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Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks to a sold-out crowd of about 4,000 faculty, staff, students and members of the community at Patrick Gymnasium. (Photo: Bill DiLillo)

The people of the world are one family that should rejoice in each other's diversity and take care of one another by not allowing for any member to live in hunger and squalor, human rights activist and Nobel laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu told a crowd of 4,000 onlookers at a sold out Patrick Gymnasium.

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[Center](#) Sifting through the charred remains of the Ferrisburgh Grange is both fascinating and sad for historic preservation graduate students Eileen Heideman and Phil Barlow. On the one hand, it's an opportunity for them to study a 140-year-old building and provide critical information for a reconstruction effort. At the same time, it's a constant reminder of the loss of a town's most beloved structure, a symbol of the community's soul.

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[Technology](#) The mood is relaxed in the Center for Teaching and Learning on March 24, the finale of the center's first-ever computer skills course and student laptop giveaway. Participants intersperse tapping away in HTML on their pristine new Dell's with hopping up to grab bagels and goofing on the silly digital videos they produced for an assignment.

## THE WEEK IN VIEW

*March 30, 8 p.m.*  
Lecture: "Romanies and Genocide: Records, Memories, and Reconstructions of Romany Experiences Under the Nazis," with Susan Tebbutt, University of Limerick, Ireland. Angell, B106. Information: 656-1492.

*March 31, 4 p.m.*  
Forum: The College of Arts and Sciences will hold an open forum for final candidates for its dean's search. Meet Interim Dean Jane Knodell. Memorial Lounge, Waterman. Information: 656-3166.

*April 3, 7:30 p.m.*  
Concert: Vermont Wind Ensemble will perform a concert of "old and new" pieces, including the music of Gabrieli, Handel, Bach and others. Music Recital Hall, Redstone. Information: 656-3040.

*April 4 5 p.m.*  
Lecture: President Daniel Mark Fogel will speak on affirmative action as part of the Spring Plenary Lectures associated with the Honors College first-year course. Reception to follow. Williams, Room 311. Information: 656-0427.

*April 5, 7 p.m.* Film: "Peace of Mind: Coexistence Through the Eyes of Palestinian and Israeli Teens," documents the time

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Polly Smith (L), Hinda Miller and Lisa Lindahl, inventors of the Jogbra, were honored at the Royall Tyler Theatre, where the history-making sports bra returned to its birthplace for the first time since 1977. (Photo: Sally McCay)

### History-Changing Garment Born in Theater Costume Shop

At a glance it looks like lamé — an abbreviated top that Cat Woman Halle Berry might wear during down time.

In fact, it is an original Jogbra bronzed for posterity.

On March 28, this history-making sports bra returned for the first time since 1977 to its birthplace, the University of Vermont's Royall Tyler Theatre, along with its mothers of invention: UVM alumnae Lisa Lindahl, Polly Smith and Hinda Miller.

A gathering of friends and admirers, many of them pioneer entrepreneurs and athletes themselves, celebrated these women and retold the story, which has become legendary. As a UVM graduate student, Lindahl was an avid runner, averaging 30 miles a week. She knew she wasn't alone in her wish for athletic gear that offered women the same support below the shoulders that men had below the belt.

"There ought to be a jockstrap for women," Lindahl retold the story. Indeed, the first Jogbra was a two-cup version of actual menswear crafted in the UVM theater's costume shop. Today, Champion Jogbra is a division of Sara Lee Corporation. Lindahl and physical therapist Lesli Bell of Williston have gone on to launch a new specialty bra company to support and comfort women with lymphedema, a condition commonly associated with breast cancer survival. Smith is a costume designer, most notably for the Muppets, and Miller is a state senator representing

### Gene Mutation Linked to Extra-Early Body Clock, Health Conditions

Geneticists from the University of California, San Francisco, University of Vermont and University of Utah have uncovered a new gene mutation that causes familial advanced sleep phase syndrome (FASPS) — an inherited condition in which sufferers are such 'early birds' that they struggle to function in society. Their research findings are reported in the March 31 issue of the journal *Nature*.

The team of scientists, including Robert Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of neurology at the University of Vermont, studied three generations of a Vermont family in which five members are affected by FASPS. The body clock of each of the five is tuned to a day-length shorter than normal; on average, they wake at around 4 a.m. and go to sleep at about 6 p.m. The family members carry a mutation in the casein kinase I delta (CK1δ) gene, which interferes with the protein believed to have a key role in regulating the body clock.

