Dr. Gary Rose: 
Political but Never Partisan 

University Launches First Doctorate Program
Dear Friends,

When asked to assess the very best part of their experience as students at Sacred Heart University, most alumni will quickly cite the quality of the teaching. They note in particular the personal style of their professors, the individualized attention they received in the classroom and elsewhere, the caliber of the academic experience. We take great pride in our teaching staff, and while our professors are engaged in some really intriguing research and regularly produce masterful written and oral presentations, they are, first and foremost, teachers.

We’re very proud of the fact that no graduate assistants teach classes at this institution, and that our student-to-faculty ratio is an impressive 12-to-1. This latest edition of our University’s Magazine gives several telling examples of the notable quality of our professors. Take a closer look at just one example: Dr. Gary L. Rose enjoys a national reputation as a scholar of presidential politics. No one ever said he was easy in the classroom, but students still line up to take his courses. His story could be repeated again and again.

And look what else is going on. The University is launching its first doctoral program this fall, in Physical Therapy. Study-abroad opportunities now include an exciting new program in Australia. Compelling public speakers included two pioneering women in business as well as the ambassador of the Holy See to the United Nations. The University once again led the nation in academic achievement for our varsity wrestlers. And we took state honors for an unprecedented 11th time for our service to the community. It’s an exciting time to be a part of the life of Sacred Heart University.

In a few short weeks, our campus will be alive once again with the energy and vitality that comes with the start of every academic year. I thank each one of our generous benefactors and many friends for helping to make all this possible. We could not do it without you.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
President
Sacred Heart University First in Connecticut to Launch Doctorate in Physical Therapy

Sacred Heart University will accept its inaugural class into a new Doctor of Physical Therapy Program in Fall 2004. The University's first doctoral curriculum is also the first to be offered in the state of Connecticut. The program is fully accredited by both the Connecticut Department of Higher Education and the national Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education. As a result, graduates will be eligible for physical therapist licensing examinations anywhere in the United States.

The program will lead to a clinical doctorate (Doctor of Physical Therapy, or DPT) as the entry-level degree for professional practice. The course of study will be three years in length, totaling 106 credits.

Special features of this program include a problem-based learning (PBL) environment, where students will be educated in a highly interactive, small group-focused learning style. PBL teaches students to learn from and solve clinical problems, thus resulting in a more reflective practitioner.

The program also offers qualified students the opportunity to complete an undergraduate degree and a DPT degree within six years. The ability to take advantage of the "3+3" option (three years of undergraduate coursework and three years of graduate course work) is available only to students who elect to complete their undergraduate studies with a major in Exercise Science, Psychology or Biology.

The Sacred Heart University Physical Therapy faculty is comprised of eight members, with over 75 years of aggregated teaching experience. All of the faculty members hold post-professional doctoral degrees or advanced clinical certification, including those who are nationally recognized for scholarship, service to the profession, or teaching excellence.

According to Physical Therapy Department Chair Dr. Michael Emery, "This new curriculum will prepare Physical Therapy students to enter a changing clinical practice environment which now allows physical therapists to practice independently and engage more formally in a clinical diagnostic process with their patients. This is a very exciting step for the profession of physical therapy and for the academic program at Sacred Heart University."

For more information on the DPT program, visit Sacred Heart University's Physical Therapy and Human Movement Science Department website at http://physicaltherapy.sacredheart.edu/physicaltherapy/.
Vatican Envoy to the UN Addresses University Community

To mark the 10th anniversary of the accord that formalized diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel, the University hosted an address by the Most Reverend Celestino Migliore, Ph.D. The Archbishop is the papal nuncio, or ambassador of the Holy See to the United Nations. The evening was hosted by the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding.

A seasoned diplomat, Archbishop Migliore outlined the history of the relationship between these two sovereign states and pointed out hopeful elements of dialogue and reconciliation.

President Cernera Meets with UN Secretary-General

Sacred Heart University’s President Anthony J. Cernera participated in a rare private dinner with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Honorable Kofi Annan. The meeting included the leaders of five principal Catholic universities. It took place in March at the home of the Most Reverend Celestino Migliore, the ambassador of the Holy See to the UN.

Other leading educators included the presidents of Georgetown University, Fordham University, St. John's University and Villanova University. Dr. Cernera noted that the three-hour dinner meeting began with some personal reflections by Mr. Annan on the challenges, threats and risks to the global community. A spirited discussion followed on such themes as human rights, national sovereignty, and concerns for peace and international justice.

The Secretary-General praised the work of Catholic institutions in such areas as public health and care for the destitute, and he spoke highly of America’s Catholic colleges that are working to create similar institutions abroad.

College of Arts & Sciences

Art Students Win National Recognition by the Society of Illustrators

Two Sacred Heart University students have won national recognition from The Society of Illustrators of New York through an annual juried exhibition. Aron Caruso’s (’04) watercolor piece, “Endangered Crocodile,” and Christian Farrington’s (’05) watercolor and colored pencil “Red-Eared Slider” were displayed at the Museum of American Illustration in New York City. Each year, approximately 5,000 entries are submitted to the Annual Student Scholarship Competition, with only approximately 125 ultimately selected for this prestigious award.

According to Jack de Graffenried, assistant professor of Art and Design and the students’ instructor for the illustrations, “The Society of Illustrators is the most respected professional society in the illustration field and to have two Sacred Heart University students recognized in this manner is quite impressive. I am extremely delighted to be associated with these students and their work, as well as proud of their remarkable accomplishments. This certainly speaks to the quality of work, not only from these students but from the Art Department as a whole.”

Equally impressive, according to Professor de Graffenried, is the quality of the judging panel. “In a juried exhibition like this, industry
professionals such as illustrators, designers and art directors determine which pieces will be included in the show," he noted. "This makes this an extremely competitive type of exhibition to be accepted into." In addition, all of the student acceptances will be placed in the annual scholarship section, along with the professional portions of this year's exhibit in the "Illustrators 46" annual.

Department of Art and Design Chair Stefan Buda commented that the students' recognition represents an increased effort by all department faculty members to prepare students for the rigors of employment searches during a difficult economy. "We are shifting the emphasis of the department towards Illustration, Graphic Design and Studio Arts and strengthening these programs with a strong internship program. We are all very proud of this achievement," Professor Buda said.

Commenting on the announcement of his selection into the Society of Illustrators Student Competition, student/artist Aron Caruso, of West Nyack, New York, said: "It's an honor to have a piece into which I put so many hours get accepted in such a highly regarded exhibition. It makes all the time I put into the work that much more worthwhile knowing that professional artists view my work with respect."

"To receive the honor of being acknowledged by the Society of Illustrators is something I never expected and I was completely overwhelmed when notified of my acceptance," said Christian Farrington of Lynbrook, New York. "This opportunity to have my work displayed in such a prestigious gallery will help me strive to work harder, and reach my goals as an illustrator."

The Society of Illustrators of New York is the premier organization for the representation of illustrative art in the United States. The museum's collection of over 2,000 works includes works by a number of distinguished past members such as N.C. Wyeth, Howard Pyle, Maxfield Parrish, Charles Dana Gibson, Norman Rockwell and Frederick Remington.

Top: Aron Caruso, "Endangered Crocodile" - watercolor
Bottom: Christian Farrington, "Red-Eared Slider" - watercolor/colored pencil
College of Business

Women Leaders in Business Kick Off New Series

The extensive business contacts of Sacred Heart University’s Dr. Peter Maresco provided the foundation for an enlightening new series from the College of Business. Two successful and prominent local women business leaders shared their experience and wisdom with several hundred students, faculty, staff and local corporate friends on two separate occasions this past spring. Under the “Corporate Strategies & Insights Forum” format, the new “Women Leaders in Business” series was presented via the collaborative efforts of Institutional Advancement, Students in Free Enterprise, and the College of Business. It was made possible by a grant from Fleet Bank.

Linda McMahon, CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment, and Diane McGarry, VP and Chief Marketing Officer of Xerox Corporation, kicked off the series with presentations entitled “From the Top Rope: Inside the WWE’s Marketing Machine” (Mrs. McMahon) and “Branding 101: Setting Your Business Apart From the Rest—Xerox Style” (Ms. McGarry).

Plans are currently in the works to continue the popular series each academic year.

Students Win Spots in Statewide Business Plan Contest

Two Sacred Heart University students were among the finalists chosen in a recent statewide collegiate business plan competition. MBA candidate Kathleen Saciuk, of Danbury, Connecticut, and senior Peter Kuczynski, of South Windsor, Connecticut, were among the budding entrepreneurs who presented their proposals to a panel of judges who narrowed the number of contestants to 13, from the original 66. The finals competition was sponsored by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Ms. Saciuk and Mr. Kuczynski also helped the University earn a $2,500 Connecticut state grant awarded on the basis of student participation rates and the success of those students who entered the competition.

Ms. Saciuk’s plan involved the creation of a company, Home-Ease, which would provide customers with a project manager who would be responsible for normal home maintenance, as well as large projects, including additions and expansions. "It was an excellent learning experience," Ms. Saciuk said.

