degree and took a job selling medical software. On weekends, he’d fish with Malone and they’d dream about turning their hobby into a business. Folan’s mother owns a summer home in New Silver Beach, near North Falmouth, so he was familiar with the area.

On a fishing excursion in 2004, he and Malone discovered the thrill of offshore fishing. “We were out for a while, and zero was happening. We were bored, and then all of a sudden, a blue shark showed up and fought us for half an hour. We caught it and released it, but the chum in the water attracted others, and we caught about 50 that day,” he said.

The guys were hooked.

The dream moved closer to reality one sunny fall day in 2006 as Folan sat at his computer at work. “I found myself staring out the window at the guy mowing the lawn, and I was jealous. I wanted to be outdoors. It was depressing.”

Folan began to develop a business and marketing plan and designed a logo. The partners applied for a Small Business Administration loan. The shop opened in 2007, and Masters and Eric Kraus, an avid fisherman, joined as partners later.

Dave Peros, a Falmouth-area professional fishing guide and newspaper columnist who frequents Bad Fish Outfitters, says he continues to be impressed with Folan’s knowledge of fishing and how willing he is to learn more about the sport. “His strengths are his fantastic personality and his rapport with customers. He treats them all with the same enthusiasm and is willing to help everyone enjoy fishing,” Peros said.

Besides serving as charter boat hosts and fishing guides, Folan and Malone enjoy organizing fishing tournaments. They are particularly proud of the Bad Fish/PAL Tournament and the Falmouth Offshore Grand Prix, the only International Game Fish Association qualifying tournament in the Northeast. Folan and Parisi also have taught fishing skills to Boy Scouts earning merit badges.

In the off-season, the Bad Fish staff attends trade and boat shows and concentrates on producing merchandise and filling online orders, which have been brisk, as it’s always fishing season somewhere. “In countries like Costa Rica, Venezuela, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Australia, the fishing season is fantastic during our off months, and these markets are in need of quality tackle,” Folan says.

Quite the catch

On May 8, Folan was “reeled in” by his longtime girlfriend, Molly, who became his bride in a ceremony on Nantucket, Mass. His new wife, a conference producer with Wellesley Information Services, does not fish but enjoys boating. The couple recently vacationed in Costa Rica, where Malone has built a home and purchased a boat. A bed and breakfast and charter operation there is in the works, Folan says.

Masters steers the Bad Fish into Squeetague Harbor, where a stone bridge and stately homes create a feast for the eyes. Stripers and bluefish inhabit this area. Casting again, Folan muses about his decision to become an entrepreneur. “I did not want to regret not taking the opportunity to do something I love.”

Somebody gets a bite, but the fish escapes. In fishing, as in life, there are no guarantees. Today, the fish were hiding. The next day, they were biting. The Bad Fish website attests to their prowess as guides with many photos of smiling customers displaying their catches.

Fishing folks will tell you there is no catch to a great day on the water. “And that’s why they call it fishing, not catching,” quips Masters as he turns the boat around and heads for the dock.
TAKING THE LEAD

Teacher leadership graduate degree gives educators advancement opportunities

BY ALEJANDRA NAVARRO

Becky (Olsen) Frost ’05, MAT ’06 has a traditional classroom with colorful posters, a white board and desks sized for third-grade bodies at Highland Elementary School in Cheshire, Conn. Her teaching methods, as well as her role as a teacher, however, are anything but traditional. “Now, everything is very student-driven,” explains Frost, who doesn’t rely on rigid curriculum and textbooks that once drove classroom instruction. She and her colleagues, for example, may use “constructivist” learning theory. Students learn through experiences. Instead of teaching a method to solve a problem, the students explore and sometimes collaborate to discover solutions with the teacher’s guidance, Frost explains.

New teaching methods require a little more creativity—and training. Teachers are turning to each other to unearth the best ways to instruct.

“We talk a lot about what makes good curricula,” says Frost, who has taught in Cheshire for four years. Today, teachers are assuming roles and responsibilities that traditionally have been handled by school administrators.

More often, teachers are mentoring new teachers, giving professional development presentations in their specialty areas and leading special academic programs to boost student achievement. Frost has a master’s degree in elementary education, and is a student in Quinnipiac’s sixth-year diploma in educational leadership program with the hope of becoming a principal or school administrator.

Teachers who enjoy these added responsibilities, but want to remain in the classroom now have the option to earn a master of science in teacher leadership at Quinnipiac. The School of Education developed
the teacher leadership program to give educators more administrative expertise based on their classroom experience.

“Ou r schools have become more complex,” explains Gary Alger, assistant professor of education and director of the educational leadership and teacher leadership programs. “There’s a movement to distribute some of this administrative work, particularly work involving the coordination and management of the instructional program, to many in the teaching ranks.”

Teachers who specialize in a subject, such as math or science, often have master's degrees in these areas. The master's in teacher leadership gives educators skills to build better schools. The program focuses on transforming school culture, improving student learning, teaching best practices in literacy instruction, embracing diversity and leading school improvement.

“We want to have people lead with vision, and understand how to motivate everyone to achieve common goals focused on improving student learning,” says Alger. The program will begin this fall online to be convenient for working teachers and available to a national audience.

The teacher leadership movement began about 15 to 20 years ago, as schools worked to close the student achievement gaps, he says. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 increased the pressure on schools to have all students reach proficiency in core subject areas or face stiff penalties, including being taken over. Improving student achievement requires an extensive amount of administrative work, including developing curriculum and programs, analyzing assessments and refining teaching skills.

“Principal s could not possibly achieve what needs to be done without the help of teachers,” Alger explains. “They are an untapped resource, especially in improving the instructional program.”

In addition to informal, volunteer teacher leadership positions, more paid positions are available. Alger says the Connecticut Board of Education has proposed requiring a certificate, beginning 2014, for any teacher assuming a leadership role for more than 40 percent of the day, which the master’s degree would fulfill.

Alger says it’s ideal to tap teachers for leadership positions because they are good liaisons between the administration and the teaching staff, and are trusted by their colleagues. Teachers also understand the social, economic and cultural backgrounds of the students that affect academic achievement, and they have experienced classroom challenges. Providing experienced teachers with an opportunity to hold leadership roles also helps schools retain these valuable educators. A master's degree in teacher leadership has become desirable as a way to expand on how teachers can contribute beyond the classroom.