Every animal cell has a molecular machinery to tell the time of day. Many of the details of these mechanisms have been identified in fruit flies. Particular nerve cells in the brain act as master time-keepers to ensure that the whole organism is appropriately coordinated with the actual time of day.

In the study, researchers tested the DNA of the affected individuals in the Vermont family and found that the same gene that is important to fruit fly clocks possessed a mutation that is not present in unaffected family members or others. The CK1δ gene usually codes for a protein enzyme that is able to regulate the functions of other cellular molecules by attaching a phosphorus molecule to them, which is called phosphorylation. The mutated CK1δ in the FASPS family is not able to phosphorylate other molecules as effectively or efficiently as normal CK1δ. The consequence is that the molecular clocks run more quickly than normal in people with this mutation.

Mice given a copy of the faulty gene also became "morning mice," the researchers add. But fruit flies subjected to a similar treatment actually showed a lengthened body clock cycle, making them more "night owl" than "morning lark." This shows that although mammal and insect body clocks feature many of the same proteins, their mechanisms may be quite different.

The research team is further studying the Vermont family members with the CK1δ mutation because they typically also have other medical

Chittenden County.

As in the case of the Jogbra, "women often solve problems based on their own experience. They have a different perspective and insight that creates value," noted Rocki-Lee DeWitt, dean of UVM's School of Business Administration, as she delivered opening remarks for the UVM Women's Center-sponsored event marking Women's Herstory Month.

She, the sports bra trio and others told tales from the past three decades of obstacles women overcame in athletics and in business. UVM athlete Jennifer Oakes, '72, described pre-Title IX women's basketball in which team members hauled their own chairs and a blackboard because they were not allowed to use the bleachers or scoreboard. Nancy Condit, '79, owner of Women's Source for Sports in Burlington, charted the metamorphosis of athletic clothing sizes from men's to unisex to women's.

"I never thought I'd one of the 'beginning people,' but we are a part of something awesome," Condit said.

When Brandi Chastain tore off her shirt at the 1999 Women's World Cup, "women's sports equipment came out of the closet," said Oakes.

This week the sports bra returned to the closet – the costume closet that is. It joins two other immortalized Jogbras: one hangs in the Smithsonian, the other in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

### **UVM Named 'College with a Conscience'**

The University of Vermont is one of the nation's best colleges at fostering social responsibility and public service, according to *The Princeton Review* and Campus Compact, which joined forces to create a list of institutions featured in *The Princeton Review's* forthcoming book, *Colleges with a Conscience: 81 Great Schools with Outstanding Community Involvement*.

Chosen from 900 institutions, UVM's profile includes academic and co-curricular programs that provide support and opportunities for community involvement for students, faculty, and staff through the Office of Community-University Partnerships and Service-Learning (CUPS); community service programs through Student Life (including Volunteers in Action); and service-related programs in the Career Services Office. Available in bookstores on June 21, 2005, the book has two-page profiles on each college and advice for applicants.

Students at UVM engage in service efforts ranging from HIV/AIDS education and advocacy to Habitat for Humanity to children's environmental education through the 17 student-led programs in Volunteers in Action (VIA). They also participate in service-learning internships and explore the non-profit career field through career services programs. Additionally, more than 2500 students have been members of the more than 150 service-learning courses that

conditions including migraine and asthma. They hope to find out whether a reduction in the function of CK1d resulting from this mutation will also predispose people to these other conditions since CK1d is known to have other functions in cells apart from its role in the molecular clock.

In addition to Shapiro, co-authors on the study include Ying-Hui Fu, Ying Xu, Quasar Padiath, Susan Wu, Noriko Salgo, Kazumasa Saigo and Louis Ptacek of University of California, San Francisco; and Christopher Jones of the University of Utah.

### **ERP Project Is 'A CATalyst for Change'**

*A sweeping program to implement new administrative management software has provoked many questions (and some consternation) among staff. Eric Hoefel, who is part of the Project CATalyst team, writes to offer some information and clear up some misconceptions about the project:*

By now many of you have heard of Project CATalyst but you probably have lots of questions: What is it? Why is it happening? What does it mean to me? When do I need to worry about it? How can I find out more?

Project CATalyst is charged with implementing PeopleSoft/Oracle enterprise resource planning software at UVM. ERP software is designed to bring various existing software applications and legacy systems together so that information only needs to be entered once and then is available to anyone that needs it in the format they require

There are four main reasons that Project CATalyst is critical to the university's future. First, UVM's strategic mission calls for aggressive growth. Second, while UVM is currently in compliance with all applicable laws, meeting regulatory oversight requirements is only going to get more complicated. Third, to attract students in an increasingly competitive environment, UVM must be able to provide the best service possible. Fourth, enhanced productivity will allow UVM to meet these challenges while controlling staff growth. Every change implemented by Project CATalyst must address at least one of these four pillars — mission, compliance, service, or productivity.

