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## Education program certified

**T**he teacher training programs at the University of Bridgeport received certification from the state Board of Education in October.

Dean James J. Ritchie of the UB School of Education and Human Resources, said the state approvals are a recognition of the quality of this program. "A lot of people at UB have worked hard for this," he said.

University President Neil A. Salonen said the approvals are an affirmation of the "commitment UB has made to building an academic program recognized for its excellence."

The state approvals allow UB to certify students to teach subjects at various grade levels. They also mark a major turnaround for the school of education that, prior to Ritchie's appointment in 1998, was in danger of losing approvals for its teacher training programs.

The state gave five-year approvals of UB's secondary and elementary programs, authorizing them through 2006. The state's staff report found that in the secondary and elementary

programs and in special subject areas, the program fully met the 49 standards. Five of those standards were met "with distinction," the report said.

The middle grade (grades 4-7) subject certification and the intermediate school administration programs were given two-year authorizations, through 2003. The state raised some concerns about class scheduling and record-keeping. Ritchie said those concerns have been addressed.

The state also gave UB approval for preparation programs for teaching general science and for training reading and language arts consultants.

The UB graduate school of education has more than 400 students in its programs, Ritchie said. Its courses are held at the Bridgeport campus and at satellite UB facilities in Stamford, Waterbury and North Haven.



Everyone is thumbs up on UB.

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**Men's soccer player Ibra Jagne led the team to its best record in 10 years.**

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Neil Albert Salonen  
UB President

## From the President...

**W**e have lived through times unimaginable only months ago. September 11's terrorist attacks changed our world. I can never forget the late-night call from the sister of Kiran Gopu, a graduate student in computer science who only a month before began a coveted job with Marsh Inc. He was lost when

the plane hit the tower. She counted his every minute and believed he was trapped in an elevator under the rubble. Her pain, her agony will never leave me.

All of us feel the aftershocks. There have been anthrax scares on campus. Our faculty and staff experts are now regulars on television and radio and in the newspapers. They're speaking about the politics, the religious, the psychological, the forensics or visa issues. It's a proper role. It shows the positive impact UB has in Connecticut and the region. What is a university if it cannot share, and cannot educate beyond its walls?

Just as impressive is the great spirit of the people of UB. The counseling faculty and students immediately opened and staffed a crisis line for those affected by the attacks. The Naturopathic and Chiropractic Colleges opened their clinics to treat and detoxify firefighters and other volunteers affected by the smoke and air after putting in hours and days at ground zero. The Scribe ran reports from the scene. Young and old contributed to relief funds and volunteered their help. A counselor led a group aiming for recovery. Students of all nations debated the impact of the attacks. But they taught a lesson in living together with respect and in harmony. There could be no better example of a school practicing what it preaches. We say we are educating for the real world. We say we are encouraging the values of learning, respect and caring. We are among the most diverse colleges in America. And among the most international. But here in this crisis, with its capacity to pull the campus apart, the UB community and students pulled together as one, united in our humanity.

Other good emerged. The young men and women of the soccer teams played their hearts out. The men lost by one point in the division championship tournament. The women hold an impressive record of wins. The health sciences group — Fones, nutrition, chiropractic, naturopathic — put on a wonderful health fair. Graphic design staged a fascinating gallery exhibit celebrating auto racing. The School of Education and Human Resources won renewed state approval of its program for educating and credentialing teachers. The family, faculty friends and students from over the years paid a tribute to the late George Blake, the English teacher who for so many years mentored so many students that he was regarded as our "Mr. Chips."

The fiery colors of the campus trees are giving way to winter's tones. The winds are picking up over the Sound. The chill in the air penetrates. Nature's calendar is not unlike our own. It reminds us that next year this university turns 75. It will be eventful, and we hope that you will be back to campus to take part in the celebration.



C. Kazuhiro Shoji

## Campus Notes

### Spence keynotes parley on China

**Y**ale Professor Jonathan Spence, the internationally known expert on China, gave the keynote address at the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences convention, co-sponsored by UB and the Ford Foundation and held at UB in late October. Spence spoke on the various attempts to chart China's recent history, noting a number of the problems and the interpretations. The event drew scores of Chinese scholars from across the country and from China. UB's President Neil A. Salonen spoke at the opening session. Participants were impressed with his Chinese and with his leadership role in international cultural exchanges. Cen Jianjun, the education consul with the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in New York, also spoke. He congratulated the scholars for bridging the gap between China and the United States. Dr. Yanmin Yu, head of the communications program at UB and executive vice president of the association, chaired the conference.

