

Study Proves It: A UCC Education Is a Good Investment

In six and a half years UCC students recover all costs, including wages foregone while attending college, and enjoy a 22.7% return on their Union County College educational investment. This is just one intriguing finding in the first economic impact study of New Jersey's 19 county colleges by CCBenefits Inc., a research firm engaged by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

Union County College, the oldest of the New Jersey two-year colleges, can boast that:

- 85% of students stay in the region and contribute to the local economy, spending an average 37 years in the workforce and earn \$382,891 more than individuals with a high school degree or a GED.

- Business sales in the Union County Economic Region are \$941 million greater, and labor income is \$356 million greater due to the past and present operations of UCC.
- UCC activities encourage new business, assist existing business, and create long-term economic growth. It is estimated that the present workforce embodies over 3.3 million credit and non-credit hours of past and present UCC training.
- UCC's spending alone generated \$1.60 in salaries and benefits for every dollar


appropriated by state and local government.

- Accounting for increased tax receipts and avoided costs, state and local government will see a rate of return of 16.1% on their fiscal 2002 support of Union County College.

- The state government actually makes money on its investment in UCC, which puts more money back in the state treasury than it takes out.

Unfortunately, New Jersey's county colleges are facing a cut of 5% of their

state operating funds in the budget to close the state's unprecedented budget gap. For Union County College, this means a loss of \$770,000 in fiscal year 2004. Plans are under way to respond to this funding cut.

The author and management guru Tom Peters is a fan of community colleges like UCC, and wrote, "Support your community colleges! They are the unsung, under-funded backbone of America's all important lifelong learning network." 



FOCUS IN MAY ON DR. MacKAY. *As Ever, Mac, A Biography of Kenneth C. MacKay, A College Frontiersman* is the title of former UCC VP and Acting President Roy W. Smith's biography-in-process of the late beloved Dr. MacKay, President of the College 1944 - 1969. Roy regaled Alumni Association members with stories about this witty and erudite teacher, scholar and educational pioneer who shepherded the College during some of its most difficult times. Some new and old Ken MacKay fans are, l. to r., Brian Reilly, Jeff Chait, Nancy Benz, Harry Kreis, Marion Menzer, Mary Lou Gray, Karen Edwards, Winnie Weislogel, Linda Kurdilla, Roy Smith, Catherine Meyers, Marion Curka, Patrick LaQuaglia, Gail Ann Denman, Dan Sickles, Camille Cormier, and Bonnie Bendlin.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, Nov. 7th
6-11 PM

*Crystal Ball Room –
Your Psychic &
Holistic Adventure*

A Fun Fund Raiser for
Alumni Scholarships.

Volunteers welcome!

Take Note

UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Second week of each month.
Monday, June 9
7 PM
Faculty/Staff Dining Room
Cranford Campus
Installation of officers and reception

UCC FOUNDATION EVENING AT THE RACES

Meadowlands – Pegasus Restaurant
Thursday, June 26

THEATER PROJECT AT UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Roy W. Smith Theater
A Wilde Night in the Rockies, a new comedy by Jewel Seehaus Fisher.
June 26 - July 13
Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford
TH, FR, SA - 8 PM, SU 3 PM
Call (908) 659-5189

PLAINFIELD CAMPUS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 20th

UCC 11TH ANNUAL GALA HONORING WACHOVIA BANK

Saturday, October 25, 2003
Cranford Commons

UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 3RD ANNUAL CRYSTAL BALL ROOM – YOUR PSYCHIC & HOLISTIC ADVENTURE

Friday, November 7
6 – 11 PM
Cranford Commons

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Donors and Students Meet at Annual Scholarship Reception



The Cranford Commons was teeming with excitement on the evening of April 9th as scholarship donors were thanked and scholarship recipients were recognized. Here College President Dr. Thomas H. Brown and UCC Board of Trustees President Victor M. Richel flank four of the six UCC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund recipients and Linda Kurdilla '89 (second from r.) representing the Alumni Association Board.



