



Roy W. Smith, the author of *As Ever, Mac* poses by the bust of his late friend Dr. Kenneth C. MacKay. The bust, which usually resides in the MacKay Library, graced the Commons for this special occasion.



Winifred (Winnie) Weislogel '47, Arlington, VA, shared some fond remembrances of her former teacher. Her correspondence with Dr. MacKay contributed to Roy Smith's research.

Marion Menzer '47, her brother Howard Steffens and daughter Claire Holzwarth (l. to r.). Marion's late husband Clarence Menzer '47 was President of the UCC Alumni Association during Dr. MacKay's tenure as College president.



Former staff person Betty Ehr Gott and Professor Emerita, Business, Lillian B. Krov '40 enjoyed reminiscing about Dr. MacKay and the College.



FIRST ART & SERVICES AUCTION A WINNER!



All smiles were Auction Committee member Linda Ross Dolin '68, Cranford (l.) and Katelin Kleissler '83, Landing, NJ. See story on page 3.

Biography of UCC President MacKay Published

Union County College is unique in that most of its history has been written. After Dr. Donald Raichle wrote its history from 1933 to 1983 in New Jersey's Union College, Roy W. Smith took up the tradition of writing about this very special New Jersey institution. The official publication date of his latest book, *As Ever, Mac: A Biography of College Frontiersman Kenneth C. MacKay*, was celebrated with a reception and book-signing in the Cranford Commons on March 24, 2005.

As Ever, Mac describes Dr. MacKay's 34-year career at Union Junior College/ Union College as a teacher, Dean and President, the growth of higher education in New Jersey, and the growth and development of the two-year college nationally. College president from 1944 to 1969, he was known as the "father of the two-year college in New Jersey" and active for four decades in the two-year college movement in New Jersey and nationally.

Author Roy W. Smith, who retired in 1998, was affiliated with UJC, Union

College and Union County College for 41 years as director of public relations, vice president for college relations, acting president, vice president for institutional advancement and secretary of the governing boards. He is donating all royalties from the book sales to the Union County College Foundation for the Kenneth C. MacKay Memorial Scholarship Fund.

As Ever, Mac is available at UCC campus bookstores, on Amazon.com, or from the publisher, St. Johann Press, Haworth, NJ (201/387-1529).





Upcoming @UCC

UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

All alumni are welcome to attend -

first Mondays at 7 PM.

June 6 - Installation of
Officers / End of Year Party
Faculty / Staff Dining Room
Cranford Campus

TOMASULO GALLERY IN THE COMMONS

April 15 - July 28
Gayle Ruskin-White
Large Scale Works from
1990 - 1994

THEATER PROJECT AT UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

July 7 - 31

Jackie, An American Life

by Gip Hoppe

A comic excursion through
America's obsession with
Jacqueline Kennedy.

TH - SAT 8 PM, SUN 3 PM

Reservations - 908/659-5189

UCC FOUNDATION EVENTS

EVENING AT THE RACES

Thursday, June 23, 2005

Pegasus Restaurant at
Meadowlands

Reserved alumni table

Save the date!!!

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Saturday, October 29, 2005

Cranford Commons

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EVENT VOLUNTEERS MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN AT UCC.

Even with snow on the ground, members of the 13th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament Committee were busy planning for a sunny April 25th Monday on the links at Echo Lake Country Club. Standing (l. to r.) are UCC Foundation Trustee Dr. Richard F. Neblett, Director of Athletics & Student Activities Jim McCue and Mathematics Professor Ginny Crisonino; seated are College president Dr. Thomas H. Brown and UCC Foundation Trustee and Committee Chair, J. Robert Hoeffler, Cranford Chamber of Commerce. Also serving this year are Margaret Biunno, L'Oreal USA; Suzanne Covine '58; Jerry Dobbins, Schering-Plough (Ret.); Linda Ross Dolin '68; Biology Professor William Dunscombe, Jr.; Joseph Starkey, Schering-Plough; Chuck Walter, Fleet Insurance Services; Bud Ziolkowski, Chair of the UCC Foundation, and Honorary Chairperson Marylyn Luster Masia.

