UC PEOPLE
Dave Fontaine ’89,
Director of Physical Education and Athletics

By Colleen Bierstine ’15

Q: You’ve worked at Utica College twice now. What was it like to come home again?
A: It was great to return. This is the place where I went to school, so coming back was like coming home for me. I spent 11 years working in pharmaceuticals, but I knew this is what I always wanted to do. To be able to make a career out of what I love in the place I love is a dream come true. Plus, the skills I learned in the period of time I was away actually made me a better candidate for the position I hold at UC now.

Q: When did you recognize your passion for sports?
A: I have always loved sports. I grew up playing them. From the time I was 7 years old until I graduated college, I played baseball. In high school, I played football and basketball as well.

Q: How do athletics play a role in the decision-making process for potential students?
A: Currently, we have 600 student athletes and 25 sports teams. That means a large part of our on-campus student body is a part of athletics. So for many people, sports at UC are a big part of the decision. To be able to do something you love and still get a great, comprehensive education is incomparable.

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- Dave Fontaine

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Welcome
Eugenio Alvarez, Assistant Coach II Football
Beth Amuso, Voice Captionist
Kimberly Carroll, Weekend Circulation Clerk
Jerrod Clowes, Assistant Coach II Football
Aaron Fried, Visiting Faculty Member, Physical Therapy
Danielle Freshnock, Assistant Coach Field Hockey
Sean Jones, Assistant Coach II Football
Tanis Lamoreux, Assistant Coach Women’s Ice Hockey
Michael Milone, Assistant Coach Football
Brandon Misiaszek, Assistant Coach Lacrosse
Eddie Olczyk, Assistant Coach Men’s Ice Hockey
Joseph Schoen, Assistant Coach Men’s Lacrosse
Ryan Wilson, Assistant Coach Football

New Titles
Jeffrey Percacciante ’12, Area Coordinator, Residence Life

Retirees
Peter Pawson, effective July 31, 2014

CAMPUS SAFETY HAS MOVED
Visit their new home, First Floor lower level, Strebel Student Center

Please be advised that the Office of Campus Safety has relocated to the space in Strebel Student Center that formerly housed the Mellow Moose coffee house.

For those who do not remember the Mellow Moose, the space is located on the back side of Strebel Student Center, across the walking path from the sand volleyball court and kitty corner to the Gary M. Kunath Fitness Center. The entrance to the new office is located on the outside of Strebel.

All phone numbers for Campus Safety remain the same.

SPEAKING OF CAMPUS SAFETY
Don’t forget to register your vehicle for 2014-15, at: utica.edu/parking

ID REQUIRED
New card-swipe access system in Clark Athletic Center

The Thomas H. Clark Jr. Athletic Center has been upgraded with a card-swipe system in the vestibule of the main entrance. Effective immediately, anyone entering the building will need his or her college ID to get in. The locker room will also feature its own card-swipe system that recognizes whether the cardholder is male or female. Faculty, staff and students who do not yet own a photo ID with magnetic strip can get one at the Office of Student Activities.
Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Inc., awarded two grants totaling $19,355 to two of Utica College’s medical educational programs.

A grant of $13,855 will be applied toward the purchase of an interactive human patient simulator of color to aid nursing students in building the skills, clinical judgment and cultural sensitivities required for effective patient care and management through scenario-based training.

The human patient simulator of color complements the existing simulation equipment purchased over the years through the generous support of the Slocum-Dickson Foundation.

“This continued partnership between Slocum-Dickson Foundation and Utica College strengthens the college’s ability to prepare a well-educated and highly skilled professional healthcare workforce to meet the critical demand in the region,” said Nancy Vaccaro, assistant professor of nursing.

A grant of $5,500 will support the Utica College Geriatric Scholar Certificate Program in the Greater Utica/Mohawk Valley region for 2014 to 2015. The program provides essential training in geriatric health care to many types of health and human services professionals who are involved in caring for the elderly. The Geriatric Scholar Certificate Program will continue to assist in the improvement of the quality of life for seniors by educating current and future health care professionals about social gerontology and medical geriatrics. All participants who attend UC’s Geriatric Scholar Certificate Program will receive a certificate of completion from the Consortium of New York Geriatric Education Centers (CNYGEC).

IN THE NEWS...