### City as a history lab

**P**.T. Barnum will lead the parade as the citizens of Bridgeport's past come to life in the public school classrooms as students study history in its most relevant terms. That's the aim of Theresa Carroll, head of the school system's Social Studies, and Bridgeport's teachers in working with Lamont Thomas, a UB history professor, and Richard C. Harper, a UB professor of education, in their collaboration to tie the grand themes of America and its heritage into people and events the students are familiar with.

The initial efforts will focus on the American Dream and on The Promised Land. Thomas and Harper will tie the themes to local developments, as well as provide research assistance. The program is keyed to students, grades 8 and 11.

The American Dream looks at the successes and failures of Barnum, Benjamin Franklin, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Horatio Alger. The Promised Land includes movement and immigration, looking at 19th and 20th century Bridgeport and how that experience relates to similar ones all across America.

The Bridgeport Board of Education won a \$725,000 federal grant, one of only 20 awarded nationwide. Carroll, who wrote the grant proposal, said the social studies faculty is excited by the opportunities and cannot wait to begin the project in January.

Sonia Diaz Salcedo, Bridgeport's superintendent of schools, said the grant gives the city the chance to teach history in a way that students today can relate to by tying in historical events to their impact on Bridgeport.

### Changes

Dr. Hans van der Giessen is now associate provost. He previously served in that position on an interim basis.

Dr. Jennifer Brett heads the new Acupuncture Institute in the College of Naturopathic Medicine.

Dr. Joshua Berry has joined the faculty of the College of Naturopathic Medicine as an assistant professor of clinical services.

Allison W. Carboni has been appointed head of access services in the Wahlstrom Library.

### Honors

Ambassador Philip V. Sanchez, a member of the university's Board of Trustees, became a Clovis, Calif., "Living Legend" in November. Sanchez, a former U.S. ambassador to Honduras and Columbia and a top official in the Nixon Administration, was born in Clovis. The Clovis Historical Society is presenting the honors. Sanchez is now publisher of "Noticias del Mundo," a Spanish-speaking newspaper published.





U.N. Vice President and Nepal's permanent Ambassador to the U.N. Murari Raj Sharma and his wife, Nila Adhikary, to right of center, and UB President Neil A. Salonen, center, and his wife Rebecca, join with many of UB students from Nepal at the U.N. Day ceremony.

## Terrorism brings home role of United Nations

By H. E. MURARI RAJ SHARMA

Vice President, United Nations General Assembly

*These excerpts are from the address given on Oct. 24, United Nations Day, at the University of Bridgeport by Ambassador Murari Raj Sharma, vice president of the General Assembly and permanent representative of Nepal to the United Nations.*

**T**he horrendous terrorist attacks on New York and Washington were a nerve-racking wake-up call informing us in no uncertain terms that no one, even the most powerful nation on earth, is immune from the scourge of terrorism. The onslaught killed nearly 5,000 people from more than 60 countries, affecting the entire humanity. It also destroyed 100 billion dollars worth of property and business, hurling an already slumping U.S. economy into recession. Its tumultuous ripples have sent the global economy into a downward spiral, its gravest blow falling on poor countries, where it will result in the death of an additional 40,000 children and in increased poverty for 10 million people.

None of us had ever imagined that terrorist atrocities could be so catastrophic, and civilian jetliners could turn into the most disastrous missiles ever fired. Now we shudder to think that next time it could be weapons of mass destruction devouring human civilization, something we thought was behind us with the end of the Cold War. Let us hope that the on-going anthrax scare is not yet another act of terrorism. Before it unleashes an Armageddon, we must destroy the entire tree of terrorism: the leaves, twigs, trunk and root. But we must water the tree here on the university grounds dedicated to the United Nations.

Although terrorism is as old as human civilization itself, it could neither be justified nor condoned on any grounds....

Every country has the right to defend itself and I unequivocally support the U.S. campaign against the Al-Quaeda network and its main sponsor, the Talibans in Afghanistan....

Severing the network's financial umbilical chord, disrupting its communications, and destroying its assets and isolating its other benefactors ought to proceed simultaneously....

Winston Churchill has said the price of greatness is responsibility. It is the judicious use of power to fulfill its global responsibility that has made America great and what has earned it more respect than fear....