With such a broad charter, the project will touch everyone at UVM to some degree. The extent that your duties will change depends upon your role. While the project's objective is to make work easier and more efficient, it is possible that in certain cases your job function could become more complicated. If this turns out to be the case for you, keep in mind that the changes that make your job more difficult may simplify many other tasks. Of course, training will be available before the go-live dates so that you will have the skills that you need when you need them.

The CATalyst Team has been working with end users from across the University to define UVM's business needs and match these needs with PeopleSoft's capabilities. As the CATalyst Team continues the process of designing and testing

have been taught over the past 5 years, including community projects ranging from environmental interpretation and sustainable economic practices to adaptive physical activities and education programs for immigrant communities.

The 81 schools chosen for *Colleges with a Conscience* represent a diverse range of institutions by geographic region, campus size, setting, and include both private and public schools. UVM is joined on the list by Stanford, Harvard, Georgetown, Northwestern, and Middlebury.

The Vermont chapter of Campus Compact, a national coalition of more than 950 colleges and university presidents committed to supporting the public purposes of higher education, will hold its annual gala celebrating service, service-learning and civic engagement across the state on April 5 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. Gov. Jim Douglas, former Gov. Madeleine Kunin and former Gov. Howard Dean have been invited. Two members of the UVM faculty have won statewide awards which will be presented at the gala.

### **Call for Participation in Campus Climate Survey**

The university has contracted with Rankin & Associates to conduct a campus-wide climate survey this spring. The objective is to provide UVM with institutional information, analysis and recommendations relating to the campus climate for people of diverse backgrounds.

The entire UVM community of current students, faculty and staff (18 years of age and older) is encouraged to participate in the confidential survey. Surveys will be available April 4 through 15 online at [Campus Climate Survey](#).

There will also be a limited number of hard copy surveys at specific locations on campus.

the software over the coming months, the two most important dates for you to keep in mind are Jan. 1 and July 1, 2006. Human resources and budgeting modules go live on Jan. 1, and finance, supply chain and sponsored projects go live on July 1.

As the project proceeds, your best source of information about Project CATalyst is at [www.uvm.edu/catalyst](http://www.uvm.edu/catalyst). On the CATalyst site you'll find the most complete and up-to-date information, the ability to submit questions and the opportunity to meet the CATalyst Team. In addition, the project team is holding monthly sessions around campus providing you with project updates along with an opportunity to ask questions. You'll also be able to find information in this and other campus publications.

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### Community Medical School Opens Spring Session

From the heart's rhythm to fat's secret life, university and Fletcher Allen Health Care experts are covering vital health topics in the free, public Community Medical School lecture series.

All lectures take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium, Given Medical Building. The goal of the series is to offer lectures on timely topics by faculty recognized for their ability to present scientific information in an engaging, easy-to-understand manner. This semester's schedule follows:

- *April 5*, "Keeping It Ticking: The Latest in Heart Rhythm Technologies," with Dr. Peter Spector, associate professor of medicine. According to the American Heart Association, an average human heart beats more than 2.5 billion times in a 70-year lifetime. But what if the intricate electrical system that makes those beats possible fails? Explore the underlying causes, diagnosis and treatment of abnormal heart rhythm.
- *April 12*, "Skin Cancer: How to Detect It and Strategies for Prevention," with Dr. Glenn Goldman, associate professor of medicine. The majority of skin cancer is caused by sun exposure but can be cured when detected at an early stage. Review the lifelong process that can lead to skin cancer, the best protection methods and how skin cancer is identified and treated.
- *April 19*, "The Secret Life of Fat: What Your Fat Cells Are Trying to Tell You," with Dr. Richard Pratley, professor of medicine. Without fat, humans could not have evolved and survived, but nowadays, fat is killing us. Discover how fat cells affect appetite, metabolism, immunity and reproduction.
- *April 26*, "Bouncing Back: Knee Injury Prevention, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation," with Bruce Beynnon, associate professor of orthopaedics and rehabilitation. Learn about the anatomy of the knee, how and how often knee injuries occur and how knee ligaments are

### Series Probes State Energy Policy

The Environmental Program is sponsoring an energy speaker series, a five-part sequence of lectures featuring leading Vermont policy makers and thinkers discussing the state's energy future. The series, which began March 29, is being held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at varying campus locations.