Alumna and former UCC Women's Basketball Coach Donna Herran '85 created the T. C. Flynn & Megan Ryan Morris Scholarship in honor of her friend and star basketball player and "T.C.'s" daughter, who is Donna's goddaughter. Here Donna (second from l.) poses with Dr. Brown, student Arpita Desai and Mr. Richel.



Is UCC in YOUR will?

Planned giving donors are honored members of the *Heritage Society*. You can leave the precious legacy of higher education for generations to come.

To learn about making bequests or other planned gifts to the Union County College Foundation, please call Ann M. Poskocil, CFRE, Director of Development, at (908) 709-7505 or email Poskocil@ucc.edu.



A CART FULL OF VOLUNTEERS. Director of Student Activities/Athletics Jim McCue and student volunteers pose before setting off on the beautiful greens of Echo Lake Country Club for the UCC Foundation's 11th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament on April 28th. They were spotters to record the longest drive of the tournament and to witness any winners of the "hole in one" contests where two cars and a Rolex watch could be won. Schering-Plough was the tournament sponsor and UCC Foundation Vice President Bud Ziolkowski was the Chair for this event, which raised a record \$95,000 plus for student scholarships.

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DID YOU KNOW!

....that the large boulder at the end of the back parking lot on the Cranford campus bears an inscription dedicating the **David G. Fables, Jr. Memorial Sanctuary, A Wildlife Garden**, in May 1972?

Prof. Fables was a beloved science teacher for many years. It is a lovely tribute: *"Dedicated to David G. Fables, Jr., whose reverence for life and love of nature are a cherished legacy to this campus where he is remembered a master teacher."* There is also poetry by Louisa May Alcott:

*The willow blossoms wait for him,
The bluebird sings his requiem,
The genius of the wood is gone.*



Alumni Profile



Yvonne C. La Mons '03

Degrees Galore

Class of 2003 graduate Yvonne La Mons is a woman of many talents and interests, and no doubt the most degreed graduate UCC has ever had. She has earned both an AS in Business Administration and an AAS in General Business from Mercer County Community College, a BS in Business Administration from the College of New Jersey, an MA in the Graduate Program for Administrators from Rider U., a JD from Rutgers U. School of Law - Newark, and now an AA in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies from Union County College.


As Yvonne tells it, her story "is one of determination, persistence, pain, planning, perseverance, overcoming life's obstacles and keeping a positive attitude". She has battled an impoverished childhood with serious family problems, a failed marriage, being a single parent of three, and cancer. Most of her education was obtained at night while working.

This trail blazer was the only female in the New Jersey State Judiciary to hold the position of Court Executive/Trial Court Administrator for Camden County, responsible for 600+ employees and a \$21 million budget.

She took an early retirement in 2002 to pursue her dream of working in the legal field with the Deaf Community. Despite a long commute from her home in Medford, she came to UCC because it has "the best deaf-studies program in the tri-state area" and because she wanted to be taught signing naturally. Yvonne says her teachers have made learning fun, although she admits to having been "busted" for breaking the contract students sign each semester to never speak in class. She has the highest praise for the program's founder and director, Prof. Eileen Forestal.

After graduation, she will work at a New Brunswick law firm where 80% of the clients are deaf, and will take the NJ and PA bar exams, since she was prohibited from practicing law while working in the courts.

Yvonne gives herself wholeheartedly to everything she does, with the philosophy that it is truly energizing to get involved and that one gets so much out of life this way. Thus at UCC she was an award-winning reporter and copy editor for the *Scroll*, Vice President of the Student Interpreters Group Network (S.I.G.N. Club), Editor of S.I.G.N. Post and chair of three committees for the American Sign Language Festival at UCC, designer of the new UCC flag, and selected for Phi Theta Kappa's All-State Academic Team in 2003. She was also the Faculty Nominated Winner of the "Phenomenal Women Essay Contest" and found time to be a peer tutor at the Academic Learning Center.

This new UCC alumna says she loves the wonderful cultural diversity here and takes delight in teaching students the ABC's of academic success. The UCC Alumni Association welcomes her leadership skills, energy and creativity. 