Mr. Kuczynski’s proposal was to form a company to market a drink additive that would allow people to customize water, with a powder containing vitamins and flavoring as a healthy alternative to sugared drinks. He said the contest proved the value of both a good business idea and the ability to communicate the idea to a range of potential investors.
College of Education & Health Professions

Faculty Paper Judged Best at International Conference on Educational Technology

Antoinette Bruciati, coordinator for Educational Technology at Sacred Heart University, was recognized with the Best Paper award at the International Conference on Education and Information Systems: Technologies and Applications (EISTA). Her paper, "Robotics Technologies for K-8 Educators: A Semiotic Approach for Instructional Design," was awarded this distinction in the Industrial/Corporative Training conference category.

"It's critically important that we prepare K-8 students to enter the 21st century workforce. They will need to go beyond the simple use of word processors, spreadsheets and presentation software. Robotics, virtual reality skills and other advanced technologies should be made a part of the K-8 experience." She went on to say that "in order to achieve this goal, teacher preparation programs for the K-8 student population need to be integrated with the emerging technologies."

Ms. Bruciati, an instructor in SHU's Education Department, heads the Robotics Lab at the University's Stamford campus. She has also been a recipient of the Technology & Teacher Education Catalyst Grant from the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges and funded by SBC SNET. The grant program seeks to enhance the profile of technology in teacher preparation programs.

Nursing Professor Receives State Community Service Award, SHU's 11th Year

Dr. Linda L. Strong, assistant professor of Nursing at Sacred Heart University, recently received the Connecticut Department of Higher Education's Community Service Award for 2004. The Special Award for Faculty was presented to Dr. Strong by State Higher Education Commissioner Valerie Lewis and State Representative William Dyson. She also accepted $500 to be used for Health and Wellness Center activities.

This year's award marked the 11th consecutive year that at least one member of the Sacred Heart University community—students, staff or faculty—has been the recipient of a statewide award for community service.

Dr. Strong received the special honor for her role in establishing the St. Charles-Sacred Heart University Health and Wellness Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Center, located on Bridgeport's East Side, offers a range of free health screening tests and health education services to the community. Since its founding in 2001, the Center has served more than 2,000 area residents and has provided an opportunity for clinical, service-learning and internship services for Sacred Heart University Nursing students.
Students Study in a Land Down Under

SHU students can now head for the Outback in a new study-abroad program in Fremantle, Australia. The program launched in Spring 2004 at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Five students participated in the pilot program, which met with such success that it's been added to SHU's permanent roster of study-abroad opportunities.

The partnership with Notre Dame Australia will provide students with a full and balanced academic program including course offerings in disciplines such as Accounting and Finance, Arts and Social Sciences, Behavioral Science, Communications and Media, Counseling, Electronic Commerce, English Literature, Environmental Studies, History and Politics, Human Resource Management, Indigenous Australian Studies, Information and Communications Technology, Management, Marketing, Public Relations, Performing Arts, Philosophy and Ethics, Social Justice Studies, Sport and Recreation Management, Science, and Theology.

Students who participate in this program will also be enrolled in a specially designed course in Australian History and Politics, which includes a field trip to Broome and Aboriginal communities.

Fremantle is located on the west coast of Australia, near Perth. Sacred Heart University also sponsors study-abroad programs in Italy at the American University of Rome, and a summer program at the Universidad de Granada in Granada, Spain. In addition, students can choose to study at one of SHU's international campuses in Luxembourg or Ireland.

Sacred Heart University Welcomes New Trustees

Sacred Heart University is proud to announce that two new members have joined its Board of Trustees. Howard J. Aibel, Esq., independent dispute resolution attorney, retired partner and of counsel, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P.; and Mark E. Freitas, president and chief operating officer, Frank Crystal & Company, join their distinguished peers on the University's 28-member board.

Mr. Aibel's experience includes over 40 years as a corporate attorney, with expertise in commercial matters, antitrust issues, tax compliance and planning, environmental matters, and financial and securities matters, among others. Since retiring as a partner, he is of counsel to one of the world's largest law firms, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P. Prior to working with LeBoeuf, he served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of ITT, and as a director of the Sheraton Corporation, ITT Financial Corporation and ITT Europe, Inc. Mr. Aibel received a bachelor's degree from Harvard University, and earned a J.D. degree at Harvard Law School. He is a resident of Weston.

Mark E. Freitas is president and chief operating officer of New York-based Frank Crystal & Company, a full-service insurance...
brokerage firm ranking in the top five percent of brokerage firms worldwide. He was the company's youngest senior vice president before being named Chief Operating Officer in 1999. A resident of Greenwich, Mr. Freitas is actively involved in local civic and athletic organizations, including the New York Police & Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund. In addition, he serves as an event chairman for "An Evening at Hickory Hill," a gala event benefitting The Robert F Kennedy Memorial. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Wrestlers Top National Academic Program for Third Straight Year

The Sacred Heart University wrestling team continued showing the nation it isn't just a force to be reckoned with on the mat, but in the classroom as well. For the third consecutive year, the Pioneer grapplers topped the National Wrestling Coaches Association's (NWCA) list of the top Division 1 academic programs.

With a cumulative GPA of 3.406, Sacred Heart University again edged Duquesne for the honor. The Dukes were second with a 3.40 GPA, followed by Columbia (3.25), Stanford (3.23) and Brown (3.20). Rounding out the top ten were Harvard, Princeton, Lock Haven, Central Michigan and Rutgers.

Senior Michael Messina (Smithtown, New York), who won the Colonial Athletic Association championship at 133 pounds, was chosen to the NWCA All-Academic Team. He finished the year with a 3.84 GPA as a History major.

Freshman Payam Zarrinpour (Shiraz, Iran) won the CAA heavyweight title. He topped that off with his selection to the All-Academic team, with a 3.86 GPA in his rookie year.

Senior Robert Belville (Chagrin Falls, Ohio) was also named to the All-Academic team, with a 3.64 in Business, as was senior Phil Kalil (Salem, New Hampshire), with a 3.33 in Criminal Justice.

"Winning this award for the third straight year just shows how hard this team works on the mat and in the classroom," said head coach Andy Seras. "To finish ahead of four Ivy League schools and Stanford is an honor for our team and reflects well on the University."

GE/SHU Alumni Society Formed

It was a homecoming, of sorts, recently when over 40 Sacred Heart University alumni returned to campus in May to inaugurate the founding of the GE/SHU Alumni Society. The event brought together alumni, including Rosanne Badowski, class of '79, who worked at GE as administrative assistant to Jack Welch, the company's legendary former chairman.

In welcoming the guests, Rob Cottle '90, director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, said, "We're proud of the over 230 Sacred Heart University alumni who are currently employed by GE, one of the world's premier business organizations. This evening's get-together is the first step in, hopefully, introducing our many GE alums to each other, and to reconnect them to the life and mission of the University."

Event attendee, Joe Peddle, class of '97, said, "The new GE/SHU Alumni Society is the beginning of a true partnership between GE and Sacred Heart. It enables GE to give something back to the SHU community, while fostering relationships between GE employees and the pool of talented students and faculty at SHU."
15th Annual Discovery Dinner Sets New Record and Raises Well Over $350,000

Sacred Heart University was in good company on the evening of April 17th, when almost 400 friends gathered for the celebration of the 15th Annual Discovery Awards and Scholarship Dinner. The black tie event took place at the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, and raised well over $350,000 for student scholarships. University Trustees Bill Mitchell, of Westport, and Mark Freitas, of Greenwich, served as co-chairs for the event.

The festivities included presentation of the 2004 Discovery Awards by Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University. The recipients included the Most Reverend William E. Lori, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport; the U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, the Honorable R. James Nicholson; Dr. Edmond Israel, honorary chairman of Clearstream International; and Suzanne Nicholson, noted artist and children's advocate.

Michael J. Kinney, University trustee and alumnus of the class of '72, was honored with the 2004 Alumni Award of Excellence. Dave Price, weather personality and featured reporter for CBS News' The Early Show, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. Special guests included 18 SHU scholarship students as well as Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

Over the past 15 years, the annual Discovery Dinner has raised nearly $3 million, which is used to provide scholarships to deserving students.
University Names Mary P. Young
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Mary P. Young has been named the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Sacred Heart University following a national search. Ms. Young joined the administration in 1999 as Director of Public Affairs, and she has been Interim Vice President since 2002. She will direct all fundraising, alumni affairs and communications for the University.

A Hamden resident, Ms. Young is a summa cum laude graduate of Albertus Magnus College, where she was valedictorian. Much of her career has been in service to Connecticut higher education, especially to securing the means for young people to pursue a college degree. Before coming to the University, she was director of Financial Aid at her alma mater, associate director of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority and then director of academic services for the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation.

Since a large percentage of Sacred Heart University's undergraduates are the first in their families to pursue a college education, and nearly ninety percent of full-time students receive financial assistance, "enlarging the resources available to the University community is central to the mission of this school," she believes. "In 41 years, the University has grown from a small commuter school to the second-largest Catholic college in New England, attracting scholars from 31 states. But the mission is unchanged: to offer young people opportunities for learning that are both affordable and accessible. It is a privilege to work at expanding those opportunities."

At Sacred Heart University, she has been responsible for a comprehensive advancement program raising more than $3 million annually. She leads a staff of 19 and is responsible for such innovations as the Sacred Heart University Polling Institute, which fields national surveys every quarter, and the new Women Leaders in Business lecture series. Under her guidance, the University's principal social and fundraising event, the Discovery Awards and Scholarship Dinner, has grown by more than 50 percent. Proceeds from that event are directed to the University's Scholarship Fund.