Amidst the unprecedented plenty the world enjoys today, abject poverty for one-fifth of humanity and hunger for 800 million is morally unacceptable. The widening gap between the rich and poor only fuels a sense of injustice and resentment in the global power and wealth hierarchy. In the developing world, conflict and poverty reinforce each other in a vicious circle, creating political instability, economic dislocation, and social disharmony. Indigence,

ignorance, illness, and lack of opportunities make people susceptible to the sophistry of the forces of tyranny, repression and terrorism. We must change it collectively.

A more prosperous and peaceful world will be in America's advantage and the reverse can be just as true. The United States will have created new and expanded markets for its goods and services as well as an enormously enhanced wealth of goodwill by helping poor countries develop. And developing countries will witness better standards of living and improved quality of life for their people, with increased choices. Stakes are tremendously high both for the United States and for poor countries and yet the investment that is necessary to ensure them is surprisingly affordable....

Developing countries need better access to markets in the North, a favorable external economic environment, a development round of trade negotiations and more voice in the international financial architecture. These measures are critical to reduce the untenable dependency of poor countries on development aid to enhance global justice, and to mainstream them into the global economy....

We now live in a global village where the fire of discontent in one corner of the hamlet may engulf quickly the entire village....

The U.N. system is the principal source of unconditional development funding, a key advocate of sustainable and just development, the primary dispenser of humanitarian assistance, and the foremost promoter of human rights and orderly international relations.

It is but a truism that the United Nations needs the United States as much as the other way around is true. For the United Nations, America is the foremost contributor and moral force in the pursuit of its goals. For America, the United Nations has been one of the principal instruments of promoting its foreign policy objectives at a much less cost and with much more legitimacy than otherwise it would be able to do....



UB student Diana Vaptzarova of Bulgaria receives certificate as a fellow from UB president Salonen, and UN Vice President Sharma on UN day. Vaptzarova was made an International College fellow for her work on behalf of the college. She is a member of Bulgaria's Olympic team in synchronized swimming.





Goalkeeper Adam Dodge, a senior from Westfield, Mass., kicks out a shot.

## UB Men's Soccer edged in final; has stunning season

The University of Bridgeport men's soccer team lost a heartbreaking 5-4 battle to Bryant College for the championship in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference NCAA Division II men's soccer tournament.

UB has fought back from a 3-1 deficit to tie the match midway through the second half. Lee Sharkey converted a penalty and Josh Kirk headed in a free kick to bring the teams even.

Bryant pulled ahead by two goals late in the final half when Sharkey, who comes from Glasgow, Scotland, scored on another penalty goal in the 86th minute. But Bryant's defenses held in the closing minutes.

Ibra Jagne, with an assist from Craig McLeod, also scored for UB.

The Purple Knights got to the finals, held in Smithfield, R.I., the second weekend in November, by beating Assumption College 4-2 in the semifinals the day before. Sharkey scored all four goals in that match, with assists from Steindor Gislason, Josh Kirk and Ibra Jagne. Goalie Adam Dodge made six saves.

The loss in the finals failed to dim the glitter of a spectacular season that had fans and followers on campus beaming with pride.

The Purple Knights, coached by Brian Quinn, who is in his second year at the helm, finished their season at 13-5-2 with a 6-0-2 record in regular season play in the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference.

This season marked a remarkable turnaround for a team that finished last year with a 4-12-2 record. This year's team ran up the best UB record on the soccer field in 10 years. The 1991 Knights, with Seth Roland as coach, had an identical record.

The Knights were co-champions of the NYCAC. The team finished the regular season third ranked in the Northeast Region and ranked 20th nationally in the final regular season NSCAA/Adidas Division II Men's poll.

## GAME SCHEDULE

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dec. 1	Molloy College
5	@ NYIT
8	Philadelphia University
15	Mercy College
28	@ Assumption College Tourney
29	@ " " "
Jan. 5	Dowling College
9	@ Southampton College
12	Concordia College
15	Adelphi University
17	@ Saint Thomas Aquinas
19	@ CW Post
22	@ Molloy College
24	NYIT
26	@ Philadelphia University
30	Queens College

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### WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Dec. 8	Rhode Island College
Jan. 12	University of Vermont
18	@ University of Alaska
19	@ University of Alaska
26	Springfield College

## What a difference a year makes

In the final regular season game the Purple Knights faced a strong Southampton University at home. One year ago, almost to the day, UB played Southampton at their home in Long Island, N.Y., and lost 4-1. This game depicted a new team and a new era for the Knights. At halftime, the game was tied 1-1 in a hard fought battle by both teams. However, the offense, as the team likes to call the field, became too much for the winning team. The crowd got into it and the team performed fantastically on the field.