Lindsey Marut, a second-grade teacher at Highland, says she can see the advantages of the teacher leadership degree, especially as teachers continue to facilitate discussions about teaching methods.

“In curriculum development, the teacher leader is able to do much of the investigating and research that we don't have time to do,” says Marut, who has a master’s in elementary education. She’s in the sixth-year diploma in educational leadership program at Quinnipiac to become a reading specialist.

In the spring, Marut gave a presentation to her colleagues about using inferences to teach reading, which encourages students to use clues from a story to understand the meaning of the words.

“Lindsey has a passion for reading and she presented a great workshop,” Frost says. Instead of spending money on experts for professional development, “We’re using the talent we have at the school.”
Scholarship recognized

Professor fosters appreciation of Spanish literature  By Lawrence Mohr

Some of the greatest authors in the world are almost unknown to many Americans. How many have read Jorge Luis Borges, Julio Cortázar, Luisa Valenzuela, Gabriel García Márquez or Isabel Allende? Their works are rich in their description of the human experience, according to Professor Sharon Magnarelli, chair of modern languages. The common thread is that all of them are from South American countries.

To appreciate their works, Magnarelli says Americans first must open their eyes to other countries. “Our perception of South American countries and their literature is all wrong. I suppose it’s our commercialism that’s at fault. When people travel, they don’t really want to experience anything new,” she says. “They just want a cute spin on what’s already familiar—‘take me to an American chain to have a hamburger and french fries with a Coca-Cola.’”

Magnarelli is an international figure in Spanish-American narrative and drama and a confidant to many authors and playwrights. She is also the author of four books and more than 90 articles. This spring, she was named a recipient of the University’s Scholar of the Year award for the College of Arts and Sciences. She previously received a Fulbright Fellowship and the Armando Discépolo Prize for Excellence in Theater Research, awarded by Grupo de Estudios de Teatro Argentino e Iberoamericano in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Her earlier research in literature concentrated on narrative, notably José Donoso, who writes about the disintegrating family, alienation, and the middle class. Magnarelli’s interest in theater began with a project to compare narrative and theater. After completing a book on familial metaphors used in Mexican and Argentine theater, she decided to concentrate exclusively on Argentine theater for her next book on the use of space in theatrical productions.

Magnarelli’s involvement in theater has introduced her to a new, innovative generation of artists. “Most of the playwrights I’m working with now direct their own plays, and I get to go to rehearsals and see how all sorts of decisions are made. It’s exciting to see how they use space in the theater. Sometimes they use it to make sure we know it’s theater, make believe, and sometimes it’s set up to make us forget that.”

But she cautions that the term “Spanish-America” can suggest a homogeneity that simply does not exist. “Although they share a language to some degree, the cultures of the various countries can differ considerably. For example, the culture of Argentina and that of a Central-American country or even Mexico, are worlds apart.”

Magnarelli is immersed in more than one research project at a time, and each influences the others in unexpected ways. She currently is working on a project on Argentine theater, completing a paper on documentary theater that she will present at an international conference in the fall, and finalizing two other articles that take her back to two authors she has worked on since the beginning of her career: Donoso and Valenzuela. That eclecticism is reflected in her teaching at Quinnipiac. In her words, she teaches, “de todo un poco—a little of everything.” Her courses are as diverse as contemporary theater written in Spanish at one extreme and “Don Quijote” at the other.

Magnarelli’s roots are very “un-Spanish.” Born in Seneca Falls, N.Y., she completed her undergraduate work at SUNY-Oswego, taught high school Spanish near Syracuse and earned her doctorate from Cornell. She is married to Louis Magnarelli, who has a doctoral degree in medical entomology and is director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

“The irony,” she says, “is that I went to college as a math major but soon became more interested in Spanish literature.”
Corporate culture lesson

Students present papers on social responsibility  By Stephen P. Schmidt

The task seemed daunting at first: Present your findings to a large group of strangers at the prestigious Academy of International Business’ Northeast chapter’s annual conference.

When Anthony DeTurris ’10, Matthew Weiss ’10 and Kailey Maher ’10, took their turns, they saw a much smaller crowd than they anticipated sitting before them in a room comparable in size to Quinnipiac’s Mancheski Executive Seminar Room.

“We were a little relieved at first,” said DeTurris of the event that took place last October on the campus of the New York Institute of Technology in New York City. “It was a lot more personal, a lot of Q-and-A, and a lot more interactive.”

DeTurris and Weiss gave a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation on their paper, “Consumer Perception of Corporate Social Responsibility: A Cross Cultural Comparison Between Germany and the USA,” while Maher presented the material from her co-authored work, “Business Students’ Perception of Corporate Social Responsibility: A Cross Cultural Comparison of France and Germany.”

Corporate social responsibility became a hot-button topic after a series of scandals broke in the early portion of the last decade.—MOHAMMAD ELAHEE

Maher had written the paper along with Ehren Schneller ’10 and Nick Alvanos ’09.

DeTurris, who received his international business degree in May, remembered how everyone—MBA students, doctoral students and professors—made a point of talking to them during a post-presentation reception.

Their moment in the academic spotlight served as an impressive ending to an experience that began in the spring of 2009 as part of a European Union business studies class taught by Professor Mohammad Elahee.

Corporate social responsibility became a hot-button topic after a series of scandals broke in the early portion of the last decade, beginning with the Enron fiasco in 2001, Elahee said. “We started actually integrating corporate social responsibility into our curriculum long before it became fashionable,” Elahee added.

The professor said most papers published before 2000 focused on corporate social responsibility practices in the United States, but not in other countries.

The students spent about 10 weeks researching their papers during the class before heading with Elahee to Europe for three weeks, beginning at the end of May 2009. They spent extensive time both at the ESC Rennes School of Business in Rennes, France, and Otto-von-Guericke University in Magdeburg, Germany, west of Berlin.