Reach Out to Your Legislators to Help Your Community College

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges has created a Legislative Action Center on its web site, www.njccc.org, that students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and all concerned citizens can use to advocate on behalf of New Jersey's 19 community colleges.

Click on the Legislative Action Center icon, choose an issue of interest and prepare an email message — the web site will automatically identify and send emails to representatives based on street address and zip code.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and college presidents as the voice of the community college sector in New Jersey before the state legislature and other branches of government. For more information, contact Jacob Farberman at (609) 392-3434 or send email to jfarberman@njccc.org.



A SURE BET - Evening at the Races

Thursday, June 23

Looking for some excitement - a fun night out with friends to enjoy gourmet food and harness racing at its best?

Join with more than 300 alumni, faculty, students, staff, elected officials and corporate supporters at the UCC Foundation's 12th Annual Evening At The Races in the Pegasus Restaurant, high atop the Meadowlands Racetrack.

The price is right! The \$90 ticket price (\$40 tax deduction) includes:

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

Save the date - Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 6:00 pm. Be part of this year's fun as we raise funds for student scholarships. The more the merrier!

Contact the Development office for a brochure (908-709-7505), or sign up on the web site - www.uccfoundation.org!

FIRST ART & SERVICES AUCTION A WINNER!

On Friday, Feb. 18th, more than 150 guests enjoyed viewing - and bidding on - scores of prints, paintings, photographs, sports memorabilia and jewelry displayed in the Cranford Commons.

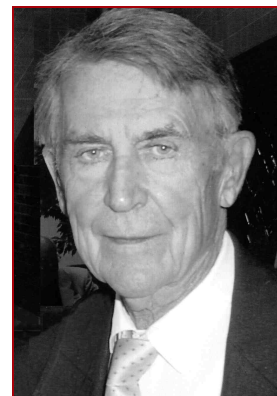
Ross Galleries ran the auction, which included items donated to the UCC Foundation. Guests savored generously donated entrees and hors d'oeuvres from ten local restaurants and stores, cheerily served by members of the UCC Student Government Association. A joint project of the UCC Foundation and the UCC Alumni Association, all proceeds support scholarships.

Capital Campaign Gift Names Engineering Program

James G. Gibson '68 made a very special gift to the *Partnership for the Future Capital & Endowment Campaign* this spring. His generous gift will permanently name the engineering program after a teacher who influenced his future, Professor Emeritus Elmer Wolf. Professor Wolf, who lives in Doylestown, PA, is a 1944 alumnus who returned to teach, and to serve as Chair of Engineering and Physics in 1959, and as Dean of the College, 1968 - 76. He established the Minorities in Engineering program in 1979, and retired in 1995 after 46 years of service to UCC. Engineering students for years to come will take classes in the *Professor Elmer Wolf Engineering Program*.


In a wonderful tribute to his teacher, Jim Gibson wrote, "Your no-nonsense approach to Physics and other Engineering subjects required me to apply myself like I had never done before. If it had not been for you, I may never have realized that I had the intelligence and analytical reasoning capability to become an engineer. I believe the professional successes that I have enjoyed flowed from that." Jim Gibson lives in Basking Ridge, NJ with his wife Jill, a 1981 alumna.

The *Partnership for the Future Campaign*, the most ambitious ever conducted by a community college in New Jersey, had received gifts and pledges of \$4,997,255 as of April 15, 2005, plus a verbal commit-

