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UN President Sees African Renaissance on Horizon

Freedom fighter turned statesman Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the president of the 54th session of the UN General Assembly, spoke to an attentive crowd of 125 on the campus recently and outlined his hopes and dreams for both Africa and the United Nations.

"I am where the UN is and I am, in this new millennium, leading the UN, along with my brother and colleague (UN Secretary General) Kofi Annan, where it's going: towards a better, brighter and humane future for humanity," said Gurirab.



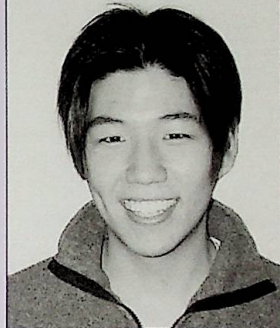
Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab receiving the certificate naming him Honorary Fellow of the New England Center for International Studies.

apartheid regime and SWAPO, which set the pace for the elections in Namibia and its transition to independence. In 1990 he became the independent Namibia's Foreign Minister, a position which he still holds.

Gurirab explained the catalyst for change in African countries is "African people themselves," and while he acknowledged many obstacles still loom, "the will and determination of the people cannot be denied anymore — Africa's time has come. We are talking about a new beginning, which we are expressing in a form of an African Renaissance." (Continued on page 5)

Gurirab said that former freedom fighters like himself are now at the forefront for social change and economic development in Africa. A native of Namibia, he received both his bachelor's degree and a master's degree in international relations at Temple University in Pennsylvania. Earlier this year he was awarded an honorary doctor of law degree from the University of Namibia.

In 1972 he became the UN representative of Namibia's national liberation movement (SWAPO), until 1986. He was also one of the leading negotiators of the cease-fire agreement, signed in March 1989, between South Africa's



Hyun Chul Kim

UB's Industrial Design Students Do It Again!

Hyun Chul Kim, a senior in Industrial Design, took the first place prize of \$10,000 for his camera design at Samsung's national camera competition earlier this month. Finishing in third place with a \$5,000 prize was his fellow UB student and award-winning designer Manuel Saez.

"The design department at UB is fun and progressive. I got a lot of attention and help from the professors," said the 23-year-old Kim, a native of South Korea. Indeed, the design students have been on a roll, taking seven out of eight awards at the New York Auto show and taking first place and honorable mention in the National Housewares Competition.

Kim's winning camera design, aimed at the youth market, was a (Continued on page 6)

Alumni Gather, Raise Money for Campus Beautification

More than \$2500 was raised for campus beautification projects at the first UB Alumni Association meeting of the new year, held on Thursday, February 3 at Waldemere Hall. Sonya Kelepez, Director of Development, hailed the meeting as a success and plans to hold more alumni meetings around the region in the coming months.

President Salonen spoke to the gathering and outlined his plans for strengthening the University. He called upon all alumni to join with him in transforming UB into a world class university.



Alumni meeting at Waldemere Hall.

Contributions to the Campus Beautification 2000 fund can be sent to the Alumni Office, Bryant Hall, 271 Park Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06601. ■



University Improves Safety On Campus

The University was presented with the Hartford Insurance Company's Award of Merit this month for safety improvements on campus. Progress was made in both identifying and improving existing and potential safety problems, according to Paul Engemann, Director of Facilities Management. "This not only saves the University money but more importantly reduces the incidence of injuries on the campus," Engemann said. "We focused on increasing the inspection of buildings and looking for potential safety problems, such as loose tiles on the floor, sufficient emergency lighting and clear exits from the buildings," said Engemann.

Also, the University was able to save a significant amount of money during the past year on worker's compensation insurance premiums, Engemann said.

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PAUL ENGEMANN,
DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Music and Arts Center Announces Two New Concert Series



Beginning in March, MACH (Music & Arts Center for Humanity, formerly known as the Music & Arts Center for the Handicapped) will be debuting two concert series in the Arnold Bernhard Center on the campus. Littlefield Hall will host the Park City concert series, which will present local and regional performers.

In co-operation with the University Gallery's new show openings, the first Park City performance on March 4th at 3:00 PM will feature the music of the group called Council of Elders, who specialize in traditional music, dance and drumming. African and Caribbean drumming will be performed and shows are free and open to the public.

The show is held in conjunction with

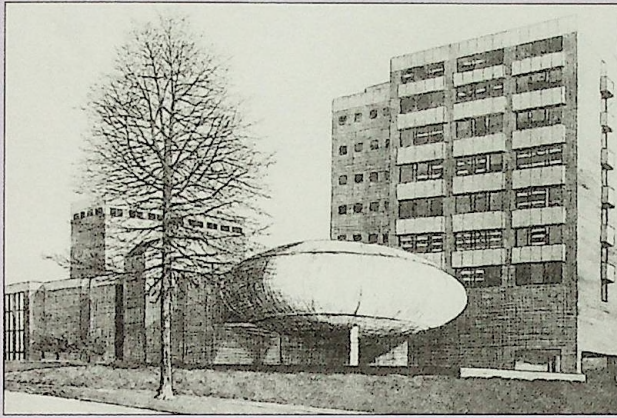
Contemporary Visions 2000 art exhibit at the University Gallery, March 1 through April 12, which features contemporary artwork.