A Sure Bet – Evening at the Races

Looking for some excitement – a fun night out with friends to enjoy gourmet food and harness racing at its best? Join with more than 250 alumni, faculty, students, staff, elected officials and corporate supporters at the UCC Foundation's 10th Annual *"Evening At The Races"* in the Pegasus Restaurant, high atop the Meadowlands Racetrack.

The price is right! The \$85 ticket price (\$40 tax deduction) includes:

- valet parking
- clubhouse admission
- reserved seating for your group / or at the alumni table if requested
- hors d'oeuvres
- sumptuous buffet dinner featuring carved roasts, pasta and dessert stations
- racing program
- memento of the evening

Save the date – Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 6:00 pm. **Be part of this year's fun as we raise funds for student scholarships. Contact the Development office for a brochure (908/709-7505), or sign up on the web site – www.uccfoundation.org!** 

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About Alumni



AGING WITH GRACE AND WIT.

Actors Daaimah Talley '97 and Tamela Aldridge, who portrayed Sadie and Bessie Delaney at ages 103 and 101 to rave reviews, flank Ethel Heim, 98-year young friend of the College and Trustee of the UCC Foundation Board. Mark Spina, director of the Theater Project at Union County College, directed Emily Mann's *Having Our Say*, in which two sisters' reflections make the social history of the 20th century come alive with poignancy and humor.



HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS.

The annual appreciation event for the UCC Foundation's planned giving donors was a luncheon on May 16 when 17 new members were inducted into the Heritage Society. Biology Dept. Chairman Professor William Dunscombe entertained the guests with his slide show about New Jersey. Foundation Trustee John Jacobson, Josephine Jacobson, and Bonnie Sirower smile after lunch, holding plants donated by Dr. Tom Ombrello from the Biology Dept. greenhouse.

JOIN THE UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- Use UCC Fitness Center at special low alumni rate for 3-year AA membership (\$15)
- Networking
- Library privileges on all campuses
- Bookstore discounts
- Holiday Party
- Membership Mailings
- Low dues - \$5.00 per year

Donald G. Rhodes, '49 of Hammond, LA retired after 34 years as assoc. professor of government at Southeastern Louisiana U. His BA with honors is from U. of Redlands, California and his graduate degree from LSU. He also worked at the U. of Kansas and the U. of Mississippi. He has great memories of his time at UJC and would like to get in touch with friends from the Class of 1949. Drhodes@I-55.com

Barbara Kloss, '58 of Elizabeth, NJ, an EXXON retiree, teaches computer use one-on-one at Community Access Unlimited in Elizabeth as an RSVP volunteer. She was cited for her services at the RSVP Volunteer Luncheon last winter.

Edna M. Hill, '59 of Kenilworth, NJ won the "Best in Show" and first place for her acrylic painting *Roses in a Crystal Vase* at the Elizabethtown Gas Co. Show in 2002. Her late sister **Ona L. Hill** also took classes at UCC; her book, *Raymond Burr: A Radio, Film and TV Biography* was published by McFarland & Co. in 1994.

Ralph Shepard, Jr., who last attended in 1967, is retired and enjoying life in Sierra Vista, AZ. Mayo-shep@outb.com

Jerome P. Fogerty, '69 of Hudson, FL has retired after 35 years of civil service - three years in the military and 32 years delivering mail.

William J. Jamison, '69 of Ocean, NJ is an instructor of public speaking and communications at the Rutgers U. Office of Continuing Professional Education, a self-employed communication consultant, musician and photographer. NJDLC@aol.com

Nancy Benz, '73 received the *Charles Tabler Distinguished Service to the Counseling Profession Award* from the NJ Counseling Assoc. in Atlantic City in April 2003.

Gloria J. Lee, '73 lives in Springfield, NJ and has been retired from her management job at AT&T since 1989.