The remaining lectures are:

- *April 5*, "Energy Sources" (Lafayette L108). More than half of Vermont's electricity comes from Hydro-Quebec and the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. What is the future of these sources and what measures can reduce Vermont's overall demand for electricity? Features: Brian Cosgrove of Entergy Corporation; Richard Saudek, former chair of the Public Service Board; and Blair Hamilton of Efficiency Vermont.
- *April 12*, "Energy Interest Groups" (John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill). A number of advocates on all sides of these issues will have a role in deciding Vermont's energy future. What is their vision for the future? Features: Lisa Ventriss, of the Vermont Business Roundtable; Philene Taormina, American Association of Retired Persons; and David Blittersdorf, Renewable Energy Vermont.
- *April 19*, "How Do We Decide?" (Lafayette L108). Vermont policy-makers will influence the decision-making process. What is their vision for the future? And how will we decide what the future should be? Features: David O'Brien, Department of Public Service commissioner; Rep. Tony Klein, House Natural Resources and Energy Committee; and Sen. Virginia Lyons, Senate Natural Resources Committee.
- *May 3*, "The Future" (John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill). The Vermont Public Service Board approves electric energy

reconstructed from a bioengineering perspective. Review UVM research regarding the best methods for rehabilitation following ACL surgery.

- *May 3*, "High Blood Pressure: What It Is, What It Does and What You Can Do About It," with George Osol, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and Dr. Virginia Hood, professor of medicine. Nicknamed the "silent killer" due to its lack of symptoms, high blood pressure (hypertension) affects a startling one in four Americans and can lead to a heart attack, stroke, and heart or kidney failure. Gain an understanding of how blood pressure is created, what causes it to increase and how it affects the normal functioning of your heart.
- *May 10*, "Normal Aging: Inevitable, but Modifiable," with Dr. William Pendlebury, professor of pathology and neurology. Explore some of the 20th century medical and scientific advances that led to increases in life expectancy, and learn about the choices individuals can make to help prevent the accumulating chronic illness and disability that are currently linked to the aging process.

Information, registration: 847-2886 or [Community Medical School](#)

### **Spring Peace and Culture Series Starts April 4**

The spring "Peace and Culture Series" will bring a variety of speakers, workshops and films to campus April 4-8. The series is presented by the UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing's Office of Conflict Resolution.

Events include:

- April 4, 12:10 p.m. Allen House, 3rd floor. Meditation workshop with Jeff Buzas.
- April 5, 12 p.m. Allen House, upstairs conference room. Lecture: "Western Political Thought and Peace," with Robert Taylor, dean of the UVM Honors College.
- April 5, 7 p.m. ALANA Student Center, Blundell House, Redstone Campus. Film and discussion: "Peace of Mind: Coexistence Through the Eyes of Palestinian and Israeli Teens."
- April 6, 12 p.m. Allen House, upstairs conference room. Talk: "American attempts at conflict resolution: a cross-cultural perspective," with Saleem Ali, assistant professor of environmental

decisions in Vermont. How are these decisions made? Features: James Volz, chair of the public service board.

Information: Rachel Jolly, 863-8390

### **RFK, Jr. Returns for River Benefit**

The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts is presenting an on-campus benefit performance, "An Evening For Pure Water, Clean Politics and Comedy Too," on April 3 at 7 p.m. in Ira Allen Chapel.

The event, which will support a clean-up effort for the Black Warrior watershed in Alabama, features environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr., activist and Phish drummer Jon Fishman, and comedian Robert Klein.

Tickets for the performance are \$15. Tickets for a special pre-concert reception with Fishman, Kennedy, Klein and Black Warrior Riverkeeper founder David Whiteside are \$40. The reception starts at 5:30 p.m. in North Lounge, Billings.

Information, tickets: [Flynn Center](#)

### **UVM Professor to Speak on Environmental Conflict Resolution**

Saleem Ali, assistant professor of environmental studies, will give a lecture entitled, "American Attempts at Conflict Resolution: a Cross-Cultural Perspective," on April 6 at noon at UVM's Allen House on 461 Main Street.

Ali, a nationally recognized expert on conflict resolution relating to environmental issues, will draw from extensive research on the causes of environmental conflicts between indigenous communities and mining companies. The event is sponsored by the Rubenstein School for Environment and Natural Resources.

Information: 656-4280

studies.