As part of their research, DeTurris and Weiss administered questionnaires, which had been translated into German, to the German business school students. Their answers then were compared with the responses gathered earlier from School of Business students at Quinnipiac using a scale that measured their aptitude toward corporate social responsibility. Their paper expounded on four levels of corporate social responsibility that were initially the focus of a 2001 paper written by Isabelle Maignan, a professor of corporate compliance at the Free University in Amsterdam: economy, legality, ethics and philanthropy. They addressed what Elahee referred to as “gaps” in her research in relation to undergraduate business students.

“The papers really established a link between culture, ethics and social responsibility,” Elahee said. “They showed how our cultural values impact our ethical orientation and socially responsible behavior.”
**Richard Buckholz ’88**

**Men’s Ice Hockey**

Rick Buckholz was a four-year member of the men’s ice hockey team, from 1983–87. He holds the all-time single-game records for goals and points. He totaled six goals, the most in school history, against Scranton on Feb. 21, 1987, after totaling eight points against Lehigh on Jan. 28, 1986. Buckholz sits in third place all-time in goals in a season (31), and in fifth place all-time with 76 career goals. His 126 career points put him in a tie for 15th all-time.

**Michael Buscetto ’93**

**Men’s Basketball**

Mike Buscetto finished as one of the greatest point guards in school history. Buscetto was the all-time assists leader with 624 helpers—a mark that stands today. In addition, he also broke the single-season, three-point field goals record and ranks eighth all-time in that category. Buscetto ranks in the Top 20 in career points with 1,165, second all-time in steals with 195, and also compiled the top two, and three of the top 10, single-season assist totals.

**Catie Canetti ’00, MS ’02**

**Field Hockey**

A four-year member of the field hockey team, Catie Canetti was named Female Athlete of the Year after earning All-Northeast Conference honors after her junior season in 1999; she earned All-Region honors as well. She was named to the All-NEC team twice and earned All-Region honors in her final two seasons. Canetti graduated as the all-time leader in goals (50) and points (69). She held single-season records with 13 goals in 1999, while also totaling 33 points. She currently ranks second in career goals and points, while her single-season goal and point totals also stand second all-time. Canetti also played two seasons for the women’s lacrosse team.

**Chris Cerrella ’01**

**Men’s Ice Hockey**

Chris Cerrella, who played from 1997–2001, is Quinnipiac’s all-time leading scorer. He made an immediate impact as a freshman, scoring 32 goals while assisting on 14 more for 66 points. His first-year totals stand today as program records. A two-time All-MAAC Hockey First Team selection in 2000 and 2001, Cerrella holds the record for goals (99) and points (205) in a career and is the only player in QU Division I history to score four goals in a game. Playing his final three years at the Division I level, Cerrella holds the University’s Division I record for career goals (67) and points (149), while his 72 assists ranked second.

**Colleen Dooley ’01**

**Women’s Lacrosse**

In 2001, Colleen Dooley finished her career at Quinnipiac as the program’s all-time leader in goals (84), assists (29) and points (113). In addition, she was one of two players to score 20 goals and 30 points twice in a four-year career. A two-time All-NEC selection, Dooley was the leading scorer for most of her career in the early stages of Quinnipiac’s Division I history. She became the first women’s lacrosse player at Quinnipiac to score in her first seven collegiate games, winning Athlete of the Month honors.

**Queen (Edwards) Smith ’96**

**Women’s Basketball**

Queen Edwards’ successful career culminated in 1995 with 1,207 points, 594 rebounds, 476 assists and 394 steals. She ranks in Quinnipiac’s All-Time Top 10 in all categories today. After serving as a reserve as a freshman, starting in just seven of 27 games, Edwards cracked the starting lineup as a sophomore and started 74 of her final 76 games. That season, she scored a career-high 451 points for a 16.7 per-game average, while also collecting a career-best 136 assists. She was a three-year All-Northeast-10 Conference selection, while also earning Defensive Player of the Year honors twice.

**Lou Iannotti ’82**

**Baseball**

As a four-year starter, Lou Iannotti led Quinnipiac to the first NCAA Division II Regional Tournament in the school’s history. Following a successful freshman campaign that saw Iannotti lead the team in triples (3), he also was tops in the most offensive categories over his final three seasons. In 1982, he was selected to the Division II All-New England All-Star Team as well as the Greater New Haven Diamond Club All-College team. His 15 career triples stand today as the program record.

**Steve Kulpa ’93**

**Baseball**

Second baseman Steve Kulpa was the first to reach the 200-hit mark—his 201 career hits were a record in 1993 and rank fourth today. He also broke the record for doubles (40), while ranking among the top three in career home runs (19) and runs batted in (137). Kulpa was a four-time All-Northeast-10 Conference and All-New England Region honoree, and also earned Northeast-10 Conference Rookie of the Year honors in 1990. He was the only Division II player chosen for the New England College Baseball All-Star Game for four straight years. In 1993, he was honored with the Edwin L. Steck Award and was the Quinnipiac Male Athlete of the Year.
Patrick Nguyen ’97
Men’s Tennis
Patrick Nguyen holds the distinction of being the first Quinnipiac men’s tennis player to reach 100 wins for his career. In a four-year span that saw him compete at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles each year, Nguyen posted a 101–36 combined record, good for a .731 win percentage. He led Quinnipiac to its first Northeast Conference Championship in six seasons with wins at No. 1 singles and doubles in 1997, earning him NE-10 Player of the Year honors. Nguyen was a two-time All-Northeast-10 Conference selection and a two-year captain for the men’s tennis team that won a then-program record 18 matches in 1997.

Roland Lavallee ’01
Men’s Cross Country/Track
Roland Lavallee enjoyed a storied career at Quinnipiac as a member of the men’s cross country team. In 1997 he was named Northeast-10 Conference Runner of the Year when, as a freshman, he won the NE-10 Championship while setting a course record at the Catamount Family Course. That year, he was named the Quinnipiac Freshman of the Year and in 1997–98, was named the Quinnipiac Male Athlete of the Year. Lavallee was a two-time Northeast-10 First Team Selection and two-time All-Northeast Conference First Team selection. He also won the Division II New England Championship with a course record time in 1997.