Andres Castellon, '76 of Margate, FL spent 20 years in law enforcement in NJ and FL, and is now the director of security and parking for Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, Miami, FL. Acastel612@aol.com

Ed Halper, '77 and **Laurie (Zimelis) Halper, '80** live in

Basking Ridge, NJ with their two children, and are the proprietors of Mountain Fitness in Warren Township, which was featured on the WCBS 880/Chase Small Business Forum in NYC. Ed has a Master's in education from Trenton State College and Laurie is a graduate of the Chubb Institute. www.mountainfitness.com

Charles (Chuck) Taylor, '79, of Beaufort, SC, served in the USAF 1951-58, and then embarked on a career in public service, retiring from the Passaic County Prosecutors Office 1994 after 22 years. He is founder of the National Black Police Association Alumni Association.

William J. Smith Jr., '81 of Roselle Park, NJ received the 2003 *Elizabeth M. Boggs Award* from Cerebral Palsy of NJ at the agency's annual dinner in May 2003. wsmith@ucnj.org

Jeff Neugroschel, '82 of Stanhope, NJ is an information systems manager for a major financial corporation and the author of a new novel, *Emergence of Hope*, which revolves around a Westfield, NJ teenager's psychic experiences after 9/11. Jeff.neugroschel@prudential.com

Marie Hudak, '83 of Mountainside, NJ is active in the animal rescue group Best Friend, Inc. as vice president of business and manager of their resale shop in Scotch Plains. rhudak@comcast.com.

Karen D. Edwards, '84 of Scotch Plains, NJ was elected to the UCC Board of Governors as a UCC Alumni Association representative for a 3-year term in June. She works for AT&T. KARENE863@aol.com

Lucy (Ludmila) (Galajda) Biller, '88 of Edison, NJ is a branch manager with Fleet Bank.

Linda McQuilla-Jones, '93 of Roselle, NJ received her Master's in Psychology from Seton Hall U. in May 2002 and is now a graduate student there. Her daughter Jennifer is a U of Virginia grad and Vanessa is Colgate U. student. linjones@comcast.net

Michael A. Gallardo, '94, of Dunellen, NJ, was in UCC's EOF program, and went on to Drew U. and Seton Hall U. School of Law, graduating in 2000. He is with the Harwood Lloyd law firm doing primarily civil litigation.

Terrance Campbell, '00, of Plainfield, NJ, graduated from Fairleigh-Dickinson U. in May 2003 with honors and a combined BS/MS degree in accounting.



READ OWL ABOUT IT

LADY OWLS ARE 2003 CHAMPIONS.

UCC's Lady Owls captured the 2003 Garden State Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Championship, and then went on to win the NJCAA Region XIX Division II championship. The Garden State Athletic Conference named Coach Windy McGriff "Coach of the Year". Athletic Director Jim McCue stated, "We are very proud of the ladies and the coaching staff because they worked very hard. This is the first conference championship we've had in five years."

UCC LEADER ON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. Longtime UCC volunteer John A. Griffith, currently Chair of both the Board of Governors and the UCC Foundation, was appointed by Gov. James McGreevey for a 5-year term to the New Jersey State Board of Education. A former high school teacher and guidance counselor before he joined PSE&G, John Griffith has served on Montclair's Board of Education and brings a passionate interest in education to his new position.

TOWN HALL MEETING AT UCC CRANFORD. Governor James McGreevey's Town Hall Meeting on January 22 attracted a crowd of 500 faculty, staff, students, and area residents. Among other citations, the Governor recognized student Jacqueline Burgess '03 as the embodiment of UCC's educational mission.

GALA HONOREE. Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Governor Victor M. Richel was the "Making A Difference Award Recipient" at the Garden State Cancer Center Foundation's Gala in April. Mr. Richel is Vice Chairman of the Board of Independence Community Bank Corp.

CLASS OF 2021 QUINTS. In December the UCC Foundation gave the gift of education to the Keogh Quintuplets of Elizabeth, guaranteeing each of the 18-month old toddlers fully paid tuition to Union County College. At a reception in the Commons the little ones, children of Jim and Susan Keogh, posed in jerseys spelling U-N-I-O-N with older siblings Kathleen and James. Funds in the Keogh Quintuplets Scholarship will grow until the children reach college age.