The end result of the game became 5-1 and the celebration at the end of the game lasted for what seemed to be a lifetime. This insured a conference championship and a possible bid to the NCAA playoffs.

—Anthony Pla'



Women's soccer coach Magnus Nillerud talks to his team at halftime.

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## Men, Women do well in soccer competition

By **MIKE RUANE**,  
Sports information director

**U**B's fall sports has been highlighted by the turnaround of the men's and women's soccer programs. Men's head coach Brian Quinn and Women's head coach Magnus Nilerud have both built their programs and been contenders all season long.

UB men's soccer has been led offensively by sophomore Ibra Jagne (Banjul, Gambia/Gambia Senior H.S.) and sophomore forward Lee Sharkey (Glasgow, Scotland/St. Aloysius College). Senior captain and goalkeeper Adam Dodge (Westfield, MA/Southwick H.S.) has provided tough goal play.

The women's team went 10-7-0 overall and 6-3 in the NYCAC. "After a couple of tough early season losses due to a combination of a young squad and a lot of new faces, we have come together to snatch nine out of the last 11 games," said head coach Magnus Nilerud. "With strong results in the last couple of games, we have

Sandra Sigmundsdottir dribbles past a C.W. Post defender.



a chance of getting a first-time ever bid for the ECAC playoffs. Furthermore, we have created a strong and highly competitive program that will, with the addition of some strong incoming recruits and a full spring training schedule, only improve."

UB has been led offensively by freshman Ashley Maki (Ravena, NY/Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk H.S.), who leads the team with 14 goals and three assists. Maki has been joined with sophomore forward Diana Silonova (Bratislava, Slovakia/Gymnazium Bratislava), junior forward

Kolbrun Sveindottir (Akureyri, Iceland/Verkmenntaskolinn), and freshman Sarah Page (Verona, WI/Verona Area H.S.) to give the Purple Knights a solid attack.

Junior college transfer and goalkeeper Deb Daley (Gilbert, AZ/Mesa C.C.) has been solid, while the midfield and defense has been led by sophomores Sofie Adolfson (Styrso, Sweden/Frolundagymnasiet), Melissa Marosits (Wayne, NJ/Wayne H.S.), and Stacey Santos (Tiverton, RI/Tiverton H.S.).

## Butler new coach for Women's hoops



Greg Butler

**T**he University of Bridgeport Director of Athletics Joe DiPuma announced that Greg Butler has been named head women's basketball coach. He replaces John Greene, who coached UB for two seasons and transitioned UB from the New

England Collegiate Conference to the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference in 2000-2001.

Butler, a graduate of Stanford University, and a second-round selection (37th pick overall of the New York Knicks) in the 1988 NBA Draft, played from 1988-1990 with the New York Knicks and from 1990-1991 with the Los Angeles Clippers. He has played professionally domestically and internationally from 1988 until 2000, and has most recently coached at the AAU level and as a personal clinician.

"We are excited to have Coach Butler join our staff here at the University," said DiPuma. "Coach Butler will add a great new dimension with his experience, dedication, and passion for the game."

## UB students stage World Cup

**U**B students are hot on soccer and fielded their own international teams at Seaside Park for a campus version of World Cup play. The UB World Cup Soccer matches saw teams representing China, Korea, Africa, Nepal, Japan, Latin America, Bulgaria and Malaysia. The games were hard fought, with many going into overtime. In the final match, Africa beat Japan, 3-2!

Congratulations to all participants and to UB CARP for sponsoring the event again this year.

Lisa Bagley brightens up the Purple Knights slogan in the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium, getting ready for the winter sports season.





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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FELLOW ALUMNI!

Navy Commander Richard P. Scudder '81, an alumnus of the University of Bridgeport, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf as commanding officer of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 7, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Scudder's squadron, home based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., flies the SH-60F and HH-60H helicopters. The SH-60F's primary mission is antisubmarine warfare and the HH-60H's primary missions are combat search and rescue and naval special warfare support. Welcome home, Richard!

Jill Berner (Ancier) '87 had a baby girl born on February 19, 2001. Her name is Carol Lily Ancier Berner. She weighed 7 lbs. and 1 oz. Congratulations to Jill and her new family!