Sharon Polastry ’98
Women’s Soccer
Sharon Polastry became the first player in NE-10 history to be named Freshman and Player of the Year on her way to earning All-America Honorable Mention and NSCAA/ Umbro All-Northeast honors. In addition, she broke the single-season records for goals, assists and points, and was the first player in Quinnipiac history to tally three assists in a game. In her second season, she was the first sophomore in Northeast-10 Conference and Quinnipiac history to pass 100 career points. She finished her four-year career as both the Quinnipiac and the Northeast-10 Conference all-time leader in goals (77) and points (176), while also ranking among the all-time leaders in career assists (22). She also has the two highest single-season goal and point totals of all time.

Julie (Smith) Ryan ’02
Field Hockey
Julie Smith played field hockey for Quinnipiac from 1998–2002. She finished her career ranked among the all-time leaders in goals (24), assists (14) and points (62). In 2001, she broke the single-season goals mark with 15 tallies for the year. Her 35 points that season still hold as the all-time single-season best and helped Quinnipiac go to the Northeast Conference Tournament Championship in 2001. That season she also was named NEC Field Hockey Player of the Week twice as she led the Northeast Conference in goals and points while ranking among the national leaders in both categories.

Joe Trimarchi ’98
Men’s Basketball
In Joe Trimarchi’s four-year career, he started in 101 of his 105 games. Trimarchi was characterized as a “workhorse” and in more than 3,400 minutes played at a variety of positions, he never fouled out. He finished his career averaging 12.3 points, 2.6 assists and 1.3 steals, as well as 4.1 rebounds per game and was Quinnipiac’s career leader in three-point field goals made with 237. In 1995, his 167 field goals broke Quinnipiac’s single-season record for three-pointers. He also finished his career ranked 11th in career points (1,293), sixth in steals (136) and 11th in assists (274).

Linda Wooster
Athletic Administrator
Linda Wooster served in Athletics from 1984 until her retirement in 2009. She was coordinator of women’s athletics, assistant athletic director, an associate professor of physical education and sports information director. In her last role, as the associate athletic director of athletics and recreation, she oversaw recreation on campus, the University’s fitness center, intramurals, physical education, evening recreation and special events. In 2005, she received the University’s Excellence Award for Service to Students. She was inducted into the Connecticut Field Hockey Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Connecticut High School Coaches’ Association Hall of Fame in 2004.

2000 Women’s Soccer Team
In 2000, the women’s soccer team posted a 13–6–1 record, winning eight of its last 10 games heading into the Northeast Conference Tournament. The Bobcats blanked Long Island and Monmouth to win the NEC Tournament before defeating Loyola (Md.) in overtime to advance to the NCAA Division I women’s soccer first round. Roster: Jayme Alambra, Dana Blom, Lauren Carmody, Rachel DeCastro, Theresa Domingo, Mary Kate Galusha, Melissa Gancias, Elisa Gonalves, Jill Greystone, Lisa Horowitz, Alison Jaquith, Chandra Manuelpillai, Kristin Marcous, Jen Monaco, Renee Morin, Katie Nelson and Kristin Rathbone. Dave Clarke, head coach, and Megan Schuck, assistant coach.

1993–94 Women’s Tennis Team
In 1993, the women’s tennis team won its first Northeast-10 Conference Regular-Season Championship, the first of four. That year, at 12–1 overall, including a perfect 9–0 mark against NE-10 schools, Quinnipiac also advanced to the NCAA Division II East Regionals for the first time. Roster: Jill (Avis) Burger, Rachael (Barry) Doherty; Renee Bulman-Allen, Meghan Cahillane, Sarah (Giannuzzi) Ciofone, Nicole Manglass, Rian McManus, Jen Noonan, Paula (Rembac) Miller, Jodi (Robidoux) Smigeliski, Jennifer Scarano, Erin (Wharton) Walsh and Carol Wiltshire. Mike Quito, head coach, and Keith Woodward, assistant coach.
Arthur Rice ’73 of Fort Lauderdale, FL, has been elected to the board of trustees for the Miami Art Museum. He is a partner in the firm Rice Pugatch Robinson & Schiller, P.A.

Joseph Pelaccia of Orange, CT, has been named president of Milford Hospital. He is on the board of trustees and chairman of the audit committee of The Milford Bank. He is treasurer of the Milford Columbus 500 Committee, a member of the financial oversight committee of the Connecticut Hospital Association, a member of the CHA Council of Finance, treasurer of Home Care Plus and a member of the CHA Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of the Healthcare Workforce Shortage. He is also an accomplished pianist.

Eugene Singer of Branford, CT, received the Outstanding Service Award at Quinnipiac’s Winter Homecoming celebration in February 2010. He is a certified public accountant and owns his own firm in North Haven, CT.

Robert Switz received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Quinnipiac’s Winter Homecoming celebration in February 2010. He is the chairman, president and CEO of ADC Telecommunications Inc. in Minneapolis, MN. He lives in Wayzata, MN.

Paul Prokaw of Miller Place, NY, owns an audio/video production company and writes original music for television. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Julia, 18, and Ben, 13.

Casimir Grygorcewicz was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in October 2009 for his collegiate coaching experience at Mitchell College and Community College of RI. He lives in Norwich, CT.

Edward Roulhac of Blue Bell, PA, is principal of Frederick Douglass K–8 School in Philadelphia, PA.

Robert Butler of Nacogdoches, TX, owned and operated a 63-acre poultry farm and cattle business for 17 years before returning to college to earn a teaching degree. He now teaches 10th-grade world history. He and his wife, Sarah, have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Joan (Darcy) Juba of Carteret, NJ, is a medical laboratory technologist, specializing in chemistry. Last year, she traveled to Ireland with her sister, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

Raphael Castaldi of Westerly, RI, owns Castaldi Financial Solutions, Inc. He is a wealth manager/retirement planner. He is studying to become a deacon for the Diocese of Providence. He and his wife, Sandy, have been married for more than 30 years and have three children.

Hugo Galarza is working and living in Lima, Peru, and Wethersfield, CT, as the director of COFASA, a trading company that has operations in the U.S., Peru, Colombia and Mexico.

Sharon (Rosenblatt) Halperin of Chapel Hill, NC, is a board member of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. She is the founder and former co-chair of the women’s philanthropy division of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation.