ADMISSIONS MARKETING WINNERS. From among 2,000 entries, UCC received three Merit Awards in the 18th Annual Advertising Awards Competition of Admissions Marketing Report, and a Gold Award for the Fall 2002 credit tabloid, SUCCESS. Kudos to Georgia Hartnett, UCC Executive Director of Marketing and College Communications, Graphic Artist Margaret Hanscom and Director of Media Services Steve Kato, and also to the alumni who were featured: Sharon '78 and Cliff Freshwater '79, Wayne Orshak '74, and Dr. Helena Santos-Martins '91.

ABOUT WILD TURKEYS. The Patberg Lectures honor the memory of Biology professor Dr. Elizabeth Patberg. The fifth annual lecture on April 1st was given by Bob Erikson, head of New Jersey's wild turkey restoration project. The frozen turkey door prize was a domestic variety.

FREE FRIDAY MESSAGES. UCC staff and alumni are invited to enjoy a one-hour full body massage on Friday evenings at the Massage Therapy Student Clinic on the Plainfield campus. By appointment only: call Andrea Mariani at (908) 791-4916.

AN AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY. Institute for Intensive English students were inspired by Dr. Yvonne Thornton's talk in April. Author of *The Ditchdigger's Daughters* (1995), she spoke about how she and her sisters helped finance their education through their band, the Thornton Sisters, which played all along the East Coast in the 1960s and 1970s. Dr. Thornton generously returned her honorarium to be used as a scholarship for an ESL student next fall.


A 10th Anniversary for the Plainfield Campus

The yearlong celebration of 10 years as a full-service UCC campus in Plainfield began with a reception on May 17th and the opening of an exhibit of historical photographs and other items. The exhibit, which will be on display all year, highlights the historical development of the Plainfield campus and the Plainfield community, and includes photographs from the archives of *The Courier News*, some taken when the newspaper occupied the College's building on Second Avenue and some documenting life in Plainfield in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Provost Dr. Jose Adames says that this is really a celebration of the Plainfield community as well as the Plainfield campus. There will be a rededication of the

campus, where 1,000 students are enrolled, on September 20th.

An anniversary committee is planning programs and events, which they hope will involve the entire city. Former UCC Governor and Trustee Mary Gladden was instrumental in advocating for establishing a campus in Plainfield and is an enthusiastic member of the committee. "It's exciting", she says, "The purpose of the anniversary is to support the campus here in Plainfield and to try to get our young people and our families to value higher education."

To keep abreast of Plainfield anniversary programs, check out *What's New* on the College web site home page - www.ucc.edu. 



FIRST AMERICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS. Plainfield Provost Dr. Jose Adames with the colorful quilt created by the Woodland School Art Club under the direction of teacher Kim Garrahan and artist Roberta W. Jackson. The quilt honors those who fought to abolish slavery in the 1800's, particularly the abolitionists, Quakers, and Native Americans. The quilt is part of a campus-wide display that will remain until the rededication on September 20, 2003.

Thank You Reception at Sperry Observatory

The Amateur Astronomers, Inc. hosted the UCC Foundation's annual Donor Thank You Reception on March 20th at the observatory on the Cranford campus. A steady rain failed to dampen the spirit of the guests, who included many UCC alums.



Astronomy professor Dr. Lewis Thomas enthusiastically shares his expertise with Jane L. Scott '43 and Reece Scott '45 of Murray Hill.

Learning more about stars was fun for (l. to r.) Bonnie Bendlin '68, Springfield, Suzanne Covine '58, Westfield, and Henry Apelian, Manchester.



Bedford "Buz" Lydon '50, Summit, and Professor Judith Mayer of the English Dept. enjoy a lively exchange. Buz is a son of the late Rebecca Lydon, the legendary President of the Friends of the College, which raised funds for the College in its early years.

RETIREES 2003

Dr. Dorothea Hoffner, Senior Professor of English, after 29 years.