In announcing her appointment, President Anthony J. Cernera asserted that "our students and the larger community are truly blessed to have someone who is so committed to the University's mission. Ms. Young thoroughly understands the values and culture that continue to make this institution so attractive and so successful."

WSHU Completes Banner Fundraising Effort

WSHU, Sacred Heart University's award-winning National Public Radio affiliate, completed its June membership appeal in record time. The goal was to raise "all of the money in half the time." The station scheduled a six-day on-air appeal, instead of the usual 13-day effort, to raise $300,000.

The drive kicked off on Thursday, June 3rd with a $50,000 challenge grant from Paul Newman of Westport, to raise $100,000 in one day. By 8 P.M., listeners had contributed over $103,000. The station finished the drive at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, June 8th, having met the goal of $300,000.

WSHU is one of the most popular NPR affiliates in the country. It features classical music and such widely respected news programs as "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition."
The Ridgefield Foundation
Still Giving on Behalf of the Late Henry J. Leir

Henry Leir may have passed away in 1998, but his spirit still echoes throughout the halls of Sacred Heart University through the voices of the students who benefit from grants made by The Ridgefield Foundation. Founded in 1956 by Mr. Leir and his wife Erna, The Ridgefield Foundation was aptly named after the town they resided in—and loved. In fact, the Leir home in Ridgefield is still used to house young people who visit from Luxembourg each summer.

Mr. Leir was born in Germany in 1900. He entered the metals and mining business where he worked his way up at the Bonn, Germany-based company, Magnesia G.m.b.H. However, in 1932 he fled Nazi Germany for Luxembourg, where he was warmly welcomed and continued his career in metals trading. Five years later, he left Europe for the United States where he established the Continental Ore Corporation. He never forgot the people of Luxembourg and was grateful to them for giving him a haven from the Nazis.

In 1962, Mr. Leir arranged an unprecedented pig iron contract between South Africa and Japan. Not only was the deal unusually large, but pig iron, a crude form of the metal, was not normally sold internationally, and it took Mr. Leir two years to implement the deal.

Six years later, Mr. Leir agreed to sell Continental Ore to the International Minerals and Chemical Corporation. By then, he had built a major international trading concern, dealing in ores, minerals, alloys and carbon products, with offices in Luxembourg, London, Paris, Tokyo, Mexico City and Düsseldorf.

After the sale of his company, Mr. Leir became involved with philanthropy, focusing on institutions like universities and hospitals. He also donated money to help underprivileged children, including children in Luxembourg. Mr. Leir generously shared his financial success and acumen with business associates, his family and friends, and with a long list of charitable organizations.

Mr. Leir held honorary doctorates from Tufts, Denver University and Sacred Heart University, was an officer of the French Legion of Honor, and was the recipient of Luxembourg's highest civilian award.

Sacred Heart University's President, Anthony J. Cernera, met Mr. Leir through a mutual friend, Dr. Edmond Israel. As a result of that introduction, The Ridgefield Foundation has become a great benefactor of the University. To commemorate Mr. Leir's legacy of giving, the University held its first annual Henry Leir Lecture in 1999; a series established as a way of honoring Mr. Leir, who died in July of 1998. Each year, the University invites a prominent Luxembourger to address the SHU community.

Since close to ninety percent of Sacred Heart University's student body receives some form of financial assistance, it's clear to see the importance of grants from foundations like The Ridgefield Foundation. These—like Mr. Leir himself—make a positive difference in the lives of others.
Isabelle T. Farrington:
On a Mission to Give Back to the Community

Isabelle T. Farrington not only helps Sacred Heart University fulfill its mission through her generosity, but she herself embodies the very spirit of that mission. For over 30 years, Mrs. Farrington has dedicated countless hours to her volunteer efforts in educational, charitable and religious organizations in Connecticut.

It was through her volunteer work that she came to know Sacred Heart University when its founder, Bishop Walter W. Curtis of Bridgeport, interested her in the mission of the University. At the time, she was serving on the board of directors of the Pope John Paul II Center for Health Care, in Danbury, which was founded by Bishop Curtis.

Isabelle Thompson’s childhood years were spent in rural Brewster, New York, where she attended classes in a one-room schoolhouse. Lacking the resources to attend college, she worked to assemble a substantial portion of her tuition before entering Danbury State Teachers College (now Western Connecticut State University). Through perseverance and hard work, which included part-time and summer employment at three jobs, she completed her bachelor’s degree in Education in only three years and was elected to the Kappa Delta Pi honor society. She then accepted a teaching position at an elementary school in Milford.

In 1944, she married Harold P. Farrington. During their early years together, she studied art history and painting at Columbia University and pursued a keen interest in sports. She became a ranked tennis player in the early 1950s, winning several club tournaments throughout the Northeast.

While working as an assistant to her husband, she developed a serious interest in finance. She became a vice president and director of the Commonwealth Gas Corporation of Charleston, West Virginia, and the Southwest Gas Producing Company of Monroe, Louisiana. Upon her husband’s death in 1964, she served as chairman of both companies and their operating subsidiaries until her retirement in 1973.

An inspiration and example of goodness in the community, she has focused her efforts on service to others. Her generosity is also reflected in many of the scholarships, endowments and contributions that she has made to many organizations in Connecticut.

Mrs. Farrington is one of Sacred Heart University’s most generous benefactors, providing support to some of the University’s most important needs. In 2002, she endowed the Isabelle T. Farrington Scholarship at Sacred Heart University. In addition, she has steadfastly supported the growth of the University through other major gifts.

A Commander in the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre holding a current rank of Grand Cross, she received the award, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, from Pope John Paul II in 1986. In 1987, Sacred Heart University conferred upon Mrs. Farrington a Doctorate in Humane Letters, and in 2002, she received the WestConn Society Community Service Award, Western Connecticut State University’s highest nonacademic recognition award.

A remarkable woman, Isabelle Farrington is a living example of Sacred Heart University’s mission: knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, and responsive to social and civic obligations.
SPEAKERS EMPHASIZE “LESSONS FOR LIFE”

Record Number of Degrees Awarded at 2004 Commencement
“Learn values like integrity, honesty, passion, compassion, love and kindness...values that change people's lives.”
— Bill Mitchell

VIKKI PRYOR'S LIFE LESSONS

1. Decide what you want to be, once you get there.
2. Learn things; no one can take them away from you.
3. Start what you finish, unless you realize it is time to move on.
4. Do what you love; the money will follow.
5. Whatever you do, do it well.
6. Integrity is your greatest asset; guard it wisely.
7. Listen to your parents, teachers and elders; wisdom is a powerful commodity.

By Bernie Gilmore

With the sun’s rays etching the sharpest of shadows on Pioneer Field, a record number of graduates received their diplomas on May 15 and May 16 at the University’s Thirty-Eighth Annual Commencement. Distinguished leaders in business and education were also awarded honorary doctorates. As part of the ceremonies, faculty and administration members joined graduates’ families and friends in sharing one of life’s most significant milestones.

The University conferred 869 bachelor’s degrees, 612 master’s degrees, both new highs, along with 49 associate’s degrees and 20 professional certificates, for a record total of 1,550 degrees and certificates.

At the Graduate Commencement Ceremony, held on Saturday, May 15, 632 degrees and certificates were awarded. William E. Mitchell, president of Ed Mitchell, Inc., a nationally respected and extremely successful men’s and women’s clothier based in Westport, delivered an inspiring commencement address. He described his deep feelings about what he considers to be the five most important words in life — “How can I help you?” He went on to emphasize his personal credo for success in business and other relationships, something he called the ABCs. The Mitchell list: A for attitude; B for believability; C for commitment; and D for discipline. A member of the University’s Board of Trustees, Bill Mitchell was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, president of the University.

On Sunday, undergraduates heard a thought-provoking and challenging address by Vikki L. Pryor, president and chief executive officer, SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance Company, Inc. Ms. Pryor, lawyer, certified public accountant and holder of an MBA degree, reminded the class of ’04 that “this is your time...your time to plant, to build things, to speak up and speak out, to love, to laugh and to dance.” Looking back on her own college graduation in 1975, she noted that she had “been through many harvests in my life, and hope to flower, bloom and bear fruit of life many times over.” Having reached the position of CEO of a $1.4 billion corporation, she offered seven primary lessons she has learned during her multi-faceted career journey.

President Cernera awarded Ms. Pryor an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Other honorary degree recipients, each of whom received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, included: Monsignor Pádraig O Fiannachta, Irish pastor, educator and faculty member in the University’s Irish Studies Program in Dingle, Ireland; and Sister Doris Smith, S.C., educator and University Trustee (posthumously).
“He had me hooked from the first class,” recalls Matt Reale, a 1986 Political Science alumnus, referring to his professor and mentor, Dr. Gary Rose. “I went quickly from fearing him — he seemed to know everything! — to admiring him, to emulating him.”

Now an attorney in private practice, Mr. Reale has taught American Government as an affiliate member of the Sacred Heart University faculty for years, and he admits to “borrowing” certain qualities in the classroom, even little mannerisms, that characterized Dr. Rose’s approach to learning. “He had such high standards, such high expectations. There are certain classes you just have to be prepared for. And yet he always encouraged open debate and lively discussion. I took every class he ever offered.”