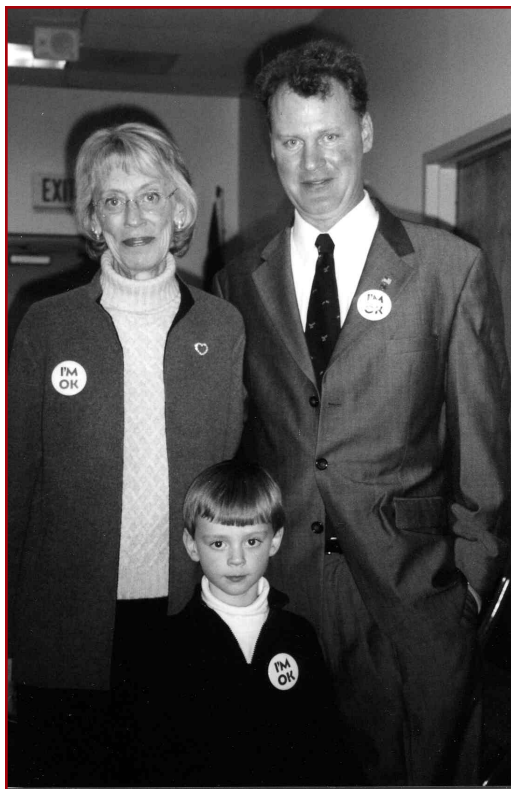


Professor Elmer Wolf

ment of \$2,500,000. When the Independence Community Foundation's Matching Challenge Grant is received, the Campaign will conclude successfully.

All gifts received by June 30th will be matched 50%, up to \$250,000. All donors who help meet this challenge will also be recognized in the new Elizabeth campus building. **There is still time to participate in this historic Campaign!** 

JAZZ TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT



The joint was jumping to the music of the Plainfield Jazz All Stars on April 1st as 100 guests crowded the Annex on the Plainfield campus for a party hosted by the O'Keeffe family. They paid tribute to "Plainfield Superman" Paul J. O'Keeffe and raised \$10,000 for the *Paul J. O'Keeffe Memorial Scholarship Fund* endowment.

Mr. O'Keeffe's many offices included Mayor of Plainfield and Union County College Governor. Wearing signature O'Keeffe "I'm OK" campaign buttons for the occasion are Mrs. Paul J. O'Keeffe with son Kevin O'Keeffe '84 and grandson Christopher O'Keeffe, child of Patrick O'Keeffe.



A REAL HOOT!

UCC's friendly mascot captivated donors attending the UCC Foundation's annual Donor Thank You event on March 30th in Plainfield. In addition to wonderful food and company, guests enjoyed a presentation about athletics at UCC by some scholar athletes, Soccer Coach Alex Louis, and Athletic Director Jim McCue. Here the Owl (whose identity is revealed at Graduation) poses with (l. to r.) Manager of Special Events Diane McCurdy and alumna Christine Nelson '80, of Bridgewater.

Thomas H. Brown Takes the Dolphins' View

Thomas H. Brown is not the president of UCC - at least not this Thomas H. Brown! Thomas H. Brown '64 lived in Rahway while attending Union Junior College, and was Vice President and Pledge master for Iota Xi Omega fraternity. He sends his story from his home in Berkeley, CA:

"My English teacher at Union College never would have believed that I would become a writer. I wasn't a good student until later. I moved to San Francisco and wound up finishing my education at the University of California, Berkeley, earning a Master's in Public Policy. As a policy analyst, I wrote four books, then changed careers to become a financial planner, and changed again when my hobby became a passion and I decided I didn't want to go through life wondering what might have been if I didn't write *The Dolphins' View*.

My sister had a house at the Jersey shore and that's where I started my first draft. I thought I could finish my story there in a month or two. Boy, was I wrong. Learning to write fiction takes a lot of time. In addition to research, you have to paint a picture in the reader's mind. I went to writers conferences, joined a writers club, had my story edited, and participated in critique groups. I chose




not to have a 60-hour a week professional job because I would never finish my story that way. I took temporary jobs and no-brainer jobs. I did tax returns for H&R Block, took temporary accounting assignments, worked as a waiter, even delivered pizza, and worked as a substitute teacher.

One of the ideas behind *The Dolphins' View* is that you can educate people more effectively if you entertain them at the same time. When people think of dolphins, they think of their natural smile, they see them bow riding and breaching above the waves. So I gave my characters fun-loving "dolphinalities." My dolphin characters would say, 'whatever you do in life, have fun'. So, I swam with dolphins in the Florida Keys and kayaked with orcas in British Columbia. I tried to 'think' like a dolphin and present their point of view, even ghost writing the story in the name of the main dolphin character, Mookeeo."