Professor of Chemistry **Martha Jones**, after 22 years.



College President Dr. Thomas H. Brown with Dr. Dorothea Hoffner at the end of year reception honoring retirees.

Errata – Winter About Union

Virginia Apelian's correct email address is verginehenri@aol.com.

Psychology Prof. Ted Tharney is the UCC Soccer Coach. We regret these errors.

IN MEMORIAM

Prof. Craig Sibley, New Providence, NJ, who taught mathematics, drafting and engineering from 1968 – 1997. January 2003.

About Campus



The second edition of "*Laboratory Manual for Human Biology*", co-authored by **Prof. Bert Atsma**, Biology, and Sandra Hsu has been published by Benjamin Cummings. It is used with the textbook *Human Biology* by Michael Jackson.

Prof. Stanley Cohen, Mathematics, was elected President-Elect of the Mathematics Assoc. of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey at their meetings in March. **Prof. Cyndi Roemer**, Mathematics, was a panelist for a discussion on service learning.

"Pinelands Overview" was the title of a workshop by **Prof. William Dunscombe**, Biology, at the Pinelands Commission's 14th annual Short Course at Stockton College in March. Prof. Dunscombe also has two chapters in a middle school textbook, *Decisions for Health*, recently published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Prof. Jim Eimont, English, has an essay about Ezra Pound in "*The 3rd Page*", an on-line publication.

Dr. Andrea Green, Senior Professor of English, was the keynote speaker at the Kean U. faculty Academic Council of Education Identification Project meeting in Feb. She spoke about her new play, *Just Desserts*, which was produced at Kean in April. Her poem, *My Neighbor Plants Azaleas*, was published in the Spring 2003 *Sweet Annie and Sweet Pea Review*.

UCC was well represented at the regional conference of the College Reading and Learning Assoc. in March at Philadelphia U. **Gail Hein**, Director of Academic Learning Centers, is treasurer, and with tutor **Carolyn Thomas** (ALUM) presented a poster session. **Prof. Elizabeth Hawthorne**, Business/Computer Science, and **Jacqueline Leonard**, Head Tutor Elizabeth campus, presented a workshop, *The Applications and Technology of Wireless Handheld Computing in an Academic Environment*.

The New Jersey College English Assoc. at their conference at Seton Hall U. honored **Dr. Dorothea Hoffner**, Senior Professor of English, with the Steven J. Rosen Mentor Award in March. Her colleagues **Dr. Rosemarie Lewandowski** and **Prof. Arthur Rose** presented the award. **Dr. Connie Rubin** read a paper, *Making a Life: Annie Dillard's 'An American Childhood' and the Art of Memoir*. **Dr. Susannah Chewing** chaired a panel on "*The Perils of Theory*".

Dr. Risetta Jacobs, Psychology/Sociology, authored a chapter in the new book, *Shocking Violence II: Violent Disaster, War, and Terrorism Affecting Our Youth*, published by Charles C. Thomas, Ltd., 2003.

Curator of the Tomasulo Gallery and artist **Valeri Larko** exhibited in "Paper 2003", a group exhibit at Metaphor Contemporary Art in Brooklyn, NY and had a painting in the NJ Arts Annual exhibit at the Morris Museum.

Dr. Barbara McGoldrick, Senior Professor of Chemistry, and **Amarjit Kaur**, Online Course Support Specialist, co-presented *It's the Design That Matters: Message Boards for Successful Learning Experiences* at the national League for Innovation Conference on Information Technology for community college teachers in November.

Prof. Susan McLoughlin, Mathematics, is in her fourth year as the Director of the Students Mathematics League for the American Mathematical Assoc. of Two-Year Colleges. She presented international student awards and otherwise was active at their annual conference in Phoenix, AZ in Nov.

Dr. Brian Pankuch '63, Senior Professor of Chemistry, is an appointee to the Computer Committee of the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Education.

Prof. Cynthia Roemer, Mathematics, was honored as a "2003 Woman of Excellence" in the Education category by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women. Prof. Roemer coordinates the annual sexual assault awareness programs and "Take Back the Night" at the College in April.