- Mohawk Valley Living interviewed Austen Givens, professor of practice in cybersecurity, about cyber-safe tips for small businesses.
- The Central New York Business Journal interviewed Dean James Norrie about UC’s suite of cybersecurity programs and plans for future programs.
- Jeffery Gates, VP for Enrollment Management, spoke with WKTV News Channel 2’s Anna Meiler about Convocation and incoming freshmen and transfer students.
- Donna Schaffner, AVP for Undergraduate Admissions, spoke with WUTR Eyewitness News about new UC students. WUTR’s Ana Rivera also interviewed Ken Palmer, Follett Bookstore manager, and several students.
- WUTR’s Julia Rose also covered President Todd S. Hutton, Athletic Director Dave Fontaine, Board Member Jim Duross and Head Football Coach Blaise Faggiano taking the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Aug. 22.
- OD Health reporter Amy Neff Roth did a story on Slocum-Dickson’s two grants to Utica College (see story page above).
- UC’s new ASDN program in St. Petersburg made the front page of the St. Petersburg Tribune, and was also covered by BayNews9.
- Arlene Lunquist, professor psychology, spoke with WUSP-FM95.5, WUSP-AM1550, WRCK-AM1480’s Tom Coyne about addictions to technology and social media, particularly among teens.
- Tony Martino, director of the NCFC, spoke with WUSP-FM95.5, WUSP-AM1550, WRCK-AM1480 about internet security.
Chelsea Berns joins UC as assistant professor of biology. Berns earned her bachelor’s degree in zoology from Colorado State University and her doctorate degree in ecology, evolution and organismal biology from Iowa State University. Prior to joining UC, Berns was a visiting professor at Adams State University. Her research focuses on evolutionary biology and she enjoys music and outdoor activities.

Maria DeGiglio joins UC as professor of practice for health care advocacy and navigation. DeGiglio earned her bachelor’s degree from Cornell University and her master’s degree in health advocacy from Sarah Lawrence College. She is the president and principal of the Maria DeGiglio and Associates Consulting Group in New Jersey.

Ashraf Elmarakby joins UC as assistant professor of physical therapy. Elmarakby earned his bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees in physical therapy from Cairo University in Egypt. Prior to joining UC, Elmarakby was an assistant professor of applied medical sciences at King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia. His research interests in the field of physical therapy include cardiovascular and pulmonary systems.

Megan Foster joins UC as assistant professor of special education. Foster earned her bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo, her master’s degree from Buffalo State College and her doctorate from the University of Buffalo. Prior to joining UC, Foster was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Florida. She has four years of experience teaching special education and her academic interests are inclusion and students with severe disabilities. She enjoys skiing, swimming, reading and outdoor sports.

Austen Givens joins UC as professor of practice for cybersecurity. Givens earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia and his master’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; he is pursuing his doctorate from King’s College in London. An adjunct with UC since 2011, he recently co-authored a book, “The Business of Counterterrorism: Public-Private Partnerships in Homeland Security.”

Bernard L. Hyman Jr. ’94 joins UC as professor of practice for economic crime investigation. Hyman earned his bachelor’s degree from Utica College and his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law. An adjunct lecturer at UC since 2009, he is currently an assistant district attorney for Oneida County.

Jun Kwon joins UC as assistant professor of government and politics. Kwon earned his bachelor’s degree from Chungbuk National University in Korea, his master’s degree in Asian studies from Cornell University and his doctorate in political science from the University of Georgia. Prior to joining UC, Kwon was an assistant professor at the University of North Georgia. His academic interests include Asian politics and international relations.

Paulina Niechcial joins UC as visiting professor of anthropology. Niechcial earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees from Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, where she was a member of their faculty before joining UC. Her academic interests include Iran, Central Asia and the sociology of religion. She enjoys traveling and yoga.

John Schwoebel joins UC as assistant professor of psychology. Schwoebel earned his bachelor’s degree from Castleton State College and his doctoral degree from Boston College. Prior to joining UC, Schwoebel was an adjunct professor at Le Moyne College. His research interests include exploring questions concerning applied cognition and mental enrichment. He enjoys photography, hiking and skiing.