- April 6, 6:30 p.m. Living/Learning Center, room 216. Film: "An Unlikely Friendship," a documentary of a friendship between a Ku Klux Klan leader and a civil rights activist.
- April 7, 12 p.m. Allen House, room 104. Talk: "Biophilia, Ecofeminism and Peace: What is the nature of our love affair with the planet and how can that lead us away from violence and towards the possibility of another, more peaceful world?" with Laurie Larson, activist and lecturer of social work.

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### Awards and Honors

Six students in the College of Letters and Sciences were named Academic Programs for Learning and Engagement scholars for the spring and summer. The program is designed to support student-faculty research collaborations and hands-on internships. Scholars may receive \$3,000 summer research stipends or up to \$500 in project awards. This semester's winners are: **Chelsea Anne Pemberton** for "Beauty, Strength, and Resilience: The Will Power Behind the Woman"; **Dominick Lemas**, "Effects of Modifying PIG-A Gene Expression on Glycophosphatidylinositol-Anchored Proteins in *Paramecium tetraurelia*"; **Brett Lamonda**, "Effects of Modifying PIG-A Gene Expression on Glycophosphatidylinositol-Anchored Proteins in *Paramecium tetraurelia*." Summer stipends: **Claire Ankuda**, "Healthcare Quality and Access in China"; Joseph Valentine, "A Theory of Risk-Averse Altruism"; Paul Vallett, "Characterization and Response of Polypeptide-based Block Copolymer Assemblies."

### Publications and Presentations

**Declan Connolly**, associate professor education, recently gave two lectures. On Feb. 21, he spoke at the University of Ulster on "Muscle Damage and Adaption to Unaccustomed Exercise." On March 16, he addressed a professional in-service session for health and physical education professionals in the Albany and Guilderland school district in New York. His topics included increasing physical activity of school children and preventing youth obesity.

The current issue of *Community Transportation*, the publication of the Community Transportation Association of America, highlights several Vermont transportation initiatives and Fred Schmidt, associate professor of community development and applied economics and co-director of the Center for Rural Studies. As the article notes, "one area in which the Center has had the most impact is community and economic development planning around the Green Mountain State — and the rest of New England."

**David Jones**, assistant professor of business administration, and his coauthor, Daniel Skarllicki, had an article published in the March issue of the *Journal of Applied Psychology*. The article, which was titled "The Effects of Overhearing Peers Discuss an Authority's Reputation for Fairness on Reactions to Subsequent Treatment," demonstrated that hearing peers discuss an authority figure's reputation for fairness biased individuals' interpretations of the fairness of the authority's actual behavior.

Several members of the department of medicine gave presentations at the American College of Cardiology Annual Scientific Session in Orlando, Fla., from March 6-9. Burton Sobel, M.D., professor and chair of medicine, co-chaired a symposium session titled "Diabetes and Coronary Disease" and presented on the topic of "Recognizing the Burden of Coronary Artery Disease in the Diabetic Population." Prospero Gogo, Jr., M.D., clinical instructor of medicine, presented a poster titled "Cytokine Activation Before Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Reflects Clinical and Laboratory Variables Associated with Increased Risk." Co-authors on the study with Gogo include David Schneider, M.D., professor or medicine and director of cardiology; Edward Terrien, M.D., associate professor of medicine; Matthew Watkins, M.D., professor or medicine; Burton Sobel, M.D., professor and chair of medicine; and Harold Dauerman, M.D., associate professor of medicine.

### Teaching Activities

Graduate business administration students in Lecturer **Chris Miller's** "Supply

Chain Management" course studying enterprise resource planning received practical insights from two executives involved in implementing such programs; **Michael Gower**, vice president of finance and administration, and David J. Santos, a manager at General Dynamics.

*March 16, 2005*

### **Awards and Honors**

Four UVM undergraduates will be inducted into Sigma Xi national honor society for their accomplishments in physics. They are **Alaina Dickason** of Starksboro, Vt.; **Jennifer Gagnon**, of Newington, Conn.; **Brendan Kennedy** of Evanston, Ill.; and **Tracy Owen** of Kingsport, Tenn.

UVM was named the overall university champions at the Northeast Student Affiliates animal science competition held at Rutgers University on Feb. 25-27. Participants competed in teams of four in livestock judging, a "quiz bowl" on animal science topics and paper presentations. The UVM students involved in winning the championship were: **Alyse Henderson, Andrew Book, Adrienne DiCerbo, Jessica Scillieri, Ladan Karimian, Amanda Kissell, Gavin Hitchener, Christine Coe, Jason Weinstein, Megan Richmond, Sarah Messmer** and **Keeley McGarr**.