What would dolphins say if they could communicate with us? In *Book 1*,

Transformation, three dolphins embark on a great quest. Bioengineered and half-human, they follow their impossible dream. In *Book 2*, *Impossible Dream*, they come to land; scientists are awed by their appearance and they are perceived as freaks, but their dolphinalities and prodigious development arouse admiration and lead to danger. While writing the story, I ran into a block. I wanted them to get an elephant out of a zoo. How could they do that? Then I had what writers call an epiphany - a sudden intuitive insight or revelation. Because their sense of sound is so far superior to ours, I made them rock stars. Now they have money, so they buy the elephant and take him with them in *Book 3*, *Hannibal Invades Washington*.

All three *The Dolphins' View* books are available at my website, the Infinity Publishing website, and Amazon.com. To learn about dolphins, and about me and my books, please visit www.thedolphinsview.com.

To educate people about issues affecting dolphins and to promote the story, I make presentations to dive clubs, civic and environmental organizations, and schools, and hope to speak at UCC when I am in New Jersey later this year." (dolphin tom2000@yahoo.com) 

Did You Know?

... that in fiscal year 2004 the UCC Foundation awarded \$543,838 in scholarships and graduation awards to 405 students?

... that MacDonald Hall was first occupied in September 1970, and that it is named for the late James R. MacDonald, who was president of General Cable and a generous benefactor of the College?

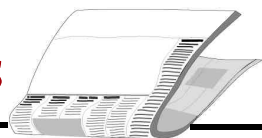
... that for the first time in 73 years UCC classes will be held on Sundays? Happening first in Plainfield in the Fall 2005 semester, classes may be added in Cranford and Elizabeth the following year, if successful in Plainfield.



**Big Owl
on
Campus**

CLICK TO GIVE!
Look for Icarus, UCC's wise and friendly owl, in his Big Owl on Campus sweater at www.uccfoundation.org, the UCC Foundation Internet site. Safely and quickly make a gift via credit card to *Shaping Our Future*, or to any scholarship fund, memorial or special event.

About Campus



Dr. Allen Ashby, Senior Prof., English, edited and assisted with publishing a new edition of his late father Dr. Warren Ashby's book, *A Comprehensive History of Western Ethics*, published by Prometheus Books.

Dr. Peter Connolly-Smith, Economics / Government / History, presented *Preparing the Nation for War: Film, Ethnicity, and the Preparedness Epic* at the Florida State U. annual Film and Literature Conference in Jan. 2005. In Feb. he presented *American Hieroglyphics: the Evolution of a Popular American Iconography, 1837 - 1917* for the New York Council for the Humanities in Oneida, NY.

Prof. Todd Daley, Mathematics, has a new textbook, *A Brief Guide to Philosophy*, published by Authorhouse. Prof. Barbara Weskot, Fine Arts, created the cover design for the book.

Dr. Tracy Felton, Biology, served as a judge for student work in behavioral science in the 22nd Annual North Jersey Regional Science Fair in March at Rutgers U.

Dr. Risetta Jacobs, Senior Prof. of Psychology, taught a Critical Incident Stress Management module at a NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management conference, *Mass Fatalities Incident Training*.

The newest book by "Dodge Poet" **Prof. John McDermott**,

English, is *The Long Way Home*, published by Everyday Path Press. He is a senior editor of *US1 Worksheets*, the magazine of the US1 Poetry Co-op since the 1970s. His poem *Vanishing Point* is in the latest issue.

At the League for Innovation in the Community College annual conference in Tampa, FL in Nov. **Dr. Donna Weir**, Senior Prof. of Mathematics, co-presented with Dr. Amarjit Kaur of Bergen CC a session on the integration of audio and whiteboard use in online instruction.

WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICA'S TEACHERS. Inclusion in this selective publication depends on the tributes paid to teachers by their students about the difference these teachers made in their lives. These UCC faculty members are nominated for the 9th edition: **Dr. Peter Connolly-Smith** (Economics / Government / History), **Prof. Jo Duvall** (History), **Prof. Toby Grodner** (Business), **Dr. Allen Hodes** (Psychology / Sociology), **Dr. Linda Spagnola** (Business), and **Dr. Madeline Santoro** (English).