Matt Reale and Gary Rose arrived on campus the same year. The latter finished his doctorate at Miami University in Ohio in 1982. Like his bachelor’s, from the University of New Haven, and his master’s, from Kansas State University, his Ph.D. is in Political Science, a field that continues to intrigue and engage him. It was not always thus.

Dr. Rose recalls his early experience at a small commuter school then known as New
Haven College. Like many of the students he would eventually teach, he and his two brothers belonged to the first generation in the family to attend college. He concedes he had no real goals in school although he aspired to be a police officer. So at a time when a whole generation of young men was seeking deferments from the draft by going to school, Gary dropped out of college and joined the armed services. It proved to be the decision that would change his life.

Nineteen months of his two years in the Army were spent in Germany, on what he calls the “frontier” of the Cold War. “People today think of the dividing line between East and West as the Berlin Wall, but as ‘reconnaissance scouts,’ we were assigned to monitor troop movements inside East Germany. It was understood that if the Soviet Union were to invade the West, it would be through our territory.”

Those formative years, long before the cracking of the Iron Curtain, taught him an unforgettable lesson. “I saw first-hand the importance of political decisions on people’s lives: One people lived in freedom and another longed for it. And an armed border separated the two.”

Gary Rose came home a changed young man. He knew for sure that he wanted to teach, either high school or college, and upon returning to the University of New Haven, he was now a straight-A student.

A scholarship followed in Kansas, and the young veteran was given a unique opportunity. As a master’s candidate, he was assigned to teach his own courses in American Government at the Fort Riley Army base. With only a bachelor’s degree, he was teaching college courses, and his students included military officers, who were required to complete their coursework for a college degree. A heady experience for an enlisted man with just a four-year degree.

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Mary Ellen Carella joins Dr. Rose on a bus trip leaving SHU for the 1984 inauguration of President Ronald Reagan.
For the past seven years, Dr. Rose has chaired the Department of History and Political Science. In that time, asserts his colleague, Dr. John F. Kikoski, the department has thrived. "The number of majors in each discipline has just about doubled. There are now almost 80 History majors, and about 65 Political Science majors." He credits the department's growing reputation for excellent teaching and its chairman's great organizational skills.

"Political Science and History graduates all leave Sacred Heart with a solid grounding in the liberal arts. This is critical," Dr. Kikoski explains, "since college is the place to learn essential skills. Studies of the top CEOs by Forbes Magazine indicate that most of them received their bachelor's degrees in the liberal arts, not in highly technical business or technology fields."

Dr. Rose notes that the University's History majors often expect to go into teaching. "Our Political Science people are more likely to be interested in law or public service, but many opt for business careers as well. Fundamentally, we feel it is important to prepare students for good citizenship, no matter what their intended vocation."

He notes with pride that young people in Connecticut are more knowledgeable of the workings of their government than they might have been otherwise — thanks to his intervention. "I addressed the League of Voters a couple of years ago, and I was asked at that forum what we might do to ensure that our students had sufficient knowledge of civics, of American government.

"I replied that a mandated curriculum in government on the high school level would be a good first step. The League ran with the ball, and in 2004, mandatory courses in government were in place all over Connecticut. I have read the official history of the legislation," he points out with a smile, "and my name is right there at the onset."

Gary Rose's name and the field of Political Science are practically synonymous on the campus of Sacred Heart University. And well beyond. This fall, his sixth book will be produced — his second through Sacred Heart University Press.

Earlier titles have focused on two of his great loves: presidential politics and the organization of the state political process. In 1991, he wrote Controversial Issues in Presidential Selection, and the next year, Connecticut Politics at the Crossroads. In 1994, the second edition of Controversial Issues was released, and two years later,
The American Presidency Under Siege. The latter volume explored questions invited by President Clinton’s impeachment.

In 2001, Dr. Rose produced Connecticut Government at the Millennium. He will return to the relatively local focus of this text in his latest offering entitled Public Policy in Connecticut: Challenges and Perspectives.

While he has written the introduction and one chapter, this book is designed to be a collaborative effort with his Sacred Heart University colleagues, a fair sampling of whom get to explore issues confronting the state at this moment. Chapters touch on such themes as environmental protection, ethnic diversity and the aging of Connecticut’s population. It will, he feels, make a suitable companion to the Millennium book, which is already enjoying widespread use in Connecticut’s schools and libraries.

Gary Rose teaches politics to a generation that is both bombarded with information and largely indifferent to the process. He works hard to keep his own views under the surface so as to leave the difficult choices directly to his students. It is a measure of his broad-minded approach to the subject that he offers his students two political idols for their consideration and imitation: John F. Kennedy — and Ronald Reagan. While he admits they are not often thought of in the same context, the recent death of President Reagan reminded many of their similarities. They were good-looking, energetic, affable men who were at least as important to their generation for what they excited in others as what they were able to accomplish on their own.

While Dr. Rose acknowledges that actually participating in partisan politics would compromise his objectivity and academic distance, he is thrilled by the process. It goes back to his childhood, he is sure. One of his earliest political memories involved a trip to New Haven with his dad to see the youthful presidential candidate, John F. Kennedy. When they returned home, young Gary handwrote a campaign sign to hang in his front yard: “Kennedy for President.” The sign disappeared many years ago, of course, but a few years ago, he came upon it in the basement of his childhood home. He packed it up and brought it home with him to remind him of his earliest foray into politics. It is an enthusiasm that has never left him, and one that he works hard to encourage in his students today.

Aboard his 1970 Harley-Davidson Sportster, Professor Rose separates himself from academia, politics and history. He purchased this machine brand new in 1970 and has ridden it over 24,000 miles; from Nova Scotia to Colorado and back to Connecticut on more than one occasion. Like its owner, this machine is an original.
"For more than fourteen years, I've been a human answering machine, auto-dialer, word processor, filtering system, and fact-checker; been a sounding board, schlepper, buddy, and bearer of good and bad tidings; served as a scold, diplomat, repairperson, cheerleader and naysayer; and performed dozens of other roles under the title of "assistant" for a man dubbed by Fortune in 1984 as one of the ten toughest bosses in America.

"If I said that I loved every minute of it, you would be fully justified in questioning my sanity and/or veracity. But have I loved my job? You bet I have!"

— From the Introduction to Managing Up, by Rosanne Badowski
in secretarial science, at the time an important academic program at the University.

That same year, she took a position at GE World Headquarters, just down the street from Notre Dame, and she spent the next two-and-a-half decades there. Her bachelor's degree, also from Sacred Heart University, came in 1979. Since she was in a wedding the day her class graduated, Rosanne never got to attend the ceremonies and formally accept her Business Administration degree. But after 25 years, that situation was finally corrected: In a new tradition, she represented her 25th Reunion Class at Sacred Heart University's commencement in May, where she was presented a souvenir portfolio.

Rosanne Badowski became an indispensable player at General Electric. For more than 15 years, she has served as the executive assistant to the man Fortune Magazine called one of the 10 toughest bosses in America, the legendary Jack Welch. After Mr. Welch's retirement in 2001, she stayed with him and manages his private consulting firm in Boston.

After an interview in Newsweek magazine about her famous boss, Rosanne was persuaded that she could offer some useful insights into crafting a relationship with "the Boss," recognizing that everyone needs such skills. Although Jack Welch agreed to write the Foreword, it was his long-time assistant who wrote Managing Up: How to Forge an Effective Relationship with Those Above You. The book has been warmly received, and it will go into a paperback edition this fall.

About their successful and enduring working relationship, Mr. Welch noted that for "the past fourteen years, Rosanne and I were nothing less than partners. She may have been managing me up, and perhaps I managed her down, but most of the time, we were both managing sideways, the way teammates do....Maybe that's why our time together was so much fun. No question, that is why it worked."

Rosanne Badowski had never written a book before this one, and isn't expecting to begin another any time soon. She was assisted by a professional writer, and after an initial all-day meeting, the two would speak on the telephone for two hours every Saturday from 7 till 9 A.M. It was, she says, hard work — and this is from someone accustomed to working 12-hour days for a demanding Type-A boss!

Although it has been 25 years since she finished her degree at Sacred Heart University, Rosanne gives great credit to the grounding she received at Notre Dame High School and at the University. "I surprise myself once in a while by calling on something I learned so long ago and putting it to use today. I remember working with someone once who asked me straight out where I had learned a particular skill, and I had to admit I actually learned it in college!"

While her life didn't turn out quite the way she had imagined it would and her career has been very demanding, it is apparent she wouldn't trade it for anything. And now Managing Up has opened new doors for her. "Although I'm not eager to speak in public, I have given a number of presentations related to the book, and the response has been very gratifying. What I love to hear is that people have used it to help improve their lives. They will come up to me and say, 'Your book inspired me to ask for a raise or negotiate a new work arrangement. Thank you.'"
Women's Lacrosse Takes Run at NEC Title

The women's lacrosse team returned to the Northeast Conference Tournament in 2004 for the first time in two years, finishing the regular season 10-6 overall to earn the #4 seed. The Pioneers' title hopes fell just short with a 6-5 loss to eventual champion Mount St. Mary's in the first round.