Richard Rochefort has retired from BASF Corporation after more than 30 years in the chemical industry. Richard lives with his wife, Anita, in Ann Arbor, MI.

Janice (Ziembroiski) Kenney is an experienced dog groomer who works at All About the Dog Grooming in Fairfield, CT. She also breeds and shows dogs. She lives in Monroe, CT, with her four dachshunds and a doberman.

David Reynolds received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Quinnipiac’s Winter Homecoming celebration in February 2010. He is a principal with Konowitz, Kahn & Co., P.C., a public accountant and a certified fraud examiner.

Jean (Coleman) Jackson has been appointed vice president of commercial lending for Rockland Trust’s Lending Center in Hyannis, MA. She lives in Duxbury, MA.

Allen Ciociola of Branford, CT, has joined Citizens Bank in New Haven as a mortgage loan officer. He volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

Paula (Tomasetti) Dominick of Wilton, CT, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Quinnipiac’s Winter Homecoming celebration in February 2010. She is the director, global markets/banking
As a Quinnipiack tennis player, Brooks Marston ’87 was never a candidate for the most valuable player award. Marston was the player who—even when playing a formidable opponent or trailing in a match—never gave up. This attitude won him then-coach Bill Mecca’s “Hustle Award”—twice.

“I was never going to be the best player on our team, but I could try to outwork everyone,” says Marston, who was captain of the tennis team his senior year. “I didn’t have the talent, but being the best teammate and the hardest worker were things I could control. It’s exactly the same mentality that will make you a success—or a failure—at work.”

It’s just one of the lessons he learned from Mecca and Burt Kahn, who served as the tennis coach for a year, and one he recently shared with Quinnipiac students at the School of Business Career Day in Boston, Mass. His mentors’ emphasis on maintaining a positive attitude and strong work ethic guided him through his college years and helped him advance his career in the brokerage business. Today, Marston is director of the Boston regional office for Pershing LLC, a BNY Mellon Company, and the world’s largest clearing firm for financial securities transactions and global custody.

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in international business, Marston became a trader at Fidelity Investments. He worked there for eight years before joining Pershing in 1993. With the exception of two years when he returned to Fidelity as senior vice president of its institutional brokerage group, he’s been with Pershing since. At Pershing, Marston is in charge of customer relationships and business development for the Northeast. In addition, he chairs the online brokers and e-solutions customer segment.

When he pitches Pershing to a prospective client, he touts the dedication and teamwork that has brought his firm success. He tells potential clients: “We will outwork our competitors.” According to Marston, “This is the daily hustle award that started with what coach Mecca established as a goal over 20 years ago.”

Marston enjoys returning to Quinnipiac, where he met his wife Terri (McGroary) Marston ’84 in his freshman year. The couple married in 1988. Terri graduated with a BS in mass communications and worked in advertising and public relations before focusing on raising their three sons: Grant, 19, JB, 18, and Hunter, 13. This fall, Grant will return to Quinnipiac as a junior management major and JB will join his brother as a freshman studying communications. Next season, Grant, a midfielder, and JB, a defenseman, will play lacrosse for coach Eric Fekete.

The boys being at QU has given the Marstons the opportunity to run into college friends, including Mecca. In May, Marston brought clients to play in the 19th annual Billy Mecca Roundball Open. “We bring the overall score for the tournament way up, but our clients love the event.”

Marston continues to hit the tennis courts. Eight years ago, the couple purchased a 200-year-old former historic inn in Duxbury, Mass. The colonial home is charming, but it was the red clay tennis court that sealed the deal.

“We bought a tennis court with a house attached,” Marston jokes.
Deborah (Whitaker) Amini received her doctor of education from North Carolina State University in May 2010. Her dissertation, “An Exploratory Study of the Professional Beliefs and Practice Choices of Novice Occupational Therapy Assistants,” received the outstanding dissertation award through the NCSU department of education. Debbie is the program director of the Cape Fear Community College OTA program in Wilmington, NC, where she lives. She is also the chair-elect of the AOTA Commission on Practice.

Robert Moore of Fairfield, CT, received a Distinguished Alumni Award at Quinnipiac’s Winter Homecoming celebration in February 2010. He was recently named the chair of the School of Health Sciences Advisory Board.

Donna (LeFrancois) Patton of Guilford, CT, has joined The Pert Group, a research-based consulting group, as group director.

Richard Pepe is senior vice president of technology at Bank of America located in Providence, RI. He lives in Wakefield, RI.

Dyann (Savo) Vissicchio of North Haven, CT, was elected to the North Haven Board of Finance for a four-year term.

Jason Levy ’90, MBA ’92, of Wilton, CT, was sworn in as a police officer in Greenwich, CT. He is completing a 26-week training program at the Police Academy in Meriden, CT.

John Loyer of Watertown, CT, is a respiratory therapist for J&L Medical Services in Middleburg. In December 2009, the American Association for Respiratory Care presented him with the Invacare Award for Excellence in Home Respiratory Care in San Antonio, TX.

Simone Morris is a digital technology specialist at Diageo in Norwalk, CT, where she lives. In May, she received the Diversity Best Practices organization’s 2010 Network and Affinity Leadership Congress Above & Beyond Award for her work as chair of the African Heritage Employees at Diageo Employee Resource Group.

Richard Simione of Southington, CT, is a business development manager for Ford Motor Credit Company. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has named him a 2009 MS Corporate Achiever. He was one of only 20 business leaders recognized.

Michele (DeNuzzo) Loughlin is a tax director specializing in estate and trust planning at Blum Shapiro & Co. in West Hartford, CT. She lives in Higganum, CT, with her husband, Rob, and their daughter, Ava.

John Meuser ’91, JD ’97, of
Houston, TX, was selected to begin a three-year term as secretary of the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources-Western Region. He is the director of human resources at the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

Christopher Canetti, chief operating officer of the Houston Dynamo, was named in March as one of SportsBusiness Journal/Daily’s 2010 Forty Under 40, a list of the most promising young executives in the sports business. He lives in Houston, TX.

Thomas Johnson and his wife, Katy, announce the birth of their son, Owen Thomas, on Nov. 10, 2009. Thomas is vice president of quality assurance at Covidien, a medical device/pharmaceutical company. The family lives in Jamestown, RI.