### **Publications and Presentations**

**David Jones**, assistant professor of business administration, has had five papers accepted for presentation at three conferences this year. He is presenting two papers at the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology conference, one of which is titled "Workplace Revenge: A Calculated Response to Mistreatment." In this study, Jones focuses on situational variables and individual differences that may explain why some revenge responses are carefully planned, yet others are more immediate or impulsive. Jones is presenting two other papers at the Canadian Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology conference. In one of these papers, he and his co-author tested a practical approach for identifying job applicants who try to appear more favorable by distorting their responses in an employee selection context. Professor Jones and two co-authors will also be presenting a paper at the Academy of Management meeting. In this study about attributions and performance appraisal, Jones and his colleagues trained managers to consider situational constraints on employee performance and found that, relative to a control group, the trained managers were better able to consider situational constraints while evaluating employee performance.

Two students presented research at the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography Aquatic Sciences Meeting in Salt Lake City Feb. 20-25. Post Doctoral Research Associate **Mazeika Sullivan** presented "Connecting Physical and Biotic Thresholds in Streams." Masters student **Kelly McCutcheon** spoke on "Considering Scale in the Design of Stream and Watershed Classification Systems."

*March 9, 2005*

### **Awards and Honors**

**Marianne Burke**, Director of the Dana Medical Library, has been elected to the board of NELINET, a member-owned, member-governed cooperative of more than 600 academic, public, and special libraries in the six New England states. She will serve a three-year term starting immediately.

**Jeanene Light**, the medical library's coordinator of document delivery and interlibrary loan, has been awarded an Association of Academic Health Science Libraries Leadership Scholarship to support her participation in the Association of College and Research Libraries Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians in August.

**Erica Quintal**, a senior in medical laboratory science, earned a \$1,000 scholarship from the American Society for Clinical Pathology, an award reserved for top students in their final clinical year of study. The group awards scholarships on the basis of academic achievement, professional goals and

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## Embracing Diversity

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks to a sold-out crowd of about 4,000 faculty, staff, students and members of the community at Patrick Gymnasium. (Photo: Bill DiLillo)

The people of the world are one family that should rejoice in each other's diversity and take care of one another by not allowing for any member to live in hunger and squalor, human rights activist and Nobel laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu told a crowd of 4,000 onlookers at a sold out Patrick Gymnasium.

Tutu, 73, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his contributions to racial justice and harmony and outspoken

stance against apartheid, said one of God's greatest gifts to the world is its diversity, but that instead of celebrating it, some people have used it as justification for racism and other atrocities against mankind. He ended his talk with a passionate plea for people to help lift members of 'our family' out of poverty.

"God dreams that we would realise that we are family caring for one another as family, sharing with one another as family, concerned for one another as family, appalled that members of our family could wallow in poverty and squalor when we have the capacity to feed them," Tutu said. "We have the means to ensure that all God's children, our brothers and sisters do have clean water to drink, enough food to eat and enjoy good education and adequate health care. Peace can come for all when we live as God's family. And God says, 'please help me to realise my dream. Please. Please. Please. Please.'"

Tutu, who was making his first visit to Vermont, weaved humorous comments into the context of his broader message, which included the belief that the worth of a person is solely intrinsic. "How could we even think that skin color determine a person's worth. What if we had a university that only accepted people with large noses? It's totally absurd... The Bible says our worth is intrinsic. It's part of being human. It belongs to everyone without distinction."

UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel and St. Michael's College President Marc A. vanderHeyden awarded Tutu honorary doctoral degrees for his efforts towards achieving racial justice and harmony. Fogel said the coming together of the two institutions to give honorary degrees was unprecedented. Tutu, who is lives in Cape Town, South Africa, and was making his first trip to Vermont, jokingly apologized for his values being slightly off when he went to Norway to accept the Nobel Peace Prize instead of coming to St. Michael's to accept an honorary degree 21 years ago. "Thank you for letting me come now," he said.

Tutu was introduced by Patrick Brown, director of the Greater Burlington Multicultural Center, who played a major role in bringing the archbishop to Burlington as co-coordinator of the event with UVM. Gov. James H. Douglas declared March 29th "Desmond Tutu Day in Vermont," and Burlington Mayor Peter Clavelle gave Tutu a key to the city.

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The citations read in honor of Tutu chronicled his many contributions to racial justice, starting with his early inspiration by an Anglican cleric, Father Trevor Huddleston, who was one of the first to speak openly against apartheid. After earning bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees in London, Tutu returned to South Africa in 1967 and was appointed Bishop of Lesotho in 1976 in the wake of the Soweto uprising, a defining event in the eventual fall of apartheid some 14 years later.