The Pioneers put four players on the All-NEC first or second team, the most since joining the league in 1999. Leading the way with her first-ever all-conference nod was junior defender Lindsay Travis (Mahopac, N.Y.) who garnered All-NEC first team honors. Fellow juniors Natalie Smith (Wantagh, N.Y.) and JoAnn Montesarchio (Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.) along with senior Amy Lavoie (Nashua, N.H.) earned second team honors. Travis spearheaded a defense that posted the only shutout by an NEC program this season on its way to leading the league in goals against average (7.55 gaa).

SHU Men's and Women's Tennis

The Sacred Heart men's tennis team turned in a season to remember after advancing to the finals of the NEC Championship tournament for the first time in school history and placing four players on the All-NEC Second Team. Senior Pat Darragh (Bayport, N.Y.), junior Alex Kantarelis (Worcester, Mass.) and sophomore Peter George (Lynnfield, Mass.) all earned a spot on the second team for their singles play. Darragh and fellow senior Jeff Bowers (Naugatuck) along with George and Kantarelis were selected for their doubles play this season.

The women also made major strides in 2003-04, advancing to the semifinal round of the Northeast Conference Tournament. SHU was paced all season by the play of sophomore Lauren Galatie (Monroe) and freshman Pam Pillo (Shelton). Galatie finished the season 12-10 overall and 4-3 against NEC competition while playing #1 singles for the Pioneers. Pillo, in her first collegiate season, played #2 singles all season and posted an 11-10 overall record and a 5-3 mark against the league. The duo also teamed up at #1 doubles all season, finishing 13-7 on the year.

Pioneer Track and Field Has Record Season

The Sacred Heart men and women's track and field teams recorded their best-ever finishes at the NEC Championships. Both squads finished fifth at the NEC meet after never finishing higher than seventh in their previous five years in the league. Much of SHU's success can be linked to the tremendous success of standout Katie Wrinkle (Medford, N.Y.) who closed out her career with her second-consecutive trip to the NCAA East Regional Championship. Wrinkle became the first SHU athlete to compete at the NCAA Championships with her appearance in the steeplechase last season. She equaled that feat again this season closing out an unbelievable career.
Wrinkle earned NEC Athlete of the Week honors three times in the spring and turned in a stellar performance at the conference meet with two individual championships in the 5,000 meters and the 3,000-meter steeplechase, an event she holds the school and conference records in. In addition, Wrinkle was part of SHU’s 4x800 relay team that took top honors. For her outstanding performance, she was voted the Outstanding Track Performer at the NEC’s. Joining Wrinkle on the 4x800 relay were senior Christina Mendoza (Union City, N.J.) and freshmen Lauren DellaVolpe (Danbury) and Katie Duffy (Monroe). Also garnishing an individual championship was senior Sara Tasber (Henrietta, N.Y.) who won the 800-meters with a time of 2:15.20.

The women followed up their NEC performance with their best-ever showing at the New England Championships. SHU finished eighth among 46 teams with 20 All-New England honors and 15 school records broken.

On the men’s side, sophomore Evan Lasher (Pleasant Valley, N.Y.) had a stellar outdoor season after missing his freshman season with an injury. Lasher led the way for the Pioneers at the NEC Championship by grabbing a pair of second-place finishes. A week later, he picked up All-New England honors in the shot put and discus events with sixth and fourth place finishes, respectively. Even more important, Lasher became the first male athlete at Sacred Heart to qualify for the IC4A Championships in two events. Joining Lasher at the IC4As was junior Gregg Curley (East Wareham, Mass.) who competed in the decathlon and came up with a record-breaking performance finishing seventh.

Academic Honors

Sacred Heart University student-athletes continued to excel both on the field and in the classroom, evidenced by the release of the 2004 Northeast Conference Spring Scholar Athletes and Academic Honor Roll. SHU senior Katie Wrinkle (Medford, N.Y.) was named the 2004 NEC Scholar-Athlete for women’s track and field while a league-best 58 Pioneer student athletes earned a spot on the honor roll.

Wrinkle collected her first outdoor track and field honor after earning Scholar-Athlete accolades in cross country in each of the past two seasons. Wrinkle was voted the Outstanding Track Performer at the 2004 conference championships following individual victories in the 5,000 meters (18:04.75) and 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:05.13), an event she won by over 43 seconds. She was also a member of the Pioneers’ gold medal-winning 4x800-meter relay team. A Psychology major, Wrinkle graduated with a grade point average of 3.70.

The Northeast Conference recognizes one athlete from each of its spring sports including baseball, softball, women’s lacrosse, men and women’s tennis, men and women’s golf and men and women’s track and field. In addition to the Scholar-Athletes, the NEC also announced its spring academic honor roll, consisting of 335 student-athletes. All Scholar-Athlete award winners and honor roll members must have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours, maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.20 and participated with distinction as a member of a varsity team.
Paul Gorham Introduced as New Pioneer Football Coach

Don Cook, Sacred Heart University Director of Athletics, introduced Paul Gorham as the sixth head football coach in school history at a press conference in the William H. Pitt Center on June 7. Coach Gorham, who was selected at the conclusion of a national search, replaces Bill Lacey who resigned in April after guiding the Pioneers to a 13-8 record over the last two seasons.

“I was very pleased with the quality of the applicant pool,” says Mr. Cook. “We had over 50 candidates from 15 different states. They came from as far away as California, Colorado, Florida and Mississippi. After reviewing the credentials of all the candidates, I am certain we have made an outstanding choice.”

This will be the first head coaching position for Coach Gorham, who has 20 years of experience as a collegiate assistant. He served as an assistant coach at the University of Massachusetts from 1999-2003 under Mark Whipple, who left at the end of the 2003 season for a position with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the NFL. During the transition Gorham left Massachusetts for a position as running back coach at Brown University.

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Gorham began his coaching career at his alma mater after graduation in 1984. He stayed with the Wildcat program for four seasons before moving to the University of New Haven to become the offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator in 1988.

He stayed with the Chargers through the 1993 season when he was named offensive line coach at Brown University. He was elevated to offensive coordinator for the 1998 season, a position he held for a year before moving to UMass.

“I am excited about the opportunity to coach here,” says Gorham. “I am impressed with the people I have met and the solid football infrastructure in place. I can’t wait to get started.”

Men’s Lacrosse Ends Season on Winning Note

Despite a 3-11 record in 2004, the Sacred Heart men’s lacrosse team closed the year with two-straight wins and gave Pioneer fans much to look forward to in 2005. The year’s most thrilling game came on the final weekend of the season when SHU battled from behind to beat the Air Force Falcons, 11-10, in overtime. Senior captain Jorge Bravo (Long Beach, N.Y.) left his mark on the game and the season, sending the SHU faithful home winners when he buried his last collegiate shot in the back of the net just 57 seconds into the extra session. Bravo and fellow seniors Ben Giamichael (Cortland, N.Y.) and James Delmonico (West Islip, N.Y.) scored eight of SHU’s 11 goals on that afternoon to close the season and their careers on a positive note.

Bravo’s heroics against Air Force earned him Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Week honors while he finished the year with 20 points on 14 goals and six assists. Giamichael closed out a stellar career in the Red and White by becoming the first Pioneer to ever earn First Team All-CAA honors. Joining him on the all-conference team was fellow senior Brandon Godbout (Ballston Lake, N.Y.), who garnered second team honors.
CROSS COUNTRY

September
11 at Stony Brook Invitational
18 at Fordham Invitational
24 at Quinnipiac Invitational

October
2 at Fairfield Invitational

November
13 NCAA Regionals (Bronx, NY)
20 IC4A/ECAC Championships (Bronx, NY)

FIELD HOCKEY

August
28 at Connecticut 11:30 am
29 vs. Albany (at UConn) 2:00 pm

September
2 at Maine 1:00 pm
3 at Yale 7:00 pm
8 vs. Brown (at Yale) TBA
11 vs. LaSalle (at Hofstra) 2:00 pm
12 vs. Michigan St. (at Hofstra) 11:30 am
18 Rhode Island 10:00 am
19 at Lehigh 1:00 pm
24 Fairfield* 4:00 pm
26 at Colgate 12 noon

October
1 at Robert Morris* TBA
3 at Lock Haven 1:00 pm
8 at Rider* 4:00 pm
10 Monmouth* 11:00 am
11 Vermont 1:00 pm
15 at Hofstra 7:00 pm
17 at Siena 1:00 pm
22 Quinnipiac* 4:00 pm
24 St. Francis (NY)* 12 noon

WOMEN'S SOCCER

August
27 at Maine 2:30 pm
29 vs. Marist (at Maine) 12 noon

September
3 at Brown 7:00 pm
7 at Yale 7:00 pm
12 Northeastern 2:00 pm
17 vs. Siena (at Albany Tour) 3:00 pm
19 at Albany 4:00 pm
24 at Central Connecticut* 3:30 pm
26 at Quinnipiac* TBA
28 at St. Peter's 4:00 pm

October
1 Long Island* 3:30 pm
3 Wagner* 1:00 pm
8 at Monmouth TBA
10 Mount St. Mary's* 12 noon
15 St. Francis (PA)* 3:30 pm
17 Robert Morris* 1:00 pm
19 at Boston College TBA
31 at Fairleigh Dickinson* 1:00 pm

November
6 at Monmouth 1:00 pm
13 Robert Morris* 12:30 pm

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

September
3 SHU Tournament
SHU vs. Long Island 4:00 pm
Rider vs. Wagner 6:00 pm
SHU vs. Fordham 8:00 pm

4 SHU Tournament
Long Island vs. Rider 10:00 am
Wagner vs. Fordham 12 noon
SHU vs. Rider 2:00 pm
Long Island vs. Fordham 4:00 pm
SHU vs. Wagner 6:00 pm

10-11 at Lafayette Tournament TBA
14 at Hofstra 5:00 pm
17-18 at Maryland TBA
24-25 at Yale Tournament TBA
29 at Maine 7:00 pm

October
10 at Quinnipiac* 1:00 pm
16 at Central Connecticut* 7:00 pm
20 at Iona 7:30 pm
23 Wagner* 6:00 pm
24 Fairleigh Dickinson* 1:00 pm
29 Providence 6:00 pm

November
6 at St. Francis (NY)* TBA
7 at Long Island* TBA
12 Robert Morris* 6:00 pm
13 St. Francis (PA)* 6:00 pm
20 at Northeast Conference Tournament TBA

All home games played at Campus Field.