Jodi Pellegrino of Riverside, CT, is an associate tax counsel with Nestle USA, Inc.

Kathleen Abel received a master’s degree in educational counseling from Monmouth University on May 29, 2009. One month later she gave birth to a baby boy, Jackson David Shea.

Wesley Benbow, MBA ’96, of Westwood, MA, has been appointed associate dean for finance and chief financial officer for Harvard Medical School.

Richard Madonna of Branford, CT, is a certified fraud examiner.

David Pepsoski, MAT ’96, of Waterbury, CT, was appointed assistant principal at Whisconier Middle School in Brookfield, CT.

Michelle (Porro) Sweeney and her husband, James, announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, on Sept. 24, 2009. The family lives in Norwood, MA.

Maritza Bella-Reiss and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of their first child, Maxwell Alexander, on Nov. 7, 2009. The family lives in Stamford, CT.

Holly Pullano ’06 once considered herself shy. In school, she was hesitant to speak up in class. Her rare medical condition changed all that.

In 2005, she spoke on Capitol Hill to a roomful of senators, legislative aides and others about the importance of allocating funds for the research of fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva, a rare bone disorder that affects one in 2 million.

Pullano, of North Haven, Conn., was diagnosed at age 16 with the chronic, genetic condition that causes soft tissue to transform to bone. “The bone grows in places it shouldn’t and can lock up joints, tendons or ligaments forever,” she says. “There is no cure and no stopping it.”

Pullano, 29, was interviewed for a March National Geographic TV documentary titled, “Rare Anatomy: Bones.” While most FOP victims are diagnosed as infants, Pullano had no symptoms until she was a high school sophomore. Although FOP has deprived her of some life experiences, it’s given her others.

“I don’t let it define my life,” says the marketing manager at Banton Construction in North Haven. The journalism major writes brochures, marketing materials and Web content.

Some days, a range of motion restriction is the only reminder Pullano has FOP. Occasionally there are flareups, during which she can observe bone rising under her skin. Once the swelling subsides, a bony ridge remains. A bump or fall could spark a flareup, so she must be careful.

Her Washington, D.C., speaking engagement came when she served on the board of the International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Association several years ago. In addition to raising awareness, she mentors young people living with the disorder. Because only 300 people in the U.S. have FOP, victims can feel isolated. Pullano spoke in California last summer at a workshop for teens with FOP. She encouraged them to build a community on Facebook.

“It can be a huge relief to know that someone understands what you’re going through. I believe I was given this for a reason—to be a role model for kids who don’t deal with it as well.”

Pullano is grateful she has not been as significantly affected as others who cannot stand upright or walk. “I have often wondered why I’ve been so fortunate, but I’ve never wondered, ‘why me?’”
Dale Sweet of Prospect, CT, is the director and physical therapist for Thomaston Physical Therapy in Thomaston.

Jonathan Bailey of Hamden, is an associate director of online graduate admissions at Quinnipiac University.

Jorge Cabrera was named a partner with CampaignsWon.com. He lives in Hamden with his wife, Rebecca (Gayorski) Cabrera ’98, and their twin boys.

Robin Forte and his wife, Lauren, announce the birth of a son, Colin Deryck, on July 29, 2009. He was welcomed by his big sister, Addison, 2½.

Eric Brodsky and Melanie (Bowman) Brodsky ’01 announce the birth of a son, Ian Kelsey, born on Jan. 28, 2009. The family lives in Holbrook, NY.

Lisa Gold of Bayshore, NY, is the midday radio personality, "Chloe," of Long Island’s 106.1 BLI. She voice-tracks the night show at Power 100.1 in Athens, GA. She lives in Bayshore, NY.

Janet Johnson ’00, MBA ’02, opened her own business, Quail Run Ventures, LLC, which provides bookkeeping services to small business owners. She and her husband, Aaron Johnson ’00, live in Terryville, CT.

Laura (Zalak) Soos ’00, MAT ’02, of Milford, NJ, and her husband, Jeffrey, announce the birth of a daughter, Juliana Elizabeth, on May 2, 2009.

Michael Nguyen ’01, MAT ’02, welcomed energetic Kristi to the Kniehl family on Oct. 11, 2009. Michael is an elementary school teacher in Stamford, where they live. Kristi is a pediatric occupational therapist at Connet-To-Talk in Wilton, CT.

Beth Rosenfeld wed Jed Bell on Aug. 15, 2009, in Providence, RI. Beth is a recreation therapist. The couple lives in Columbus, OH.

Holly Alexander ’02, MPT ’04, of Ewing, NJ, is an academic coordina-

William Kohlhopp, MHA ’97, has been named the new associate dean for QU’s School of Health Sciences. He is the director of the entry-level physician assistant master’s program.

Stephanie (Muron) Grimaldi ’98, MHS ’00, and Nicholas Grimaldi Jr., JD ’02, welcomed a son, Parker Anthony, on July 10, 2009. Stephanie is a physician assistant at Shoreline Hematology and Oncology in New London, CT. The family lives in Quaker Hill, CT.

Rajeev Pahuja ’08, MBA ’04, of Hamden is a Hollywood/Bollywood actor doing commercials and movies in New York and New Jersey.

William Brucker and Beth (Braccia) Brucker announce the birth of their son, Matthew Robert, on Aug. 4, 2009. He was welcomed by his big brother, Will. The family lives in Stamford, CT.

Jessica (Sousa) Tuttle and her husband, Darrell, announce the birth of a baby girl, Olivia Hope, on Oct. 25, 2009. She was welcomed by her big sister, Madalynn Grace, 2. Jessica is the director of marketing for the New York Islanders Hockey Club. The family lives in New Rochelle, NY.

Jennifer (Zarrella) Manochio and her husband, Rocco, announce the birth of a daughter, Gianna Elizabeth, on Sept. 20, 2009. The family lives in Toms River, NJ.

Sarah Mathers has been promoted to detective-invvestigator for the NYC Police Department, assigned to the Special Victims Squad in Brooklyn. She lives in New York, NY.
The Alumni Association invites you, your family and alumni friends to gather on campus to enjoy autumn weather, peak fall foliage and a big athletics weekend as Homecoming returns to the fall.