Tutu left Lesotho in 1978 to become general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, a role that catapulted him into the national spotlight as he courageously railed against the apartheid system. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 at a ceremony where he made clear that injustice and violence still reigned in his country and other places around the world. In December of 1995, President Nelson Mandela appointed Tutu head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Greeted with a standing ovation by the overflow crowd, which included several hundred people watching at the Tennis Center on closed circuit television, Tutu began his talk by referencing the Creation story in the book of Genesis, saying that God created a wide array of animals, trees and plants because diversity is good and that mankind should thrive on its differences. Unfortunately, the forces behind such atrocities as slavery and genocide misused this gift to force oppression on others and create these “obscenities.”

“God wanted us to celebrate our diversities,” Tutu said. “To treat one person as if they were less than human is not only evil, is not only painful, as it certainly turns out most times for the victim. No, it is all of these things but more. It is blasphemous, and evil — like spitting in the face of God.”

Throughout his talk, Tutu returned to the theme from the Bible that says the worth of a person is intrinsic and should be based on nothing else. “Whether we are rich or poor, beautiful or not so beautiful, red, white, yellow, black, young or old, our worth is intrinsic — our worth is infinite.”

Underwriters for the event were the University of Vermont, including the Class of 1941 Marsh Lecture Series, the First Year Experience Diversity Committee, Student Life Programs, the UVM Bookstore, the Division of Libraries, the Community-University Partnerships and Service-Learning Office, and the College of Arts and Sciences, and General Dynamics.

Sponsors include the Episcopal Diocese; the Sisters of Mercy; the Ben and Jerry’s Foundation; the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Foundation; Verizon; the Lintilhac Foundation; Redstone Properties; KeyBank; the Vermont Human Right Commission; Charter One Bank; Scudi, Todd Lockwood, CEO; the City of Burlington; and Saint Michael’s College.

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Historic Preservation graduate students Phil Barlow and Eileen Heideman take measurements of a salvaged door from the remains of the Ferrisburgh Grange. (Photo: Jon Reidel)

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"What makes it so sad is that unlike many historic buildings that don't have a chance, this one had everyone rallying around it," Barlow says. "I hate to see any building lost, but they were so close to having (renovated this one) only to have it snatched away. We just want to help with the reconstruction effort any way we can."

The call for help came in the form of an email from Ferrisburgh resident Silas Towler, a carpenter, local historian, head of the salvage effort and president of the Friends of Ferrisburgh Grange. Towler asked for help from the historic preservation program after the project changed from a planned renovation of an 1860's era-Grange to the construction of a replica after a Feb. 16 arson destroyed the landmark. This unexpected and traumatic change created the need for technical expertise to accurately reconstruct what was originally a Congregational church.

"We applied for and received historical preservation grants, but this is no longer a rehab, it's a reconstruction," Towler says. "It has to be done according to certain standards so we have to follow very specific federal guidelines for reconstruction. Documentation is first and foremost, and UVM has really given us some needed technical expertise. They're really helping our community not just in work hours and filth hours sifting through this stuff, but in credibility, and that's what we need most."

### Reconstructing history

At any given time, UVM historic preservationists are involved in helping a handful of communities across the state with restoration projects. This is in keeping with the philosophy of its master's program, which places a strong emphasis on community-based projects through linkages with local, state and federal groups, organizations and agencies.

In the case of the Grange, Heideman responded to a request for assistance from Towler by offering her services gratis. "It's a high-profile historic preservation project that we've been following in the news," she says. "We wanted to help any way we could." It's also good experience for Heideman and Barlow, who are launching a company, New England Preservation Collaborative, with six other historic preservation students following graduation in the spring.

### Embracing Diversity

The people of the world are one family that should rejoice in each other's diversity and take care of one another by not allowing for any member to live in hunger and squalor, human rights activist and Nobel laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu told a crowd of 4,000 onlookers at a sold out Patrick Gymnasium.

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Heideman is currently working on a cross-section of paint layers from the remains of the building to determine the chronology of the building's color schemes over the years. She and Barlow take the samples back to the lab in the basement of Wheeler House and test them for age by dipping them into sodium sulfide. This tells Heideman whether the paint was latex, acrylic or lead-based, which she can trace to certain points in time when these paints were most often used.