IN MEMORIAM

George Peabody Marks III, history professor and librarian for 43 years. Summit, NJ. Nov. 2004
Nada Mason, 1977 alumna and EOF Secretary for 26 years. Cranford, NJ. Dec. 2004

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Endowing an annual gift means leaving an amount 20 times the annual gift - a \$2,000 bequest to endow a \$100 annual gift, a \$10,000 bequest to endow a \$500 gift, etc. You will be remembered and honored in perpetuity as a member of the *Heritage Society*, and your support will help future generations of UCC students.

To confidentially discuss making a bequest to the Union County College Foundation, or other gift plans, please call Ann M. Poskocil, CFRE, Director of Development, (908) 709-7505.

Focus on Faculty

MARJORIE BARNES

Professor, Poet, Performer



English Professor Marjorie Barnes, who has taught developmental reading and writing for 12 years at UCC, has been a prestigious "Dodge Poet" since 2001 and is involved in a wealth of poetry-related activities. Her poetry has been published in the *Paterson Literary Review* and *Breathe Magazine*; in the works are a book, *The Hand That Feeds Me*, and a CD, *My Blues Ain't Over Yet*. She spoke at the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Poetry Festival at Duke Farms this September, and as a Dodge Poet conducts poetry workshops in high schools across the state. She says, "I really enjoy being a Dodge Poet. It's great to do what you love."

This working poet was raised in the South Ward section of Newark by her grandmother, who stressed to her the value of education. "She let my sisters and me know that we had to get a good education so we could get good jobs, take care of ourselves and provide for our families." When it came to her grades, grandma expected nothing less than excellence. Prof. Barnes earned her BA from Stockton College and her MA in Linguistics from Temple University.

Her passion for poetry is not only a creative outlet but also a way for her to give back to the community, which she does in distinctively creative ways. With Newark attorney Jawanza Phoenix, she will give a hip-hop poetry

workshop, *Freedom From Inside Out*, in the Essex County Juvenile Detention Facility in Newark. (Sponsors are The Puffin Foundation and The Newark Arts Council.) Her 2004 Newark Arts Council Art Start Grant for her *New Ark Mobile* program used hip-hop as a cultural tool to try to decrease drug trafficking. She explained, "we go into communities where they may not have a lot of activities and expose them to the arts." During the summer she and several other performers set up a flatbed truck on street corners and entertained with poetry, dance, and visual arts.

Professor Barnes also recruited many artists as the host of *Sacred Circle Cafe*, a theatre and poetry series which was part of the Planet Hip Hop Festival at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark in November 2004.

Despite a hectic schedule, she makes time to write. It's one thing to perform spoken word poetry and it's another thing to write it. The writer must pay attention to syntax, grammar, pace, punctuation and many other tools used in good poetry. Marjorie Barnes loves that she can do both - stand at a podium and recite a poem with emphasis and passion, and teach others how to write well. "I love the ability to be a versatile performer and poet, and try my best to balance the two."

After speaking with Prof. Barnes in her cozy office on the seventh floor of the Elizabeth campus, I walked away with a newfound respect for teachers. **U**

- Kathy Marques '97



READ OWL ABOUT IT

UCC BOASTS AWARD WINNING PHI THETA KAPPA CHAPTER.

At the Middle States Regional Convention in Baltimore, MD UCC's Iota Xi Chapter was named a 5-Star Chapter for the fifth straight year. Other awards were: the Pinnacle Silver Award, the Service Hallmark Award, and a Chapter President

award for Sherrian Wilson. Last year the New Jersey Blood Service recognized the chapter for more than 30 years of blood drives. Prof. Helene Roholt-Moen, Modern Languages, is the moderator of UCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges.

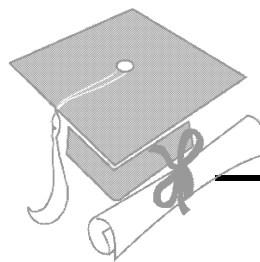
YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS COMPETITION. For the third year, the Theater Project, Union County College's Professional Theater Company, conducted a one-act play competition for Union County high school students. On March 13 the three winning scripts were performed by Theater Project actors, and Linden author and Theater Project supporter Bill Mesce presented prizes to the budding playwrights. This free event was part of the state-wide FAMILY WEEK AT THE THEATER when all New Jersey's professional theaters offer free programming for young people.