Plan now to come back to Quinnipiac!

Friday, October 8
• Women’s soccer vs. Monmouth
• Men’s ice hockey vs. Ohio State University
• Alumni 2-for-1 tickets for Quinnipiac Theater for Community’s fall show, “The Trojan Women,” at the Clarice L. Buckman Theater

Saturday, October 9
• Quinnipiac Invitational men’s tennis tournament
• Athletic Hall of Fame induction luncheon (see list of inductees on page 36)
• Women’s ice hockey vs. Northeastern
• Homecoming “Tailgate Barbecue”
• Men’s ice hockey vs. Ohio State University
• Alumni 2-for-1 tickets for Quinnipiac Theater for Community’s fall show, “The Trojan Women,” at the Clarice L. Buckman Theater

A complete schedule of events, prices and registration information will be mailed to all alumni by August 1, 2010, or visit www.quinnipiac.edu/QUhomecoming.xml to view/register online and find links for local hotels.
Erin Giroux wed Brian Antonellis on Aug. 29, 2009. Christine Murphy ’03, MHS ’06, Erica Peltz ’03, MPT ’05 and Alison Samia ’03 were part of the bridal party. The couple lives in Belmont, MA.

Carla LaMendola of Syosset, NY, is a registered critical care nurse at Cross Country Travel Corp.

Marlon LeWinter is an account supervisor for Catalyst Public Relations in New York, NY, which won Boutique PR Agency of the Year 2010.

Michael Mahan ’03, MBA ’04, wed Jill St. Laurent on July 18, 2009. Michael is a senior account executive with PC Connection. The couple lives in Somersworth, NH.

William Marsh and Monique (Melanson) Marsh announce the adoption of their first child, Christian Mekonnen, from Ethiopia in February 2010.

Joseph Mordecai’s band, Shark, released its self-titled album, which was named one of the Best Alternative Rock Albums of 2009 according to iTunes. Joseph lives in Bethany, CT.

Clayton Predmore wed Anna Hannen on Sept. 6, 2009, at the Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration in Mystic, CT. Clayton is a software developer at ForeSite Technologies in East Hartford, CT. The couple lives in Meriden, CT.

Lisa Quinn wed Ryan Johnston on Aug. 29, 2009, in Wyckoff, NJ. The couple lives in Riverdale, NJ.

Brianne (Piteo) Rosa of Middletown, CT, is a technical writer for Ingenix, a United Healthcare company. She writes for the EASYGroup software suite.

Viktoria Sundquist ’03, MS ’06, has been named the editor of the Middletown Press. She writes in Naugatuck with her husband, Albert Yuravich.

Lindsay D’Ambra wed Jim Hebert on July 11, 2009. They couple lives in Gardner, MA.

Gregory Glynn is an account supervisor at ABLE, a company that offers high-impact leadership training and workshops to business professionals, college students and organizations. Kroll also serves as a member of Emerson University’s student affairs staff. Bickart and McCaffrey are medical students at Boston University and Harvard University, respectively. Laura Cafarelli ‘03, MAT ‘04, is a teacher in the Seymour public school system.

Jonathan Carlson of East Setauket, NY, wed Jessica Edge on Oct. 24, 2009. He is a television news reporter for WSPA-TV, a CBS affiliate in Spartanburg, SC.

Casey Cormier of Austin, TX, is the director of creative endeavors for Angel-GUARD Products, Inc. of Worcester, MA.

Jonathan Degnan of Milford, CT, was named an audit and accounting supervisor at Henry, Raymond & Thompson LLC, with offices in Hamden and South Windsor, CT.

Amanda (Gauld) DiGangi and her husband, Frank, announce the birth of a son, Brayden William, on Feb. 2, 2010. The family lives in Statesville, NC.

Ryan Gillies of Great River, NY, is the Long Island young alumni representative for Quinnipiac University.
Alexa Smith wed Nahib Daaboul on Aug. 9, 2008, in Anfeh, Lebanon. They live in Norwood, MA.

Jennifer Alexander ’06, MPT ’08, of East Setauket, NY, is a physical therapist.

Christine Arnesen, MHS ’06, wed Anthony Pascucci, JD ’06, on April 25, 2009. The couple lives in Mountainside, NJ.

Ernest Gentile wed Silvia Tomai at the bride’s uncles’ farm, Lodi Hill, in Upper Black Eddy, PA. Ernest is an associate producer with the YES Network. The couple lives in Cos Cob, CT.

Elizabeth Gernat wed Brian Montgomery on Oct. 18, 2008. Elizabeth is a registered nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital. The couple lives in Cheshire, CT.

Patrick Hart ’06 and Adam Hart ’06 from New England Cable News were guest presenters at an English class at Reading High School, Reading, MA, taught by Brian McVety ’06, MAT ’07.

Trevor Rank of Chester, NY, wed Amanda Waice on Sept. 19, 2009, in the Chocksett Inn in Sterling, MA.

Patrick Trayes wed Danielle Rocchio ’06, MAT ’07, on July 18, 2009. Patrick is a traffic director at Citadel Broadcasting in New London, CT, and Danielle is a teacher at Racebrook Elementary School in Orange, CT. The couple lives in East Haven, CT.

Anne Wrobel of Alexandria, VA, is an educational assistant at the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

Tara Duffy wed John Girardon on Aug. 8, 2009, in Greenville, RI. She is an elementary schoolteacher in North Haven, CT. The couple lives in Waterford, CT.

Natalie Paterson is a FOX 44 Local News reporter in Vermont. She worked for two years as a crime reporter at the NBC affiliate in Casper, WY.

Kelly Rider of Boston, MA, is the head girl’s varsity ice hockey coach at Canton High School in Canton, MA.
Pamela Vitta of Denville, NJ, has been promoted to client manager for Cigna Health Care Corporation.

Paul Wolfe of North Haven, CT, is the marketing coordinator at Ground Up, Inc., in Meriden, CT, and co-owner of The Trivium Group, LLC.

Michael Boisvert of Glendale, CA, is a partner-producer with Grandview Productions. His most recent work, “Retirement” (2009), won best short comedy at the W.I.A.T. Film Festival and won official selection at the Hollywood East and Woods Hole Film Festivals.