FOOTBALL

September
4 at Central Connecticut* 1:00 pm
11 at St. Francis (PA)* 1:00 pm
18 Iona 2:00 pm
25 Albany* 1:00 pm

October
2 Wagner* (Homecoming) 1:00 pm
16 at Marist 7:00 pm
23 St. Peter's 1:00 pm
30 at Stony Brook*

November
6 at Monmouth 1:00 pm
13 Robert Morris* 12:30 pm

All home games played at Campus Field.

*Northeast Conference Game. Home games in CAPITALS.
All game times subject to change.

Sacred Heart University • Summer 2004
AUGUST
Orientation for Graduate Teaching Interns
August 10 - 12, 8 am - 1 pm
Mahogany Room
Interns meet prior to the beginning of their school year to be briefed on expectations from faculty and cooperating teachers, meet former interns and student teaching supervisors.
Contact: Dr. Dan Christianson and Dr. Lois Libby; Bev Birch, Secretary
Phone: 203-396-8202

SEPTEMBER
Undergraduate Open House
Saturday, September 18, 9 am - 1 pm
This unique program will give you an inside look at Sacred Heart University, the second largest Catholic university in New England.
Contact: Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Phone: 203-371-7880

I. B. Singer and 20th Century Yiddish Culture
Wednesday, September 29, 2004
Lecture/Q&A: 7:30 pm; Reception: 9:00 pm
Sacred Heart University; Location TBD
Keynote Speaker, Dr. Barbara Gitenstein, president of The College of New Jersey will discuss the life and work of Isaac Bashevis Singer, one of the twentieth century's most celebrated short story authors, with particular attention to the ways his work was influenced by his Yiddish background, the Jewish-Polish experience and Kabbalah. This program is open to the public with no admission charge.
Contact: Gabriel Rossettie, CCJU
Phone: 203-365-7592

Sigma Theta Tau & Alumni Reception
Thursday, September 30, 5 - 7:30 pm
Pitt Center Board Room
Susan DeNisco, APRN, FNP, will do a presentation on using Personal Digital Assistants in the clinical area. All RNs will receive one CEU for participation in this program. There will be a wine and cheese reception with door prizes following the presentation.
Contact: Susan DeNisco
Phone: 203-365-7661

OCTOBER
Homecoming Weekend
Saturday, October 2
Alumni tent opens at 1 pm, outside the Pitt Center.
First event of the day (5K run) starts at 7:30 am.
Contact: Colleen Rooney
Phone: 203-365-7671

Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 7:30 pm
Saugatuck Congregational Church
245 Post Road East, Westport, Connecticut
Three speakers from the State of Israel, Dr. Matthew Silver, Sawsan Awwad and Maha Darawsha — one Jewish, one Christian, and one Muslim — will present a moderated discussion about the possibility of peace between the religions in the Middle East. There is no admission charge and the public is welcome.
Contact: Gabriel Rossettie, CCJU
Phone: 203-365-7592

Sigma Theta Tau Induction
Sunday, October 17, 1 - 3 pm
University Commons
Nursing students, both graduate and undergraduate, with outstanding academic records along with community leaders will be inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. A reception will follow the induction ceremony.
Contact: Susan DeNisco
Phone: 203-365-7661

Nurses’ Role in Promoting Oral Health in the Pediatric Population
Tuesday, October 19, 6 - 7:30 pm
Room SC208
Professor Carol Kravitz, APRN, FNP, will do a presentation to educate nurses in the promotion of oral health in the pediatric population. For participating in this program, all nurses will receive one CEU.

Prescriptions for Living and the Art of Healing with Bernie Siegel
Saturday, October 23, 10 am – 1 pm
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
Contact: Jessenia DeJesús
Phone: 203-396-8380
Sacred Heart University alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends are invited to participate in the University's Homecoming/Reunion event on Saturday, October 2.

You won’t want to miss it!

The day is filled with great events and activities including:

- 5k walk-run to benefit the Sacred Heart Scholarship Fund
- Third annual Alumni Awards Brunch
- Cheer on the Sacred Heart Pioneer Football Team as it takes on the Wagner Seahawks
- Homecoming Parade sponsored by the Student Alumni Association (SAA)
- Alumni Tent – food, drinks and fun with old friends!
- Children's Tent – face painting, crafts and more!
- Tailgating in Tailgate Village
- Class of '99 five-year reunion (evening event)
- Beta Delta Phi Sorority 40th anniversary party (evening event)

If you have any questions about Homecoming/Reunion events, contact Colleen Rooney '99 in the Alumni Relations Office at 203-365-4801 or email rooneyc@sacredheart.edu.
Graduating magna cum laude is an impressive feat for any college student. But Melissa Anne Mezzina '03 didn't stop there. After achieving that honor, she received further accolades in the form of the prestigious Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award in October '03.

Each participating college or university may nominate only one person from the institution. The student is nominated based on attitude, image, individual growth and potential, and academic achievement.

As a student at Sacred Heart University, Melissa majored in Business Administration/Marketing with an additional concentration in Management. She excelled in economics, and won the University's fall semester portfolio contest. This was the key factor that led to her nomination by John Gerlach, associate professor of Finance and senior business executive in residence. "I appreciate all the help and knowledge that he passed on to me and appreciated that he took the time to nominate me," Melissa said.

The Wall Street Journal presented Melissa with an award package that included a medallion made of sculpted brass embedded in a Lucite paperweight along with a one-year subscription to both the print and online editions of the Journal. In addition, she received a congratulatory letter from The Wall Street Journal and her name was published in a full-page announcement of winners.

To memorialize her recognition, the College of Business has a plaque with Melissa's name gracing it as the University's first award recipient. "Receiving the award gave me a real sense of accomplishment and a feeling of pride to know that I was chosen out of so many nominees," said Melissa.

As an undergraduate admissions counselor for Sacred Heart University, Melissa says, "It gives me a sense of pride to be able to work for my alma mater. It also makes my job more enjoyable being able to talk about my SHU experiences with prospective students." She is now pursuing her Master of Arts in Teaching degree in elementary education at Sacred Heart University.
1970s

John Kachuba (1972) has signed a contract for a new book, *Ghosthunting Ohio*, to be published in Fall 2004 by Emmis Publishing. He is the author of two previous books; *How to Write Funny* (2001) and *Why Is This Job Killing Me?* (1999, with Mary Newman, Ph.D.). He is currently associated with the English Department at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

William E. Alvarez, Jr. (1975) was appointed to the Redding Board of Finance on June 28, 2004. In November 2003, Bill was re-elected to his third four-year term on the Redding Board of Education. Concurrently with the appointment, he will resign his Board of Education seat.

1980s

Jerry Bazata (1983) writes, “Jerry Bazata aka DJ Jaz continues to pursue his passion for music. As resident DJ at the Roxy NightClub, Portland, Maine, he has had the opportunity to perform for Cher at an after-concert party, and has performed in Vegas at the MGM Grand, Tabu, Studio 54 and Rum Jungle in the past three years. Currently working on a compilation CD (Best of Club Dance) to be released in 2004/2005 and several fashion shows and corporate events. DJ Jaz (stage name) will be returning to Vegas in March 2004. Those who travel to Aruba and enjoy the pool at the Marriott can hear a sample of his music playing at the pool bar during happy hour. Just ask Victor or Lino for his trademark beverage, the Slippery Monkey!”

1990s


Richard Licursi (1991) was recently promoted to Information Systems Project Manager from Oracle Database Administrator at Oxford Health Plans located in Trumbull. “I have been working with Oxford for eight years, and in the Database Administration group for five. The opportunity to work in project management and oversee I.S. infrastructure projects with a solid technical background will now give me the exposure for future growth at the executive level. One key challenge will be to integrate the companies I.S. strategy with key corporate initiatives.”

Nancy (Stone) Yeager (1991) and Bill Yeager are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Justin Patrick. He was born on December 9, 2003, in Yale-New Haven Hospital, and weighed 7 lb., 10 oz. Mom and Dad get a lot of help from Justin’s big brother Ryan Michael.