BUILDING BRIDGES, LITERALLY. At UCC's 8th annual Bridge Building Competition in Nov., Elizabeth High School placed first in the novice and advanced categories. Forty teams from 12 high schools in Union County participated.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH. The Second Annual Frederick Douglass Birthday Celebration on Feb. 17th featured a concert by the Newark Boys Choir with the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club, soul food, and an African-American Market in the Commons. Planners were the UCC Black Student Heritage Organization and Dr. Lawrence Hogan and the Dept. of Economics/Government/History. A project grant was provided by the UCC Foundation.

ELIZABETH PATBERG MEMORIAL LECTURE. The Biology Dept. offers a lecture each spring in memory of Prof. Patberg, funded by the Patberg Memorial Fund. On March 24th, the topic was *Cranberries, New Jersey and You...Perfect Together* by Daniel Mouw from Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc.

AAUP ESTABLISHES THIRD SCHOLARSHIP. The Union County College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, whose Chairman is 1979 alumnus and Professor of English Robert Comeau, has endowed a third AAUP Scholarship with the UCC Foundation. Few colleges can boast of one such scholarship from a bargaining unit, let alone three!



About Alumni

Virginia Apelian '73, Manchester, NJ, is the newly elected President of the Manchester Republican Club. As the retiring (and founding) Queen Mother of the Red Hat Societies at the Renaissance complex, she was feted at a banquet in Jan. 2005. virjinehenri@aol.com

Vincent J. Tabor '73 lives in Ballston Lake, NY where he is newly retired.

The latest issue of *Garden State Woman* features **Dr. Linda Stone, D.M.D. '77** on the cover and with a story about her dental practice in Livingston, Gentle Caring Dentistry. APerfectSmile@aol.com

In Feb. 2005 **Daniel Kelly '82**, of Westfield, was sworn in as the 8th Chief of the Westfield Fire Dept., where he has worked since 1981.

Edward Faver '88, of Roselle, NJ, received an MS in Rehabilitation Counseling summa cum laude in 2004 from UMDNJ, and now works as a Deaf Language Specialist in Union County, for the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. edfaver@comcast.net

David N. Gaut '90 lives in Bernardsville, NJ, and is a Production Solution Specialist with Océ North America. corporate.printing@verizon.net

Elizabeth resident **Yolanda Edwards '95** earned a BS in Business Management from Rutgers U. in 1998. She works in the human resources department of InterCall in Wayne, NJ. 1yolanda@optonline.net

In Jan., **Gerard "Jerry" Quinn '98**, an 11-year veteran of the Cranford Police Dept., was promoted to the rank of Detective Sergeant. He will graduate from Kean U. in May 2005 with a BA in Business Administration.

In 2004 **Laura L. Ciarrocca '02**, Westfield, NJ, received a BA in Information Technology & Informatics from Rutgers U., where she is now pursuing an MA in Communications & Information Science. laura@beachdreamin.com

Wendy Jean '03 lives in Hillside, NJ and is completing a BA in Communication & Public Relations at Montclair State U. wendyjean7747@comcast.net

Sgt. Jesus Medina '03, of Elizabeth, is serving in Iraq with the Army National Guard, 250th Signal Battalion, Westfield Armory.

David Richardson '04, Linden, NJ, will continue his education with Thomas Edison State College, while continuing his job as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service. Bopjanglespop6084@verizon.net

Charles A. Said, Scotch Plains, NJ, has taken classes at UCC since 1992. He is a retired insurance underwriter with Chubb & Son and a very involved volunteer at Muhlenberg Hospital.

IN MEMORIAM

Fred R. Blessman, Jr. '52.
Edison, NJ. March 2004
Lincoln T. Crissin '39.
Newton, NJ. May 2004
Lewis L. Hampton '39.
Scotch Plains, NJ. July 2004
Thomas E. Kane, Sr. '73.
Cranford, NJ. Jan. 2005
Jack Mott '54.
Parsippany, NJ. March 2003
Michael Pearl '91,
Linden, NJ. August 2004
Joan Rose '84.
Cranford, NJ. Feb. 2004
Walter Starzynski '59.
Clark, NJ. June 2004
William H. Terlinden '52.
Ocean Grove, NJ. Jan. 2003
Francis J. Yarrish, Jr. '54.
Colonia, NJ. 2005

"HOW TO UNCLUTTER YOUR LIFE".