Kathryn Silva joins UC as assistant professor of history. Silva earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts and her master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining UC, Silva was an assistant professor at Andrews University. Her academic interests include African American labor and gender history, textile history, African American film and 20th century United States. She enjoys working out.
Carrie Taylor joins UC as assistant professor of wellness and adventure education. Taylor earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, her master’s degree from the University of Kansas and her doctor of education degree from Argosy University. Prior to joining UC, Taylor was a challenge course manager for the Tulsa Public Schools. She enjoys kayaking and hiking.

Krista Krause joins UC as professor of practice for nursing. Krause earned her bachelor’s degree from Binghamton University and her master’s degree from Upstate University School of Nursing.

Maria Roche-Dean joins UC as professor of practice for nursing and academic site director - ASDN Syracuse. Roche-Dean earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the State University of New York Institute of Technology. She currently serves as the nurse manager at the Syracuse VA Medical Center in the emergency department. Her interests include veteran’s health and cognitive impairment in the elderly.

Maureen Peterkin joins UC as professor of practice for nursing and academic site director - ASDN Tampa. Maureen holds a Master’s degree in Nursing/Business Administration in Healthcare Management and previously developed, managed and administered an Associate Nursing Degree Program.

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Follow us, and visit www.utica.edu/homecoming for updates, events, hotel options, and more.
A-C. Faculty and staff enjoy the annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by Advancement 8/19
D. Gary Leising, professor of English, receives the Clark Award 8/25
E. President Todd S. Hutton welcomes freshmen and transfer students 8/25
F. Mark Salsbury ’79, CEO of Human Capital Management, LLC, and author, gives the keynote address at Convocation 8/25
G. Administration and faculty march into the Harold T. Clark Jr. Athletic Center at Convocation 8/25

H. Faculty and staff gather for President Hutton’s welcome and updates 8/25

CLOCKWISE: Over the Summer, numerous renovations and updates occurred on campus. Take a look: I. The Organic Chemistry Lab is almost complete  J. New furniture in the Clark Athletic Center lobby  K. New seats, carpeting in Macfarlane Auditorium  L. A new look for Donohue Auditorium  M. Major renovations to Strebel Auditorium
Annette Becker, DNS, RN, associate professor of nursing and director of the RN-BS online program,
• completed a doctorate of nursing science degree in May 2014 from Sage Graduate School.
• received the Virginia Earles Research Award in Nursing for her research titled “Personal Transformation in Registered Nurses Who Recently Graduated from an RN to BSN Program.”

Hossein Behforooz, professor of mathematics,
• presented a paper at the International Congress of Mathematicians in Seoul, Korea.
• attended the Bridges 2014 Seminars on mathematics, music, art and culture, which were held at the Gwacheon National Science Museum in Seoul, Korea.

Thomas Diana, associate professor of education,
• recently published his article “Co-teaching: Enhancing the student teaching experience” in the April-June issue of the Kappa Delta Pi Record.
• served as a workshop reviewer on the Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) Professional Development Committee for their 2015 international conference on science teacher preparation.

Gary Heenan ‘05, head coach of men’s ice hockey, is serving a three-year term on the First Source Federal Credit Union’s Board.

Paul MacArthur, associate professor of public relations and journalism, co-authored the article “Competing Separately, Medaling Equally: Racial Depictions of Athletes in NBC’s Primetime Broadcast of the 2012 London Olympic Games,” which was recently published in “The Howard Journal of Communications,” Volume 25, Issue 2.

Luke Perry, associate professor and chair of government and politics

Gary Leising, professor of English, recently published his full-length collection of poems, “The Alp at the End of My Street.”
Leising’s book is named after his 2013 Brick Road Poetry Prize-winning poem. He adds this new book to his accomplished list of published works, including the chapbooks “Temple of Bones” and “Fastened to a Dying Animal.”
Leising’s work has appeared in many literary journals and his poems have been featured on the National Public Radio daily show called “The Writer’s Almanac.”

David Roberts, adjunct professor of psychology,
• was asked to contribute to The Huffington Post’s blog. His first post, “Wallowing Through the Muck: Discovering Joy and Meaning After Loss,” was featured on the Generation Why section of the blog. It illustrates the 12-year journey he embarked on – and continues on – after the death of his 18-year-old daughter, whom he lost to a rare form of cancer.
• contributed a second post, “Every Life Has Value,” which details how to deal with chemical substance-dependent individuals. He is also the author of two books, and he founded several area support groups.
• recently gave a presentation titled “Do We Survive Death” at Earthly Matters, in Ilion.
• will present workshops in Danbury, CT., from Sept. 26 through 29 at the Living With Loss Symposium sponsored by The Tony Brown Foundation.