James Kraemer (1994) was recently promoted to Vice President - Fee Services Business Manager from Vice President - Product Manager at Chase Automotive Finance. “I have recently accepted a new position with Chase Auto Finance, heading up their Insurance and Fee Service business. My new position is located in Garden City, Long Island, N.Y., only about 10 minutes from my house - no more commute into New York City for me!”

Christine (Servidio) Presti (1994) and Dr. Michael Presti are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Isabella Shayne Presti. She was born on July 26, 2003, in Baltimore, and weighed 6 lb., 9 oz. Mommy, Daddy and Baby are doing great.

Gina (Curtin) Liebhauser (1995) and Andrew Liebhauser are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Timothy Garrett Liebhauser. Born on February 16, 2004, in Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, N.J., and weighed 7 lb., 11 oz. “He is a great baby. My husband Andy and I are truly blessed,” says Gina.

Elizabeth (Afonso) Pellegrino (1995) and Lorin Joseph Pellegrino (1994) are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Lorin Andrew Pellegrino. He was born on September 6, 2003, in Bridgeport Hospital.

Kerri Mahoney (1996) and Tom C. Willson IV are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony took place on July 10, 2004 in Bay Shore, N.Y. They currently reside in New Rochelle, N.Y. Tom and Kerri met at SHU, and have been dating since 1995. Kerri, who received her M.Ed. in Counseling from Bridgewater State College, is currently the director of Residential Life & Judicial Affairs at Iona College and Tom is a Physical Therapist for the New York City Board of Education, and a part-time Athletic Trainer at Iona. Tom received his master's in Physical Therapy from New York Medical College in 2001.

Jonathan McCarthy (1996) and Deborah McCarthy are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Matthew Ryan McCarthy. He was born on April 14, 2004, in Huntington Hospital on Long Island, and weighed 7 lb., 3 oz. Jonathan is the Special Projects Editor at Newsday.com. The McCarthys reside in Commack, N.Y.


Coleen (Cardaneo) Ross (1996) and Brian Ross are happy to announce their marriage on August 17, 2003, in New Brunswick, N.J. They currently reside in Franklin Park, N.J.

William Heidelberger (1997) and Christine Pastore are happy to announce their marriage on March 27, 2004 in St. Francis of Assisi Church in New City, N.Y. They currently reside in New York City. A reception followed at the Greentree Country Club in New Rochelle, N.Y. Other 1997 alumni who attended included Mike Belanger (also 1999 MS), Kristen Lalla, Christine Pastore, Vinny D'Orazio, Matt Cripps and Julien Ebhri. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.

Christina Hopley (1997) and Tony Magalhaes are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on October 23, 2004, in Portsmouth, N.H. They currently reside in Las Vegas.

Nicole (Anderson) Saavedra (1997) writes, “Hi, everyone! Since graduating from SHU I got married in Sept. 1999. SHU alumni that attended were Kresh Lozina (1997) and Dawn Dacosta (1997). I have two boys, Trey is 2 1/2 and Caden is one year old. They keep me going. I am working as a Youth Program Coordinator and I love it. I’m interested in hearing from you, email me at nicholesaavedra@yahoo.com.”

Kerry (Cuddy) Tuttle (MSW 1997) and John Tuttle are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Cameron Smith Tuttle. He was born on November 11, 2003 in St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, and weighed 9 lb., 1 oz. The Tuttle family reside in Somers. Kerry is a clinical social worker with UCONN Correctional Managed Health Care.

Ashley Aimetti (BS 1998, MSPT 2000) and Joel Dickinson are happy to announce their marriage ceremony on July 5th, 2003, with an outdoor reception at a bed and breakfast on top of a small mountain in New Hampshire. They currently reside in Cranston, R.I.

Heather Greening (1998) was the maid of honor and Michele Krosnick (BS 1998, MSPT 2000) was a bridesmaid. Guests from Sacred Heart University included Tanya Pallo, Colleen and Henry Rondon, Jessie Brosseau, Victoria Macchio, Rhonda Garguilo and Chris Kelly. They celebrated their honeymoon touring the vineyards of Napa Valley, Calif.

Amy (Cameron) Clark (1998) and Douglas Clark are happy to announce their marriage on May 4, 2002 at Crystal Lake Pavilion, Middletown. They currently reside in San Diego. Alumni in the wedding included: Bridesmaids Darby Getzewich, Marissa Moore and Groomsman Scott Cameron. Other alumni who attended: Kristin Lalla, Mary Goodovitch, EJ Adams and Michael Dow.

Colleen Demirgian (1998) and Jason Davis (2000) are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on November 27, 2004, in Holyoke, Mass, at The Delaney House. They currently reside in Enfield. "Following the reception, we will enjoy a two week honeymoon in Hawaii. SHU alumni in the wedding party include Carrie Demirgian (1999) as the maid of honor and Jennifer Foster (1998). Groomsmen from SHU are Tony Reale (2001) and Matt Boyer (2001)."
Jennifer (Caggiano) Hogan (1998) and John Hogan are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Vincent John. He was born on April 26, 2002, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and weighed 7 lb., 3 oz.

Melissa (Amore) June (1998) and Michael June (1997) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Mia Nicole. She was born on May 3, 2004, in Bridgeport Hospital, and weighed 7 lb., 14 oz. Mia was welcomed by her big sister Mikaela (7/2/00). "Mike and I have been married for 4 1/2 years. The 'M' June's are very happy and very busy taking care of our growing family. And the answer to the most asked question is... I don't know if we are going to try for the boy. We'll have to see what the future brings!"

Victoria Macchio (1998) and Arthur Maisano are happy to announce their marriage on July 25, 2003, at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook, N.Y. They currently reside in North Massapequa, N.Y. Alumni who attended the wedding include Rhonda Garguilo (bridesmaid), Heather Greening, Ashley and Joel Dickinson, Colleen and Henry Rondon, Jessie Brosseau, Michele Krosnick, Christopher Kelly and Brian Alexander. They celebrated their honeymoon in Hawaii for 15 days.

Colleen (McGrath) Rondon (1998) and Henry Rondon (1996, 1998 MAT) are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Henry Rondon II. He was born on December 20, 2003, in St. Vincent's Medical Center, Bridgeport, and weighed 7 lb., 12 oz. Mom, dad and baby are all doing well.

Mary Nelson (1998) and Bradford Duhancik (1998) are happy to announce their marriage on June 28, 2003. They currently reside in Riverside, R.I. Mary is a teacher at St. Teresa's School in Pawtucket, R.I., and Bradford is a manager at Circuit City in Cranston, R.I.

Rosemary (Roselli) Reo (1998) and Denis Reo (1998) are happy to announce their marriage on August 11, 2002. Alumni who attended the wedding included Karen Gunther '98, John Roselli '02, Mark Velazquez '98, Kelly Reo '99, Dennis Wuestkamp '99, Rich Janako '99, Tara Wilson '98, Tracy Wilson '98, Anne Marie Chipowsky '98, Barbara Bogue '98, Lynn Scelba '98, Neil McClure '98, Steve Sonoka '98, Meredith Nilsson '98 and Brian Young '98. Rosemary received her MSPT degree from Sacred Heart in 2000 and is currently a Pediatric Physical Therapist. Denis is a recent graduate of St. John's University School of Law. The couple currently reside in N.Y.

Gina Anacone (1999) and Ryan Marion (1999) are happy to announce their marriage on September 27, 2003, in East Northport, N.Y., where they now live. "Ryan and I were married at St. Anthony's Church. SHU alumni who attended were Heather Eckerd (Correll), Maureen Briere, Dina Whalen, Jenn Bay, Steve Roy, and many others. We honeymooned in Hawaii and Las Vegas and have recently bought a home in East Northport and are very happy to be settled in."

Lisa (Pompilio) Boccardi (1999) and John Boccardi are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Julianna Frances. She was born on March 16, 2004, in Phelps Memorial Hospital, Tarrytown, N.Y, and weighed 7 lb., 3 oz. "John and I are extremely happy with the birth of Julianna. She is healthy and doing really well. And Big Brother John is happy too!"

Charles Hartman (1999) and Julie Hahn are happy to announce their marriage on April 24, 2004. "Hi, SHU. Life has treated me very well since leaving in 1999. I have a three-year-old little boy, and a great job as a Youth Family Advocate, at a juvenile holding facility in Pa. I would like to thank the members of my SHU family who made the long trip; I hope it was worth it. I would like to also say hello to all the friends that I have lost touch with over the years."

Christina Katsoulas (1999, MAT 2001) and Thomas McCabe, Esq. (1999) are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place in July 2005. Tom currently works for U.S. Congressman Christopher Shays (CT-4) and Christina teaches first grade in the New Haven School District. Both have been active participants in the Bridgeport community as well as the Sacred Heart University Alumni Association.
Amy (Finkle) Grant (1999) and Bob Grant are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Madeline Rose. She was born on July 25, 2003, in Meriden, Midstate Medical Center, and weighed 8 lb., 1 oz. Madeline is a beautiful, healthy baby. Amy is working as a senior sales consultant for CIGNA Healthcare. Bob is currently a sales representative for The Sherwin Williams Company. The happy family is living in their recently built home in Wallingford.