Jamie Novak '99, Professional Organizer, Lifestyle,

proprietor of Life U Love (www.lifeulove.com) and author of *A Busy Person's Guide to a Life You LOVE*, enthusiastically shared her expertise with alumni at the April 4 UCC Alumni Association meeting. Jamie and her family have established the *Sue Novak, RN, CHPN Nursing Scholarship* in memory of her mother, a 1991 nursing alumna.

STAY IN TOUCH!



Let us know what you have been doing since you left UCC.

Mail this form with your news and/or dues in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to: UCC Alumni Association

You can also e-mail your news to uccfound@ucc.edu or use the Contact Us! form on www.uccfoundation.org

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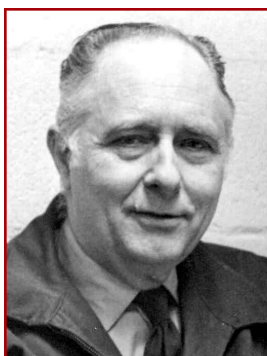
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- ☐ phonathons ☐ student recruitment



UCC LOSES ZEALOUS AND GENEROUS ALUM

Alphonse L. "Al" Vorselen '49 loved UCC and he never forgot his years spent at "Ucey Jucey". In fact, for the "40th Plus Reunion" held in May 1999, 12 of his humorous stories about his student days were bound and given to the attendees. Al was too ill to come himself from his home in Rivesville, WV, but he was there in spirit.

Al Vorselen served in the US Marine Corps in WWII and in the Korean conflict, with the US Army during the Berlin Buildup, and spent 19 years in the National Guard. But the uniform he loved best was that of a forester. With a degree in Forestry from Michigan State U., he spent 30 years with the West Virginia Division of

Forestry.

In the endnote of the Reunion booklet he wrote, "When I was a student I never dreamed Ye Olde Schoole would ever grow to the extent that it has. But since it has done that, I feel I had some part in its development because of the donations I have sent in. Small as they were, I still feel it helped if only a trifle, during the past fifty years. So, now, Go Ye And Do Likewise."

A faithful donor to the *Shaping Our Future* annual campaigns, his gifts would be in "tree-like numbers", such as \$111.11, and he would accompany them with pages of carefully typed jokes. Those jokes now reside in a large plastic jar with a sign, "YOU DESERVE A LAUGH TODAY, A. L. Vorselen '49." The jar gets passed around at Alumni Association meetings.

The *Tree of Education* in the Cranford Commons bears a Copper Leaf, a Brass Leaf and a Brass Apple, each inscribed in Al's inimitable fashion. Look for them on your next visit. When Al died in February 2005, his family assured that his goal to also have a Wood & Brass Stone was attained by making a gift to reach the \$10,000 cumulative giving that merits this recognition. Soon there will be a Stone below the Tree for Al, who sent his inscription long before: *In memory of all the owls who flew from the tree to all corners of the world. In the future may they fly even farther.* A. L. Vorselen '49.

This poem by Al Vorselen is on the brochure of the Union County College Alumni Association:

Union County Junior College was a tree seedling newly planted.

Union Junior College was a tree sapling.
Union College was a young sawtimber tree.

Union County College is a mighty, full-grown tree where owls go for education and also some fun and frolic.

*When the owls graduate, they fly highly, widely, and handsomely all over the world!
But then, so did we all!*

— A. L. Vorselen, '49



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CUMULATIVE GIVING RECOGNIZED AT UCC



When a donor's contributions to the Shaping Our Future Annual Campaign reach \$500, an engraved Copper Leaf is placed on the *TREE OF EDUCATION* in the Cranford Commons as an inspiration to others.

CUMULATIVE GIVING LEVELS are:

\$500 - Copper Leaf

\$2,500 - Brass Leaf

\$5,000 - Brass Apple

\$10,000 - Wood and Brass Stone

Donors choose the inscriptions, which can be memorials or tributes to loved ones. Visit www.uccfoundation.org, Ways to Give, *Shaping Our Future*, and view sample inscriptions on the *Tree of Education*.