The second new concert series, called the Celebrated Artists Series, will present national and international performers and troupes on tour in America. The series debut will feature Ailey II (formerly Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble) which has just completed a 37-city US tour.

The performance will take place on April 5 at 8:00 PM in the Bernhard Center's Mertens Theater. The cost is \$15 for students and seniors; \$25 for general admission and is open to the public. A Patron Event fundraiser for the MACH/Ailey Camp will take place prior (Continued on page 4)

"We've become a lot more progressive in limiting work related injuries. Employee injuries that do occur are reported in a more timely fashion and the work site can be more quickly inspected in order to avoid future injuries," Engemann said. "Employee training has been beefed up as well as follow-up education with the employees."

"Campus security director Jim Mooney and his staff have been outstanding in identifying potential safety hazards and have played an active role in limiting risk to people on campus," said Engemann. ■



Looking Back... The Arnold Bernhard Arts & Humanities Center

“This building stands for the University’s devotion to God-given insights humankind has been able to prove out in ages of experience...” So begins the quote of Arnold Bernhard, which he had inscribed on a plaque for the dedication of the Center in 1972.

The nine story, \$3.5 million

dollar building, begun in 1968, occupies the former Herbert Barnum Seelye property, formerly part of P.T. Barnum’s estate. Its floor-to-ceiling windows afford breathtaking views of Seaside Park and the Long Island Sound.

The building was designed as a center for all significant University events, such as convocations, concerts, and receptions and became one of the most

significant assets of the University.

It houses the 936-seat Mertens Theater, the 219-seat Jeanie and Henry L. Littlefield Recital Hall, the 40-person-capacity Mather Theater (also known as the Bubble), and the Carlson Art Gallery. The tower portion of the building includes professors’ offices; music, drawing and painting studios; photo studios and a darkroom; printmaking studios; audio rooms; and the top floor holds the Henry DuPont Tower Room.

Arnold Bernhard, a financier, philanthropist and former trustee of the University, provided the bulk of the money to build the Arts Center. He was the president of Arnold Bernhard Company in New York, as well as president and director of the Value Line Income Fund.

He had earlier established four Bernhard professorships at UB in the fields of English, philosophy, mathematics and history and was an avid patron of the arts both in Connecticut and New York City.

Today the ABC building, as it’s known, houses the Integrated Arts Department and the Music Department — both of which are growing — and the University Gallery. Numerous community groups also use the building for performances and studio space. ■

Welcome to Our New Chief Financial Officer



Tyler A. Kelsch

Tyler A. Kelsch, 31, will start as vice president of administration and finance at UB on March 1, filling a spot left vacant since last June by Arthur C. Roberts, Jr. Interim CFO Bob Mooney has

been filling in until a new person could be found.

“I’m looking forward to the challenge,”

TYLER A. KELSCH

“I’m looking forward to the challenge,” said Kelsch in a recent interview. Kelsch is currently the comptroller for Regis University in Denver, Colorado, a Jesuit affiliated school where about 90 percent of their 11,500 students are adults who receive their instruction at satellite campuses or via the Internet. He

helped manage a \$60 million budget at Regis. UB’s annual operating budget is about \$41 million.

“He’s a young guy who spent quite a bit of time with our auditing firm, with a number of our trustees, and he was the unanimous choice,” said President Salonen in a recent interview.

Kelsch received his bachelor’s degree from Regis in 1991 and MBA in 1995, working his way up from account intern to comptroller at his alma mater. ■



President Salonen Attacked By Fire Breathing Dragon

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the Japanese Student Association led by Hiro Yamaoka and Koji Okamoto danced the dragon, and barely prevented President Salonen from being bitten at Marina Dining Hall. The Taiwanese Student Association joined in with a repertoire of traditional songs.

Music and Arts Center

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to the performance in the Tower Room of the Center and the cost is \$150. Wine and dinner will be served. Contact Barbara Kryzwick at MACH, 366-3300, for tickets and information.

Founded in 1978 and headquartered in Bruel Hall at UB, MACH enriches the lives of children and adults with special needs, and others who may benefit through participation in programs for music, dance, visual arts, theater and creative writing. More than 700 people participate in programs offered at UB and five satellite locations in Connecticut.

The University of Bridgeport will be a central force in a regional arts renaissance.