Sarah Handman is the assistant girl’s varsity ice hockey coach at Canton High School in Canton, MA.

Maria Iova of Bucharest, Romania, earned a doctoral degree in mass media and cinematography. She is a management counselor/consultant for TVR HD, the high-definition channel of Romanian public television.

Patrick McGown of Mahopac, NY, is a production assistant for World Wrestling Entertainment in Stamford, CT.

Adam Mileikowsky is a collections analyst at Glencore International AG in Stamford, CT, where he lives.

Laura Ogonowski of Boston, MA, co-authored an essay about life insurance which was chosen by The Life Foundation and featured in Newsweek in September 2009.

Todd Ryder of Hamden is a lab coordinator at Protein Sciences Corporation located in Meriden, CT.

Jenn Zemke ’08 of South Meriden, CT, is a clerk at the Cheshire Public Library, Sunday technical assistant at the Hamden Public Library, a project manager at Central Connecticut Foot Care Center and a teacher for The Flute Fairy.

Kelly Dean, MAT ’09, wed Jamie Bebrin on Sept. 5, 2009. Kelly is a kindergarten teacher at Brooklyn Elementary School in Waterbury, CT. The couple lives in Monroe, CT.

Lisa DiVirgilio, MS ’09, of Syracuse, NY, is a producer and social media lead at Syracuse Online, LLC.

Timothy Genck, MS ’09, is a training and performance consultant, working with companies such as McDonald’s, Time Warner Cable, Macy’s, Del Monte Foods and The American Management Association. He lives in West Hartford, CT.

Jaclyn Hirsch is a reporter at the Tracy Press in California.

Susan Kosman, MS ’09, is a chief nursing officer for Aetna. She lives in Wethersfield, CT.

Jessica Kruzel of Cheshire, CT, is a graphic designer for e-Integrity, a marketing automation software development company in Windsor, CT.

Adam Pacio is freelancing in Manhattan as an interactive project manager. He lives in Stratford, CT.

Carolyn Phillips was elected president of the board of directors at Chrysalis Center in West Hartford, CT. She owns Fit Behavior, a fitness and wellness facility in Rocky Hill, CT, where she lives.

Daisy Vargas is an administrative assistant for the Center of Comprehensive Care Department at Roosevelt Hospital. She lives in New York, NY.
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Alumni connected at a variety of events both on and off campus.

1. Kristin Wedekin '06, right, and guest Jeanette Crawford at the QU Night at the Islanders-Rangers pregame reception in March.

2. Robert '85 and Lori Simon meet author Greg Mortenson, left, before his March lecture. They are the parents of Kevin Simon '11.

3. At the President's Cup Golf Tournament in Ringoes, N.J., from left: Laura (Wolfensohn) Sequenzia '89, publisher of Golf World; Leeza Scoble '10; Judy Lahey '99; and Barbara (Dearborn) Weldon '71.


5. Rich DeCapua '99, his wife, Kari-Ann (Feeney) DeCapua '00, and daughters Kayla and Kara joined alumni at the Boston Museum of Science to tour the Harry Potter exhibit. Rich is president of the Boston alumni chapter.

6. Broadcast journalist Gwen Ifill, recipient of the 2010 Fred Friendly First Amendment Award, with, from left: Lawrence Lafferty '84, associate director of broadcast operations, ABC News Radio; Brian Kelly '99, MS '02, editor at ESPN.com; and Michael Barrett '85, director of development, School of Communications and College of Arts and Sciences at QU.

7. Occupational therapy students Laura Passarelle '12, Nicole Sawyer '11, Danielle Quinn '12, and Arielle Abbato '11 gathered to network with alumni at the Quinnipiac reception during the annual AOTA meeting in Orlando in April.
I’ve been fortunate over the years to attend many QU athletic contests. Lately I’ve been privileged to be accompanied by my 9-year-old daughter, Michaela. Together, we attend many home field hockey, soccer, softball, lacrosse games and competitive cheer meets.

We are also avid hockey and basketball fans and attend almost all home games. The first thing Michaela noticed early on was the discrepancy in the fan support between the men’s and women’s teams. After counting fewer than 50 people in the TD Bank Sports Center, Michaela would ask, “Daddy, why don’t people come to see the girls play? They work so hard, just as hard as the boys. People should be here.”

I agree, but how do you explain to a 9-year-old that the casual fan discriminates against women’s sports?

The most important lesson Michaela has learned from watching these female heroes is to never, ever give up. This was brought home to me one night in 2008 after Dartmouth shelled our women skaters 0–6. On the way home, Michaela noted that even down by five goals, “the girls kept playing hard...like they could still win the game.”

The next day, after losing to Harvard 0–4, QU goalie Jamie Miller handed Michaela her game stick after keeping the Crimson scoreless with it in the third period. Jamie signed the stick later that night, and the Bobcats had a fan for life. The stick remains a prominent feature in Michaela’s room to this day.

I’ve also noticed how Michaela focuses on the small things the players do and how they can add up to big results. Unbeknownst to me, Michaela focused on two field hockey players, Bonnie Shea and MacKenzie Liptak, during some early season losses last year to Columbia and UMass and during a win over Siena. Toward the end of the season, the same two players blogged about their trip to the NEC conference tournament.

Upon reading the blog together, Michaela remembered not only the players but how they “worked real hard” and both scored during the Siena game. I had to go back to the box scores to see that she was right!

Without knowing or trying, the female athletes of Quinnipiac University have taught my daughter life lessons. And because she came to them on her own and not through her father’s insistence, they are ingrained into her psyche. I see the results every day when she’s practicing the piano, rollerblading, climbing just a little higher, doing her homework or doing cartwheels in the yard.

I have every confidence that my little girl will grow to be a remarkable young woman thanks, in large measure, to the remarkable young women who represent the Quinnipiac community on their respective fields of play. For that I am ever grateful.

Robert Stowell ’78 lives in Bethel, Conn., with his wife, Kathleen (Coughlin) ’79, and their family. When not seated in the TD Bank Sports Center, he teaches mathematics at Danbury High School.
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