Gloria (Valko) Coker '63 has a new website displaying her paintings: gloriacokerfineart.com. She lives in Newport News, Va. where her art is currently featured on the 2001 brochure for the Virginia Symphony. She exhibits in Virginia, Charleston, S.C., Winston-Salem and Raleigh, N.C.

John F. Giampaolo '60, retired Masuk High School athletic director and baseball coach, was inducted into the Connecticut High School Coaches Hall of Fame. After graduating from Central High School in 1956 with honors, John received a scholarship the UB where he majored in physical education.

Giampaolo also played baseball for three years, has led UB to three winning seasons. He was team captain, the leading hitter and an All-East shortstop. He and his wife Shirley have been married for 39 years and have three grown children. The Giampaolos are the proud grandparents of five and will be welcoming their sixth grandchild very soon. Congratulations, John!

We will miss to Elaine Forti '68, who died Sunday, July 29, at Newport Hospital.

Elaine grew up in Shelton and resided in Hamden, where she owned Forti Fine Lines, a marketing specialist company. She was involved in the Connecticut and Oxford Boards of Education and sat on the UB Alumni Board for many years. Elaine was best known for making the world a better place for everyone who knew her.


Wallace Southerland III '91, '93 tells us, he is currently the director of the Department of Education Opportunity Programs (EOP) in the Division of Academic Affairs at Creighton University. He also holds an adjunct assistant professor of education appointment. He is also a Ph.D. candidate in the department of Education Policy and Leadership at the University of Maryland. Wallace is married to UB Alumna Medra Roberts '91, of Long Island, NY.




## Alumni

### RECEPTION


### The Alumni Association gathered in Boston for an October reception.



In photo to left: Dr. Jean Kelly '95, Dr. Kristine DeMarco '00, Robert Fine '86, President Neil Albert Salonen and Syed Ahfan '97



At right, Alumni Board President Larry Wanser '87, center, is seen with CT Area Representative Dr. Kristine DeMarco '00 and Richard Shepard '59



## LET US KNOW YOUR NEWS!!

We want to hear about what's going on. Promotions, weddings, births, reunions, anything you want to share. Let us spread the word! Send any notices to the University of Bridgeport Alumni Association, c/o Sonya Kelepecz, 219 Park Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06601; email: alumni@bridgeport.edu





President Neil A. Salonen and Stew Leonard are thumbs up on UB.

## Marketing genius Stew Leonard is thumbs up on UB and its students

**S**tew Leonard runs a hugely successful chain of supermarkets in Connecticut and New York. These private stores beat back industry giants. John Dry, who teaches marketing in the business school, brought Leonard to UB recently to tell business students some of his secrets. In the process, Leonard had a delightful time with the students and others at UB. He said UB is a gem, and a university he wants to make stand out as his markets do.

What does he owe to his success? Leonard said there are any number of rules of common sense and economics to follow, but he said the real secret is the satisfied customer.

Respond to what the customer wants, whether it's fresh food, good prices, tasty dishes or foods that are unique to the neighborhood or improvements in service. "Every customer comment is read," he said. "A lot of them may be complimentary or say something you already know. But every so often something really great appears — a tip, a hint, a lead — that tells us something more we can do." He said you watch, you listen, you act, and if something seems impossible, figure it out so it's possible.

Leonard's formula pays off. His stores in Norwalk, Danbury and New York's Westchester County have run up annual sales of nearly \$250 million. Part of the secret, he says, is in letting managers run their own stores so they can cater to their particular market and not just be a carbon copy of the other stores.

Leonard, who has an MBA from UCLA, has his business cited in "A Passion for Excellence" and "Thriving on Chaos" as one of America's best run companies. It is also cited by the Guinness Book of World Records for the most sales — \$3,000 — per square foot.

## UB gets \$40,000 for Internet courses

**T**he university received \$40,000 in grants to develop a number of distance learning and Internet programs. The awards were made by the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium. Among them were: \$25,000 to Dr. Jerald Cole of the School of Education to develop online certification programs in information technology; \$10,000 to Michael Giampaioli, director of distance education, for faculty training on creating Web sites for their classes and using instructional technology; \$2,500 to Dr. Jonathan Jelen to develop an online course in management information services, and \$2,500 to Dr. Thomas Ward to develop an online course, "The Political Economy of Latin America."