Once residents agree on the era they want to model the Grange after in terms of color schemes, they can draw on the students' work for accuracy. A number of artifacts were salvaged, including church pews, moldings, soffit brackets, hand-grain doors, pressed tin wall coverings. Heideman and Barlow also helped reconstruct a cross section of the balcony front which had multiple types of trim, and a large wooden medallion that greeted residents above the main doors.

"They had some needs, and we had the expertise," says Thomas Visser, associate professor of history and the preservation program's director. "We're available as a university to provide public service, which our students can also benefit from providing. There are various levels of student involvement on a voluntary basis at any one time in the state. This is a particularly interesting project because the physical evidence will potentially tell the story of how that building looked. Once trucked away, that info will be gone forever."

#### **A town in need**

Between the town bond for \$350,000, grants from the Vermont General Assembly, Freeman Foundation, Argosy Foundation, Preservation Trust Of Vermont, State Division of Historic Preservation and the Vermont Community Foundation, and matching donations, the town of Ferrisburgh has \$725,000 pledged to the reconstruction effort so far. Additional insurance money is expected as well. UVM Professor Emerita Jean Richardson, who is fundraising chair for the effort, estimates a total historically accurate reconstruction may cost around \$1.8 million.

More importantly, Richardson, whose book *Partnerships In Communities: Reweaving the Fabric of Rural America* (Island Press, 2000) focused on sustainable rural development through community-based and locally driven initiatives, is hoping the new building will serve as a multi-purpose community center in addition to serving as town hall and a meeting place for members of the Grange, a rural farming organization founded nationally in 1867.

"Having a center of activity is crucial to revitalizing a rural community," says Richardson. "A lot of small towns that don't have a gathering place eventually become bedroom communities. We're reconstructing, both physically and socially, a town center for Ferrisburgh. We hope it will be a hub of activity for decades to come."

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It's computer camp — more than 30 hours of instruction over five

days in HTML, online research methods, Web writing and resume construction — with a twist: The ten first- and second-year participants, all involved in an academic support program for first-generation, disabled or economically disadvantaged college students, wrote applications and were selected to spend spring break in a classroom in exchange for a free Dell Latitude computer.

It's a deal they were eager, even delighted, to make.

"I'm a business major, and the school has a laptop requirement I wasn't able to fulfill," says sophomore Bernardo Betances, who previously typed papers and checked his e-mail in university labs or during stolen moments on his friends' machines. "Having the computer is going to make a big difference, but also knowing how to use it. I learned a ton, and met a bunch of faculty and staff from around the university."

The idea for the new program developed out of conversations between Lauck Parke, vice president for undergraduate education, and CTL Director Shirley Gedeon. After a university contract negotiated with Dell Computer included a provision that the company donate 10 laptops a year to UVM for three years, the two decided to extend CTL's successful faculty laptop program to students, developing a thematic curriculum that meshed technology, academic skills, personal narrative and career planning.

"The laptops are critical (for the students). Four out of ten of this group are pre-meds: They're taking courses they need to download and view labs or PowerPoints for," says Gedeon.

But the value of the week, she adds, goes beyond providing an academic tool — she and her colleagues also wanted to emphasize relationships.

"These students are now going to say they know the director of the writing program or the Center for Teaching and Learning, and they can bring their friends into the fold," adds Gedeon, who hosted a dinner at her home where the students cooked dishes from Nigeria to Vietnam.

Mary Lou Razza, senior lecturer of education and a key player in the camp's

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curriculum, echoed Gedeon's thought. "Beyond the specific technology, it's about building relationships that will help them over time," she says.

Along with the CTL staff, representatives from Career Services also taught portions of the course, as did faculty and staff from the library and the Writing Center. Undergraduates involved in the CTL's technology mentoring program, TechCATS, also pitched in.

Holly Parker, a CTL program developer who was one of the camp's primary facilitators, along with colleague Justin Henry, says the skills and learning resources introduced in the sessions "will give students a leg up" on their studies.

"You might think the younger generation knows all of this techy stuff, but that's not always true. And we're also showing them all the resources they have available as students, from free Web space to servers to back up their files," says Parker.

A week of treats, social events, laughter and hard-core technology instruction ended with students presenting the personal Websites they created for the camp's final project and organizers gathering feedback to tweak future runs of the program. The next laptop camp is scheduled for August and will distribute another 10 machines to students who need them, with a final session set for January.

"It was fun, and I've come a long way at something that I wasn't really good at," says sophomore DaVaughn Bryan. "I'm going to go back to Student Government Association and share some of this stuff with others to improve some SGA and club Websites. If I can learn this, anyone can."

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