

Save these Dates

Alumni Day *A Celebration of the Arts and Sciences*

April 12, 2008

Watch for the brochure and registration form being mailed to our Arts & Sciences alumni. Join us as we present our first Alumni Day celebration. We will continue this new tradition by celebrating one school each year. A Celebration of Art and Sciences activities will include:

- ◆ Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Faculty and Student Exhibits / Posters
- ◆ Department Open Houses
- ◆ Meet the Southern Authors
- ◆ Alumni College Seminars

Topics include:

Make Your Own Kind of Music—Blues
Unraveling the 2008 Elections
Fighting Cancer in the SCSU Labs
Archeological Dig Ethiopia—2007
Exploring Antarctica
Resume—A Reading by Robin Troy
Award Winning Art of Mia Brownell
How Healthy is the Sound?

For Families:

Theatre Performance
The Amazing Race (scavenger hunt)
Starry, Starry Night (planetarium)

- ◆ Student / Faculty Performance

Alumni Awards Banquet *May 1, 2008 6:30 pm—9:30 pm*

**Foxon Country House *990 Foxon Road *
East Haven, CT**

The SCSU Alumni Association will honor the following for their service or contributions to the university and their achievements in their chosen professions or in SCSU varsity sports.

Alumni Sports Hall of Fame:

Joseph Bandiera, '75, MS '81
Paula Brunetto, '93
Travis Tucker, '85

Alumni Citation Award:

Renee Barnett Terry, PhD, '75

Alumni Service Award:

Jerry Katona, '74, MS '88

Alumni Appreciation Award:

Sgt. Thomas Madera, SCSU Police Dept.

Meet Super Bowl winners **Kevin Gilbride, '74**
and Chris Palmer, '72 – SCSU's own Giants
team coaches !

Call Charlie for more details: 203-392-6500

March 25, 2008—8:00am— 9:30 am

**SCSU & Greater New Haven
Chamber of Commerce Team for
Leadership Speaker Series
Breakfast**

Speaker:

John P. Schreitmueller, '75
Resolute Consulting Group, LLC

Michael J. Adanti Student Center
Ballroom

\$10—SCSU Alumni
\$30—GNHCC members
\$35—non-members
(details for registering to come)



Young Alumni After Hours *May 6, 2008—5:00—7:00 pm* **Dish Bar and Grille** **900 Main Street, Hartford**

Meet alumni and friends from the classes of 1993—2008 in a private room at Hartford's new hot spot—Dish for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Raffle prizes for SCSU alumni donated by SCSU alumnus, Shawn O'Brien of [Excel Fitness](#).

Let's make this a true networking event! Bring a handful of business cards, talk up your business with your fellow alumni. If you have a product or a service you would like us to feature or a giveaway or a raffle you would like to bring with you, let us know and we will help! Just

Alumni Association Membership

Why not give the gift of an education to a deserving student?

Did you know that 80% of our SCSU students work more than 30 hours per week to help finance their educations?

Did you know that with any gift over \$35 made by an alumnus/a to SCSU Foundation (for the university's highest priorities or a gift designated for a particular use), you automatically become a member of the Alumni Association?

Begin enjoying great benefits today by becoming a member of the SCSU Alumni Association! Join on line today at:

Online Community

Stay connected by logging onto our alumni online community :

<http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/onlinealumnicommunity>

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Local Boys Make Good— Oh, Sooooo Good!

Southern Connecticut State University alumni Kevin Gilbride, '74 and Chris Palmer, '72 headed to Glendale, Arizona on February 3rd with the New York Giants to take part in Super Bowl XLII. Gilbride, the team's offensive coordinator, and Palmer, the team's quarterbacks coach, earned a spot in the contest after the Giants' 23-20 overtime victory over Green Bay on January 20th.

In what is being dubbed by some as one of the best Super Bowl games in history, the Giants traded touchdowns with the New England Patriots, winning 17-14 over the undefeated Pats. Now the proud owners of those coveted Super Bowl rings, Gilbride and Palmer continue to train their team for the upcoming season. No rest for the weary.



Kevin Gilbride '74



Chris Palmer, '72

Both Palmer and Gilbride are inductees into the Southern Connecticut State University Sports Hall of Fame. They will be in attendance at the upcoming Alumni Awards banquet on May 1st where they will receive special recognition awards to commemorate their Super Bowl win. This annual event will take place at the Foxon Country House in East Haven. (see the following page for more details).

M.B.A. Grad Scores Home Run

There is a Great Divide in Connecticut – namely the divide that exists between the Red Sox Nation and the true blue with dyed-in-the-wool Yankees fans.



Dr. Ken Laird with 2007 CCBPC winner Tim Baker, MBA '07 at awards ceremony

With that in mind, Watertown's Tim Baker, 26, a recent M.B.A. graduate from Southern, has developed a business plan to open a restaurant with a Yankees/Red Sox rivalry motif. The proposed

name is Rivals Grill and Bar. And where would such a facility be located? Middletown, of course – a community that is equidistant between New York and Boston.

Baker was recently awarded a \$2,500 grant for submitting the best personal business plan among graduate students in the Connecticut Collegiate Business Plan Competition.

The grants are intended to help students launch their businesses. The program, which selects finalists based on the potential for a business to become a success, is sponsored primarily by the Connecticut Venture Group, a non-profit association of venture capitalists, and the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

Baker, a Watertown resident, says he first thought of the idea for such a restaurant during the historic 2004 American League Championship Series (ALCS), in which the Red Sox defeated the Yankees in seven games to win their first World Series title since 1918. "Connecticut has a connection to both franchises," Baker says.

Ken Laird, Southern professor of management and management information systems and Baker's faculty advisor, says he is confident Baker will be able to implement the plan. Laird accepted a trophy on behalf of the university's M.B.A. program for Baker's winning plan. "This program gives students a chance to test their concept against the realities of the market place," Laird says. "Tim did that successfully and I am very proud of his efforts. His plan for Rivals also fits in well with Gov. (M. Jodi) Rell's economic development initiatives."



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As to his being a Red Sox or Yankees fan, "I'm a fan of the rivalry," Baker says. "We can't live without each other and we both know that the real World Series is the ALCS."

Relive your fondest college memories by telling us how you met your mate!

Tell us your *Owl love stories*—how and where you met, what brought you together on campus, when and where you were married, and what you're both doing now! Don't forget the pictures!

We will be publishing your stories and pictures in coming issues of Southern Now and making them available on our website for all to enjoy. Email your stories and pictures to:

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