## Emma Schaumann leaves legacy to UB

**E**mma M. Schaumann's name will always be associated with UB. She is a member of the Legacy Club, its members all committed to building a stronger university.

Miss Schaumann was among UB's early graduates, receiving her degree in 1930 when the university was the Junior College of Connecticut. She loved the school and what it meant to her life. In later years, she became one of the first supporters of UB's Pooled Income Fund. She invested \$30,000 in the fund. In doing so, Miss Schaumann received a tax deduction based on the value of the charitable remainder interest. If she used stock or real estate to set up the fund, she did not have to pay any capital gains. She also removed that money from her estate, so it was not subject to estate taxes. Over the years, she received quarterly payments from the fund, providing an annual return of about 7 percent on her \$30,000. Those payments were treated as ordinary income when she paid taxes. Recently, Miss Schaumann died. The legacy she left her university through the fund is valued at more than \$50,000.

In these times when the stock market, mutual funds and money market interest rates bounce up and down like errant tennis balls, the pooled fund is insurance against the lows. More than that, it is a way to invest in UB to assure the quality and future of the university. It is one option in giving to a worthy cause that also pays you dividends.

For more information on the fund or other ways of giving, contact: George M. Mihalakos, vice president for institutional advancement, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT 06601 or call 203-576-4696.

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## Giampaoli named dean of School of Continuing and Professional Studies



Giampaoli

**D**ean Michael J. Giampaoli sees the School of Continuing and Professional studies as one of UB's gems in what it does for the people of the region. The school is a major resource for people who want to advance their careers, switch careers or

complete their degree and get into a career.

The school's strengths are in technology and management, and in degree completion. "We are strong in technology, computer science and business. I think we can build on them and in education," Giampaoli said. "I want to make these courses even more accessible by putting them on the Internet and offering them through distance learning.

"If people can get started in a program, then a degree is right around the corner for them. That's the same no matter what degree it is," Giampaoli said.

"Our programs cater to people who have busy schedules and many other demands on their time. We set up our courses to fit into their schedules. Offering more online courses is another way to do this."

Giampaoli was named dean in October. President Neil A. Salonen said Giampaoli is a talented dean who will expand the university's impact through its programs on campus and in its satellite campuses. Giampaoli was chosen from a pool of more than 70 candidates for the position from across the country. "We picked him because he is a standout. Everything he has done here is first class," Salonen said.

Sharon Klebe, who served as dean since 1986 when she developed the predecessor to the school in Stamford, will become associate dean part time. Salonen said the university appreciates her many contributions in



### I'M A DOC, TOO

**A youngster gets a chance to unravel the mysteries of a stethoscope during the fall Family Health Fair at UB. The fair, sponsored by the College of Naturopathic Medicine, drew large crowds. UB's College of Chiropractic, the Fones School of Dental Hygiene and the Human Nutrition Institute were among the co-sponsors.**

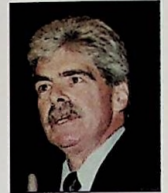
developing the school and its weekend programs, and welcomes her continued role in the school's growth.

The school includes graduate and undergraduate programs. It offers courses at UB and at satellite campuses in Stamford, Waterbury and North Haven. Its programs lead to undergraduate degrees, as well as a master's in business, computer science, education, counseling/human resources, and a 6th year certificate in education.

The new dean, who has been with the university since 1996, developed the UB distance learning program.

## Grodzinsky named Teacher of the year

**S**tephen Grodzinsky, the professor of electrical and computer engineering, was named UB's Distinguished Teacher for the 2001-02 school year. President Neil A. Salonen announced the award at the fall convocation.



Grodzinsky

Grodzinsky, who has taught at the university since the fall of 1983, is chairman of the computer science and engineering department. The award was based on nominations from faculty, students and administrators, and on consistently high teaching ratings by students.

"I have never been disappointed by Professor Grodzinsky," one student wrote in nominating him for the award. "His classes pass in a blink, always leaving me anxious to find out the rest. Encouraging students to analyze facts and come up with conclusions of their own, his teaching style has appealed to me more than most other teachers', making my academic experience at the University of Bridgeport a truly enjoyable one."

Grodzinsky had similar ratings from his dean, Tarek M. Sobh. "Professor Grodzinsky," Sobh wrote, "is an excellent teacher, judging by the quality of his student projects, the level of his class assignments and examinations and his involvement of students in exciting laboratory development projects in several areas within computer and digital design."

Grodzinsky has his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois.

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