ALAN FOX, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MACH

Alan Fox, the executive director of MACH, said the recent name change to his organization reflects a shift toward serving all people while maintaining an affinity with the handicapped. Fox foresees the University of Bridgeport as a central force in a regional arts renaissance. The two new concert series is but the first step in creating that vision, he said. This coincides well with the city of Bridgeport's efforts to turn the former Read's Department store in downtown Bridgeport into housing and studio space for artists. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- February 25
FACULTY PIANO RECITAL
David Korevaar at Littlefield Hall, ABC, 5:00 PM

MARCH

- March 1 through April 12
CONTEMPORARY VISIONS
2000 ART EXHIBIT
University Gallery
- March 3
ANNUAL BOOK FORUM
Institute for Study of Values and Ethics, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Tower Room, ABC, lunch reservations requested.
- March 4
MUSIC AND DANCE
TROUPE, COUNCIL OF
ELDERS
3:00 PM, Littlefield Hall, ABC.
African and Caribbean drumming highlighted. Free admission.
- March 8
DAFFODIL DAYS
Order your daffodils by the 8th; American Cancer Society Fundraiser, \$5.00 a bunch, call Denise at 576-4530. Delivery on March 29.
- March 11
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM
Wheeler Rec.
vs. Rhode Island College
- March 25
NORWALK BOXING ASSOC.
Hubbell Gym, 7-11 PM,
28 rounds of boxing.
Admission charge.
- March 31
EARTH DAY ACTION
CONTEST proposal deadline.
Call 576-4870 for info

Sports Round Up

MENS' BASKETBALL

Senior Dave Leman-czyk, who scored 40 points and grabbed 31 rebounds in a 1-1 week for the Purple Knights recently, was named to the New England Collegiate Conference Honor Roll. UB is second in the NECC in three-point field goal percentage (.358)



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman Fatima Carvey was selected as this week's NECC Rookie of the Week. Carvey, the only Purple Knight to have started in all 22 contests, pulled down a career-high 22 rebounds in a recent loss at New Haven.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

The lady gymnasts are off to their best start in recent years at 7-1.

UN President

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"I want to help transfer the dreams of the people into real and funded programs," Gurirab said. "Empowerment and practical knowledge are desperately needed for our people to benefit."

The continent of Africa has the largest bloc of United Nation member states. Among the core issues facing the UN as a whole include gender equality, the proliferation of small arms in Third World countries, HIV/AIDS and financing of development, Gurirab said.

Gurirab's speech was part of the 2000 Distinguished Guest Lectures Series, sponsored by UB's New England Center for International and Regional Studies. ■



Students preparing for the 46th Harvard National Model United Nations.

Student Team to Represent Kazakhstan at Harvard Model UN

By Alejandro Gonzalez, Chairman

The New England Center Student Council for International and Regional Studies at UB will be representing the Republic of Kazakhstan in the 46th Harvard National Model United Nations at Cambridge, Massachusetts this month. The preparation and selection of this group began in the Fall semester of 1999 when an essay competition and a set of interviews determined the eight most eligible students for the delegation from UB.

The model UN of Harvard University is the biggest and most recognized of its kind and includes the participation of 2000 delegates from a hundred different schools from America and abroad. Each college or university represents a country and the student delegates debate world issues from the point of view of the country they represent.

Delegates gain insight into the

workings of the United Nations by assuming the roles of UN representatives and by actively participating in the resolution of important global issues. Outstanding teams receive awards.

As preparation for the debates, the UB team visited the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan in New York City where they held talks with the diplomats there. The UB students' presentation papers were cited as possessing the quality and veracity of true diplomats and the UN diplomats requested permission to use the papers as reference for their position papers during upcoming international meetings.

The names and nationalities of the delegates are: Ola Ogunye, from the USA; Ashok Regmi, from Nepal; Miya Attanassova, from Bulgaria; Bogdan Stamoran, from Rumania; Zlatin Ivanov, from Bulgaria; Jee Eun Lee, from Korea; Alejandro Gonzalez, from Ecuador; and Dinka Vantcheva from Bulgaria. ■

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FESTIVAL

April 15 ❖ Mark your calendars ❖ Buy your tickets early

Industrial Design Students Do It Again!

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unique and fun camera with interchangeable lenses. "I want to be a teen forever," said the ever-smiling designer. His camera, called *E Z Klik*, shoots 35mm film and comes with a rotating, snap-on lens wheel which adds 12 color filters and various borders to the pictures.

Kim said he invested virtually every working moment during the past two months on the project. Profs. Roy Watson and Jim Lesko were advisors for both students.

Saez's camera design was a compact single lens 35mm that is waterproof. Kim plans to go to graduate school next year to study product design but has not yet chosen a school. He is currently an intern at Mark Steiner Designs in Stamford. Saez is a part-time employee with Anderson Design in Plainville.



Hyun Chul Kim's camera which won first place, \$10,000 in Samsung's national camera competition.

In addition to the prize money and a \$2,000 gift to the school of Engineering and Design, Kim and Saez receive a free one-week trip to South Korea where they will visit the Samsung Camera headquarters and meet and work with the Samsung industrial design team.

Ten other schools competed in the contest, including Parsons School of Design in New York City, Brigham Young University in Utah and Purdue University in Indiana. ■

Earth Day Action Contest

Earth Day 2000, on April 22, is an international celebration of the natural environment. In honor of that day there will be contest for the best UB campus environmental improvement project. First place prize is \$200, second place \$125, and third place \$75.

Either groups or individuals can participate. Proposal deadline is March 31. For rules and information contact Professor Denis Collins at deniscollins@snet.net or 576-4870.



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