Juan Thomas, associate professor of Spanish,
• presented his paper “El contacto lingüístico en la literatura aljamiada: ¿Dónde está Dios? (Language contact in aljamiado literature: Where is Dios?)” at the XI Congreso de Lingüística General (11th Conference on General Linguistics) at the Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain in May.
• presented his paper “In Search of a Standard: Spanish in a Small, Upstate NY Community” at the 3rd International Conference on Non-Dominant Varieties of Pluricentric Languages at the University of Surrey in Guildford, England in July.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING
Please visit utica.edu/hr/training for updates and to register.

September
09/10/14 Lunch & Learn-Generic Drug Information; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Boehlert Hall Conference Room. Learn what new drugs are becoming available in generic form, the benefits of using generic drugs, new trends and more. Time will also be given to discussing lower back issues and facts you need to know.
09/17/14 TIAA-Cref Individual Client Consultant on Campus; 105 C Strebel
09/22/14 Lunch & Learn with Deb Cabral-Organizing
09/22/14 Tree dedication ceremony in honor of Thomas Brown, Gregory Roberts, and Kathleen Warzala 3:00 p.m.
09/30/14 Annual Performance Evaluations due into the Office of Human Resources

Monthly Chair Massages Begin again on Friday, September 19, and are scheduled for the 3rd Friday of every month- reserve your favorite time!

HEALTH & WELLNESS

2014-15 OPENING EVENT
Monday, September 15
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Economic Crime, Justice Studies, and Cyber Security Building

Kick off the new academic year right! (Maybe even win a FITBIT!)
Join the UC Health & Wellness committee for a fun-filled opening event. Enjoy healthy snacks from Sodexo, register for your Healthy Rewards, have a chair massage or blood pressure screening, and learn about some of the exciting programming coming this year. Featuring fitness demonstrations, vendors and more, this event promises to be bigger and better than before!

*Flu Shots *Chair Massages *Raffles *Register as an Organ Donor *Learn some Akido moves *Workout with Maggie *Sign up for the Young Families Group

Some activities require pre-registration, please see utica.edu/hr/wellness for more information.

2014 Vendors
- Rite Aid
- Quit For Life
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Excellus-Nutrition & Medicare Rep
- Utica Fire Department
- Miracle Aid Hearing Center
- Human Resources Directions-EAP
- Hannaford Supermarket
- Hear USA
- Alzheimer’s Association of CNY
- Safe and Sound at Home With Amaya
- Daughters For Hire
- Dr. Tim DelMedico, Chiropractor
- Diabetes Education of FSL
- UNUM Life Insurance
- Studio 8
- Diane Schnier-Real Food Tastes Good
- A Personal Touch Spa
- A Time For Me Spa
- CNY Obsessive Compulsive Foundation
- Joe Giordano - Cyber Security Information

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Q: How has the UC sports scene changed since you were a student?
A: I have seen tremendous change in the almost 25 years since I went to school here. We had only 12 or 13 sports then, and about 100 students in athletics, so the population and opportunities have grown immensely. Not to mention, the facilities have expanded and Charles A. Gaetano Stadium was completed. It has been exciting to see that evolution.

Q: How do you think the impending Sports and Recreation Dome will benefit UC?
A: The Dome will be an incredible asset to the College, not just to athletics, but to the entire campus and local community. Everyone will be able to participate in wellness by utilizing this facility. Plus, it will serve our Wellness and Adventure Education major, give us much-needed sports space, and provide a home for our track and field teams.

Q: How is the athletics atmosphere at UC different from other colleges?
A: From the time I was a UC athlete myself until now, UC has been a family. We all take the time to get to know one another. Over 25 years, that has not changed, and I hope it never does.

Q: What are you passionate about outside of sports?
A: I love to travel, especially to tropical destinations with warm weather like the Bahamas or – my favorite – Aruba.

Above: UC Faculty and Staff “Live United,” volunteering to support the United Way of Greater Utica by serving at Saranac Thursday 7/24