Carmela (Chisholm) Mayeski (1999) and Michael Mayeski are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Brynne Rose Mayeski. She was born on March 28, 2004, in Falmouth Hospital, Mass, and weighed 7 lb., 13.7 oz. Brynne was delivered by C-section after 20+ hours of labor. She was transferred that night (along with mom) to Massachusetts General Hospital. Brynne was discharged on April 2 and is now happy and healthy at home with her family. “We are so thrilled and thankful to all the staff at MGH for helping Brynne make a safe and quick recovery. She’s a miracle.”

Emily Murphy (1999) and Matt McArdle are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony took place on May 22, 2004, in Holyoke, Mass. They currently reside in Chicopee, Mass. “Matt, a salesman, and I, a physical therapist, met over a beer. Since then, we have been happy together for two years, and are anxious for our May wedding. Both Audra McMahon and Jenn Bay (both class of 1999) will be at my side.”

Christine Maursky (1999) received a master’s in Special Education from Fairfield University on August 15, 2003. She currently works with students between the ages of 14 and 21 whose curriculum focuses on functional life skills. All of her students are severely, multiply handicapped and medically frail. Also, she joined Team in Training! “After battling Hodgkin’s Lymphoma for over a year, it was time for me to claim victory and move on to my next challenge - a triathlon - a race to the cure! In May of 2004, I swam, biked and rode for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. To learn how you can help, please visit my website:http://tri-4-a-cure.pledgepage.org/.”

Kate Mackesy (1999) and Timothy Cooke (1999) are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on April 2, 2005, in Darien. Alumni who will be part of the ceremony include bridesmaids Kim Kelley ’99, Sarah Malloy ’99, Sara Coppola ’99 and Leigh Cataldo ’01. Michael Rooney ’99 will be a groomsman. The couple currently reside in Darien.

Thomas Petrillo (1999) was the Regional Field Director at Joe Lieberman for President located in Manchester, N.H. He previously served as the Operations Coordinator for the N.H. campaign. Thomas began on the campaign in May after working at the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. for three years.

Heather Pulsifer (1999) and Jan Alexander Zukowski are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place in September 2004 in Providence, R.I. They currently reside in Providence, R.I.
Cumberland. They met right after graduation at a party. "It's funny how fate works; you never know where you'll meet that special someone," says Heather.

Colleen (McDermott) Rooney (1999) and Michael Rooney (1999) are happy to announce their marriage on October 11, 2003, at St. John's Church in Darien. The reception was held at the Spinning Wheel Inn in Redding. Alumni who attended include: Gianna Frezzo '99, Jocelyn (Lebel) Pawl '99 and Chris Pawl '99. Keri Skeen '99 was a bridesmaid, Tim Cooke '99 was a groomsman. Kate Mackesy '99, Craig Baker '98, Jason Havelka '99, Kim Kelly '99, Matt Maciejewski '99, Kris Townsend '00 and Dave Vitti '99 also attended. Mike finished his four-year term with the U.S. Marine Corps in July 2003. He is currently a police officer in Greenwich. Colleen is the assistant director of Alumni Relations for Sacred Heart. The couple reside in Stratford.

Susan (Thomas) Slattery (1999) and Jason Slattery (2000) are proud to announces the birth of a baby boy, Ryan Thomas Slattery. He was born on October 26, 2003, in Bridgeport Hospital, and weighed 8 lb., 5 oz.  

Meghan Brown (2000) writes, "Hello! I've been very busy since graduating from SHU. I attended graduate school in Virginia to become an Occupational Therapist. I loved the area so much that I continue to live in Winchester. I work primarily as a school-based OT, but also do some contractual work in a local early intervention program (kids 0-3 years), as well as in the home health setting. I continue to be busy, but still find time to keep in touch with my roommates and friends from Sacred Heart."

Marilena (Monaco) Martucci (2000) and Jason Martucci (2000) are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Matthew Maurizio Martucci. He was born on October 22, 2003, in Griffin Hospital, Derby. He weighed in at a very big 10 lb., 2 oz. and 22 in. Everyone is doing great!

Rebecca (Henebery) Chepren (2000) and John Chepren (1997) are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl Taylor Louise, arriving August 14, 2003, at five weeks early (during the Northeast BLACKOUT!) and weighing 5 lbs. 6 oz. Everyone is doing GREAT!


Amanda Massey (2000) and Matthew Lee are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place in Summer 2005 in Newport, R.I. or Cape Cod. They currently reside in Arlington, Mass. "On St. Patrick's Day, my boyfriend of three years, Matt, proposed at the Fairmont Copley Hotel's Oak Room Restaurant in Boston. He was originally going to propose outdoors (where we met for lunch every day), but the weather in Boston would not agree. Matt quickly used Plan B and proposed in front of the piano player after dinner. I happily accepted! HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!"

Alicia Cerritelli McTigue (2000) and Kevin McTigue are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Megan Emma. She was born on February 3, 2004, in Bridgeport Hospital, and weighed 6 lb., 4 oz. Mom and Dad are excited about the birth of their first child. She is a healthy and happy little girl!!

Theodore Miller (2000) writes, "Hey, SHU friends! Well, it's an election year, and I am sure you all have your favorites. I have continued to be active in politics, and even ran the John Edwards for President campaign for South Florida (Miami to Palm Beach). Although the primary was not until March 9th for Florida, I was active with the national campaign and even sent some of my volunteers to South Carolina to campaign. Ted Miller: 305-331-8334."

Jessica York (2000) writes, "Hey all; just wanted to say hi. I am currently working towards a Ph.D. in History at SUNY Stonybrook...yes, I am living on the island. I recently got engaged, went to the National Championship with my rugby team, and even played a year of Women's Professional Football. I would love to hear from everyone!"
Sacred Heart University's Brandon Graham Answers Questions About His Undergraduate Days at SHU and His Career as an Author

Q: Where are you originally from?
A: I was born in Freeport, Illinois, and raised in Chicago, Dallas, and various parts of Connecticut. I now reside in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Q: Why did you decide to attend SHU for your undergraduate studies?
A: Sacred Heart University seemed to be and has since proven itself to be a place where I could be challenged academically and athletically. The location was significant and the administration at SHU demonstrated a genuine commitment to diversity that I hadn't seen elsewhere in my college hunt.

Q: What career path have you taken since graduation?
A: I have been working in the Office of Career Development at Sacred Heart University as a career advisor while pursuing my MBA with a concentration in Management. My expected graduation date is December 2004.

In addition, I wrote a book entitled A Love Supreme: Amputated Feelings and Prosthetic Apologies. It is a collection of poems that address socio-political issues, elevation of one's own consciousness, spirituality, sexuality, black-urban life and most importantly, love, all the while challenging the thinking of the mainstream.

I also founded and have been working on growing Brownstone Publishing, Inc. (BPI), www.brownstonepublishing.com, a literature-based company aimed toward the elevation of social consciousness concerning issues such as peace, race relations, and overall socio-intellectual thought through books, journals, poetry readings/workshops, poetic slams/showcases, and a detailed lecture series on the importance of literature.

Q: What inspired you to write this book?
A: My inspiration for writing this book stems centrally from my appreciation of the written word. I truly believe it is one of mankind's greatest achievements. The intent of the book is to address some key socio-political issues that are prevalent and somewhat problematic in today's society. My philosophy, which is threaded throughout the book, is not an abstract discipline but rather an honest critique of American society.

Some of Brandon's other accomplishments after graduation include:
• Lectured at various academic institutions/universities throughout the Northeast.
• Recorded a CD of his poetry to complement his book.
• Received an Upward Bound Program Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004.
• Sold over 5,000 copies of A Love Supreme.

Join Many Alumni Who Are Already Assisting in Recruiting Efforts!

A recent poll stated that over 95 percent of Sacred Heart University alumni eagerly refer their alma mater to prospective students. Additionally, many alumni have expressed a desire to assist in strengthening the University. The Pioneer Alumni Liaison (PAL) program has recently been launched to provide alumni with the opportunity to volunteer for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Alumni who volunteer in the PAL program may assist Undergraduate Admissions in some or all of the following activities:

- Representing Sacred Heart University at local college fairs
- Attending local student receptions
- Hosting student receptions
- Attending open houses and accepted-student days on campus
- Making phone calls or sending emails to prospective students and their parents

For more information about the PAL program, please contact Gary Turco in Undergraduate Admissions at 203-371-7880 or email Gary-Turco@sacredheart.edu.

____ Yes, I would like to participate in the PAL program!

Name ___________________________ Class Year _________

Address (street) ____________________________

(city, state, zip) ____________________________

Home Phone ____________________________ Email Address ____________________________

Mail to: Gary Turco, Undergraduate Admissions, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825-1000.
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Saturday, September 18, 2004
Saturday, November 13, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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• Hear about our dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs
• Learn about our outstanding athletic and student life programs
• Learn about our admissions requirements, financial aid opportunities, and academic scholarships
• Learn about our Student Mobile Computing Program
• Talk with the Admissions Counselor from your area

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Saturday, November 13, 2004
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

Join us for Sacred Heart University’s Graduate Program Information Session. Learn about our graduate degree programs in individual presentations by Graduate Program Directors and Faculty. Admissions and Financial Aid staff will be available to discuss the admissions requirements and procedures as well as financial aid options for each academic program in our four colleges:

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College of Education and Health Professions
College of Business
University College

To pre-register or for more information, please call the Office of Graduate Admissions at 203-365-7619.