Dr. Madeline Santoro, Senior Professor of English, gave a paper, *Ways to Globalize On-Line Courses* at the national meeting of the College English Assoc. in St. Petersburg, FL in April.

Two paintings by **Prof. Barbara Weskot '85** English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, were featured in the Georgian Court College of Art Expo in March.

A merit prize for photography was awarded to **Prof. Robert Yoskowitz**, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, for "*Monument II*", a silver gelatin print in "Focus on Sculpture 2003" at the Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ. Also, his photograph "*The Club*" is in a New Jersey State Museum exhibit which will run until December 31, 2003.

Know Your Union County College Foundation

Washington DC has its White House and so does Union County College! Located next to the campus on Springfield Avenue, the UCC Foundation "white house" is home to a group of professionals whose mission is to raise funds to provide scholarships and innovative programs for UCC students.

There is always something happening at the Foundation. Three times a year committees of Board members, College employees and volunteers plan special events. In April, the Foundation hosted its most successful *Golf & Tennis Tournament* ever, raising over \$95,000 to benefit the College. Coming up on Thursday, June 26th, will be the 10th annual *Evening at the Races* at beautiful Pegasus at the Meadowlands, and on October 25th, the 11th annual *Gala* will honor Wachovia Bank. Special events are one way that College friends can come together, and have a wonderful time while providing support for students. In this issue, you'll find information about the *Evening at the Races* – plan to join in this fun event.

This is also the time of year that the Foundation reaches out to its family of loyal supporters and to those who have not yet made a financial commitment to the College. The UCC Foundation's annual

campaign is called *Shaping Our Future*. You may have received a letter from the Foundation asking you to renew your previous financial support or to become a first-time donor to *SOF*. You may also receive a phone call from a volunteer.

Please do all you can to help UCC. Today, 70% of UCC students request financial assistance. Without help, they could not enroll. Perhaps you received a scholarship when you were a student, or had a friend who did. Then you know how important it is for the Foundation to be able to give this support. Please take a moment to use the enclosed envelope to make your gift today. Your help is extremely important. The fiscal year ends on **June 30th**. All alumni donors are recognized in the fall issue of *About Union*, and in the Foundation's Annual Report, unless anonymity is requested.

You might choose to donate directly to a scholarship fund or start a scholarship of your own. There are over 110 endowed UCC Foundation scholarships and dozens of annual scholarships. When you have a scholarship named for you or someone you want to honor, you determine the criteria by which the scholarship is awarded. A member of the Foundation staff will gladly answer your ques-


tions, or visit the Foundation website to see a complete list of current scholarships or to request a scholarship brochure.

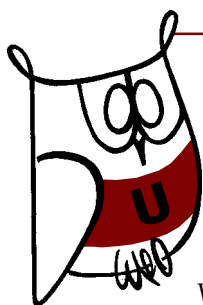
And, as you read *About Union*, know that it comes out of the "white house" as do all UCC Alumni Association activities. When you join the Alumni Association, or purchase an Entertainment Book, or attend an Alumni Association meeting, or come to the Crystal Ball Room or Holiday Party, a Foundation staff member is in the background helping.

Finally, grant proposals for the College are written here. Grants provide funds for new programs and equipment that cannot be funded through the College's operating budget. Many exciting projects at the

College are made possible through grants. These include the Title V Hispanic Support Center, Community Technology Centers, Adult Basic Skills Education, College for Teens, The Theater Project, the LIFE Center, and many, many more programs too numerous to mention.

The Foundation staff welcome your calls and visits, and will be glad to share more in depth information about Foundation happenings with you and explain the many ways in which you can give back to your alma mater to assure that future generations of students will have the same opportunities for a first-rate UCC education that you enjoyed.

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The Heritage Society

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NAME: _____ PHONE: Day _____ Evening _____
(Please include maiden name)

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- I'D LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:
- special events
 - fund raisers
 - committee membership
 - phonathons
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 - student recruitment

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